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From the Private Secretary

18 June, 1982

Gibraltar and the Falkland Islands

Thank you for your letter of 17 June. The Prime Minister has approved the proposed reply to the Chief Minister of Gibraltar and I should be grateful if you would arrange for its delivery.

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Prime Minister

Agree to reply?

17 June 1982

A.J.C. 17/6.

Dear John,

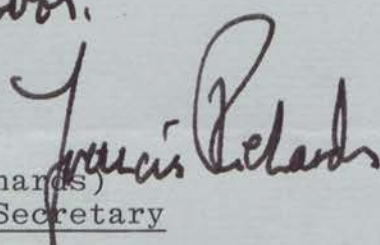
Gibraltar and the Falkland Islands

The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary has received a message for the Prime Minister from Sir J Hassan, the Chief Minister of Gibraltar. It reads: —

'Gibraltar rejoices in your victory over aggression and offers you its warmest congratulations on your unwavering and successful defence of freedom, human rights and self-determination'.

The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary thinks it would be appropriate to send a short message in reply which could refer to Gibraltar's support for Britain throughout the crisis. I attach a draft telegram.

Yours ever,


(F N Richards)
Private Secretary

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	9	YOUR TELNO 36
	10	1. Please give the following message from the Prime Minister
	11	to Sir J Hassan:
	12	BEGINS: Thank you for your kind message of congratulations
	13	on the repossession of the Falkland Islands. Gibraltar's
	14	sturdy support during the recent difficult weeks has been warmly
	15	appreciated. ENDS
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