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OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER  
P. O. BOX N7147  
NASSAU, N. P. BAHAMAS

8th April, 1982

*My Dear Sirs Ministers:*

I wish to thank you for the personal message conveyed to me on 3rd April by your High Commissioner, here in Nassau.

I and my Government learnt with great astonishment and deep regret of Argentina's military invasion of the Falkland Islands. It is deeply disquieting that despite personal appeals for restraint by the UN Secretary General, the President of the Security Council, President Reagan, and your own offer to continue the diplomatic dialogue, Argentina rejected all attempts to persuade it to seek a peaceful solution to the dispute.

My Government has therefore transmitted a Note to the Government of the Argentine Republic, indicating its concern over the situation in the Falkland Islands and reaffirmed its belief in the inviolability and territorial integrity of states and the unequivocal rejection of the use of force as a means of settling disputes among States.

My Government also restated its commitment to the principle of self-determination and to the right of the Falkland Island people to decide their own political destiny.

And finally the Government of The Bahamas urged the Government of Argentina to comply with the Security Council's resolution demanding the immediate withdrawal of its forces from the Falkland Islands and together with the United Kingdom Government seek a diplomatic solution to their dispute.

*Yours very sincerely*  
*Lynden O. Pindling*  
Lynden O. Pindling  
PRIME MINISTER OF THE  
COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, MP  
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TELEGRAM NUMBER 36 OF 8 APRIL

MY TELNO 34: FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. LETTER FROM PRIME MINISTER PINDLING TO THE PM DELIVERED

1830Z 8 APRIL READS:

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MY DEAR PRIME MINISTER

I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR THE PERSONAL MESSAGE CONVEYED TO ME ON 3RD APRIL BY YOUR HIGH COMMISSIONER, HERE IN NASSAU.

I AND MY GOVERNMENT LEARNT WITH GREAT ASTONISHMENT AND DEEP REGRET OF ARGENTINA'S MILITARY INVASION OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

IT IS DEEPLY DISQUIETING THAT DESPITE PERSONAL APPEALS FOR RESTRAINT BY THE UN SECURITY GENERAL, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, PRESIDENT REAGAN, AND YOUR OWN OFFER TO CONTINUE THE DIPLOMATIC DIALOGUE, ARGENTINA REJECTED ALL ATTEMPTS TO PERSUADE IT TO SEEK A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE DISPUTE.

MY GOVERNMENT HAS THEREFORE TRANSMITTED A NOTE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC, INDICATING ITS CONCERN OVER THE SITUATION IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS AND REAFFIRMED ITS BELIEF IN THE INVIOABILITY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF STATES AND THE UNEQUIVOCAL REJECTION OF THE USE OF FORCE AS A MEANS OF SETTLING

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DISPUTES AMONG STATES.

MY GOVERNMENT ALSO RESTATED ITS COMMITMENT TO THE PRINCIPLE  
OF SELF-DETERMINATION AND TO THE RIGHT OF THE FALKLAND ISLAND  
PEOPLE TO DECIDE THEIR OWN POLITICAL DESTINY.

AND FINALLY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE BAHAMAS URGED THE GOVERNMENT  
OF ARGENTINA TO COMPLY WITH THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION  
DEMANDING THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF ITS FORCES FROM THE  
FALKLAND ISLANDS AND TOGETHER WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT  
SEEK A DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION TO THEIR DISPUTE.

YOURS VERY SINCERELY

LYNDEN O PINDLING

PRIME MINISTER OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS

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2. ORIGINAL FOLLOWS BY BAG.

3. UNDERSTAND FROM MEA THAT TEXT IS NOT (NOT) TO BE RELEASED HERE  
BUT THAT REFERENCE TO THE LETTER WILL BE MADE IN A BAHAMAS  
GOVERNMENT STATEMENT TO BE ISSUED EITHER TODAY OR ON 10 APRIL.

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