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24 May, 1982

Prime Minister

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Dear John,

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Falkland Islands: Message to the Prime Minister from President
Guzman of the Dominican Republic

President Guzman of the Dominican Republic has sent a message to the Prime Minister. I enclose a translation. The message is rhetorical and makes no specific proposals. The Dominican Republic has not so far played any forward role during the crisis and carries little influence in Latin America.

We understand from our Ambassador in Santo Domingo that a similar message has been sent to President Galtieri, with copies to the UN Secretary-General.

I enclose a draft telegram to Santo Domingo containing a proposed reply from the Prime Minister to President Guzman. Mr Pym has not been able to see this draft himself.

Yours ever

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9 MESSAGE TO THE PRIME MINISTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE
10 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
11 1. You will wish to know that on 22 May No 10 received a
12 message in Spanish, and through commercial channels, from
13 the President.
14 Text of message begins:
15 Her Excellency Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Prime Minister of Great
16 Britain and Northern Ireland, London, SW1.
17 The Government of the Dominican Republic, having regard for the
18 latest statements made by the UN Secretary General, feels it
19 necessary to express its great concern over the South Atlantic
20 problem involving two friendly States, the United Kingdom and
21 the Argentine Republic. The Dominican Republic is very deeply
22 concerned that the efforts made to date have failed to secure
23 any formula for the solution of the conflict.
24 The Government over which I am honoured to preside and the
25 people of the Dominican Republic will not waver in their moral

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 2 and juridical support for a search for a solution. I still
 3 trust that a formula can be found which will halt the military
 4 confrontation, thus sparing the world community from catastrophe,
 5 and that the principles of the United Nations organization can
 6 be reaffirmed without weakening those established by the inter-
 7 American regional system. My Government's foreign policy will
 8 continue to be unswerving in its desire to see the reaffirm-
 9 ation of those principles which constitute the bonds of peace
 10 and unity between all States, as well as the re-establishment
 11 of normality through negotiations.
 12 I appeal to Your Excellency to make a supreme effort to preserve
 13 peace and continue negotiations with a view to reaching a just,
 14 worthy and honourable understanding for both sides.
 15 Please be assured of my highest and most distinguished regards.
 16 Antonio Guzman, President of the Dominican Republic.
 17 Ends.

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10 MY TELNO 21 (NOT TO ALL) AND YOUR TELNO 43: MESSAGE FROM

11 PRESIDENT GUZMAN

12 Please deliver the following reply from the Prime Minister
13 to President Guzman.

14 2. Begins: I am most grateful to Your Excellency for your
15 message. I appreciate your deep concern over the situation in
16 the South Atlantic. It is a concern which I fully share. ~~I~~
17 ~~also share your hope that a peaceful solution can be found even~~
18 ~~at this late stage.~~ The tragic conflict which has developed has
19 not been of the United Kingdom's seeking. Over the seven weeks
20 since Argentina launched its unprovoked and unlawful aggression
21 against the small and peaceful population of the Falkland
22 Islands, the British Government have sought urgently, and with
23 open-mindedness and flexibility, to reach a peaceful negotiated
24 settlement, based on the fundamental principles of international
25 law and of the United Nations Charter - principles to which all

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2 democratic nations must attach the greatest importance. The
 3 road to a peaceful solution has regrettably been blocked by
 4 Argentina. Argentina has shown no readiness to comply with the
 5 Security Council's mandatory Resolution 502 and to withdraw
 6 its forces; instead it has sought only to consolidate its
 7 aggression and to prevaricate in negotiation. The United
 8 Kingdom has throughout made clear its determination to bring
 9 to bear all necessary diplomatic, economic and military
 10 pressures on Argentina so as to bring to an end its occupation.
 11 We have at every stage stated our position with clarity; and,
 12 using our right to self-defence under Article 51 of the United
 13 Nations Charter, have confined ourselves to using only what
 14 force proved necessary to achieve an Argentine withdrawal and to
 15 protect our Task Force.

16 3. It is still open to Argentina to comply with the clearly
 17 expressed international will and to withdraw its forces in
 18 accordance with Security Council Resolution 502, bringing to an
 19 end the present dangerous conflict. I hope that Your
 20 Excellency can do all in your power to persuade the Argentine
 21 Government of this. You would be making a major contribution
 22 to the cause of peace. Ends

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