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Dear John,

Falklands: Personal Messages from the
Prime Minister

You asked for one or two paragraphs for the Prime Minister's speech about the messages which the Prime Minister has sent to other Heads of State and of Government since the beginning of the present crisis.

/ I enclose a draft.

Yours ever

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MINISTER'S SPEECH

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CAVEAT.....

I have been in constant personal touch with our main friends and allies to seek their support for our position. Immediately following the Argentine invasion of the Falkland Islands I sent personal messages to all our Commonwealth partners asking them to give the strongest possible condemnation to the invasion. On 6 April I sent personal messages to Heads of State and of Government of our principal partners and allies, including our partners in the European Community, seeking their support in bringing pressure against the Argentinians particularly through economic and financial measures. I have also sent messages to other Heads of State, including in Latin America, seeking their support in impressing on the Argentine Government the seriousness of its action, and the need to fulfil its international legal obligations in accordance with Security Council Resolution 502.

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As the House knows, the response to these efforts has not only heartwarming but has also made a very important contribution to the ~~the~~ of our efforts to seek a peaceful solution. I have received many personal messages of support and encouragement. I have of course already thanked ^{those} all concerned but I am sure ^{will} the House wish to join me in a further public expression of our appreciation. The value of friendship and cooperation has been truly demonstrated in recent days. I shall of course remain in touch with our friends as the search for a peaceful solution continues.

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from Heads of State and Government around the world

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