



## 10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

25 May 1982

FALKLAND ISLANDS: MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT OF COLOMBIA FROM THE  
PRIME MINISTER

Thank you for your letter of 24 May. As I told you earlier on the telephone, the Prime Minister is content that a message should be despatched to President Turbay on the lines you propose, subject to the following amendments:

- (a) Page 1, Line 18:  
Delete "affair". Substitute "situation".
- (b) Page 1, Lines 18-20:  
Delete the sentence "I share your sorrow ....can be found".
- (c) Page 2, Lines 13-15:  
Delete the sentence "We remain ready.... solution this crisis".
- (d) Page 2, Line 21:  
Replace last seven words of this sentence with "which provides for the withdrawal of its forces from the Islands".
- (e) Page 2, Lines 22 & 23:  
Delete the sentence "Negotiations .... outcome".
- (f) Page 2, Line 25:  
Delete "so to negotiate". Substitute "to take this step".

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(g) Page 2, Line 30:

Immediately after "Argentina" insert "to restore the rights of the Islanders" and then continue the sentence as drafted.

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