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23 June 1982

Prime Minister

Yes no   *Agree to message?*

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Dear John,

Malawi: Response to President Banda's Message of Congratulations on the Falklands Repossession

I enclose a copy of a message from Lilongwe.

President Banda's support throughout the crisis has been particularly warm and staunch. We think that it would be right for the Prime Minister to acknowledge this message personally. I should therefore be grateful if you could seek the Prime Minister's agreement to a message on the lines of the attached draft telegram.

Yours ever,

(F N Richards)
Private Secretary

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FM LILONGWE 161315Z JUN 82
TO IMMEDIATE FCO
TELEGRAM NUMBER 212 OF 16 JUN

MY TELNO 209: FALKLAND ISLANDS
1. NGWIRI, SECRETARY TO PRESIDENT AND CABINET, HANDED THE
FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT BANDA TO ME THIS AFTERNOON
AND ASKED THAT IT BE TRANSMITTED TO HM GOVERNMENT URGENTLY:
'' WE ARE DELIGHTED OVER BRITISH VICTORY IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.
GOD SAVE THE QUEEN AND GOD BLESS MRS THATCHER''.

SULLIVAN

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OUT TELEGRAM

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6 FM FCO
7 TO IMMEDIATE LILONGWE
8 TELEGRAM NUMBER
9 YOUR TELNO 212: FALKLANDS
10 1. Please convey the following personal message from the
11 Prime Minister to President Banda:
12 BEGINS: Thank you for your heartwarming message of congratulations.
13 Throughout the last difficult weeks the unwavering support of
14 old Commonwealth friends like Malawi has been a source of great
15 comfort. With my best wishes.
16 Margaret Thatcher. ENDS
17 2. Signed original follows by bag.
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