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From the Private Secretary

22 April 1982

Falkland Islands: The Australian Prime Minister

Thank you for your letter of 21 April. The Prime Minister agrees that a message should be sent to Mr. Fraser and would like it to be in the following terms:

"Dear Malcolm, I have just read the text of your excellent message to Ronald Reagan. I was greatly touched by it. You not only make clear the crucial nature of what is at stake but again demonstrate the staunch and generous way in which you have stood by us since the beginning of the crisis. My warmest thanks for this further act of friendship and support. With sincere good wishes. Margaret Thatcher."

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