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15 April 1982

Dear John,

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Malawi: Response to Argentina's invasion of the Falklands

President Banda of Malawi's response to the Prime Minister's recent message on the Falklands has been outstandingly robust and helpful; and indeed in these respects the best response from an African Commonwealth country. We think it would be right for the Prime Minister to acknowledge this personally. I should therefore be grateful if you could seek the Prime Minister's agreement to the terms of a message on the lines of the attached draft.

Yours ever,

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MESSAGE

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Prime Minister

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President Banda of Malawi

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CAVEAT.....

Your Excellency

I am most grateful for your prompt and helpful response to my recent message seeking Malawi's support for the condemnation of the Argentine Government's invasion of the Falkland Islands. It is heartening to know that at this difficult time we are able to count on strong support and backing from Malawi and our other friends in the Commonwealth.

With my best wishes

Margaret Thatcher

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Enclosures—flag(s).....