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9 June 1982

Thank you for your letter to John Coles of 8 June about the gift from the Government and People of the Cayman Islands. The Prime Minister agrees that she should send a message to the Governor, and is content with the draft attached to your letter. I should be grateful if you could arrange for it to be despatched by telegram.

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Prime Minister,
Content with this
message?

8 June, 1982

Dear John,

Yes
8/6

A gift of £500,000 from the Government and people of the Cayman Islands was made to the Private Secretary to The Queen on 3 June by the Hon Dennis Foster, Chief Secretary of the Cayman Islands, as a gesture of support in the Falklands dispute. The Queen's Private Secretary has acknowledged the donation.

The gift is to be used for whatever purpose may be deemed appropriate. It is intended that it should be paid to the South Atlantic Fund.

This is a remarkable gesture from a dependent territory with a population of only 17,000. I enclose a draft message which the Prime Minister may wish to send to the Governor. It would most easily be despatched by telegram.

Yours ever

(J E Holmes)

Private Secretary

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MESSAGE

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Governor
Grand Cayman

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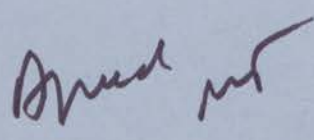
I should like to express our most sincere thanks for the very generous donation that the Cayman Islands have made in the crisis over the Falkland Islands.

.....In Confidence

We are deeply moved by the strength of the support of the Cayman Islands Government and people and for the encouragement and solidarity that you have shown by this quite remarkable gesture.

CAVEAT.....

Please convey to the Government and people of the Cayman Islands my personal appreciation and that of the British Government.



Enclosures—flag(s).....