



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Prime Minister

London SW1A 2AH

Agree message?

13 July 1982

A.J.C. 14/7.

Dear John,

Yes mb

Message to the President of Uruguay

Our Ambassador in Montevideo has recommended that when the last hospital ship leaves Montevideo, the Prime Minister might send a message of appreciation to the President of Uruguay, General Alvarez, for the humanitarian cooperation which the Uruguayan Government have provided throughout the Falklands crisis. We support this recommendation. Despite the delicacy of their position as Argentina's neighbour, the Uruguayan Government have given unstinting and invaluable assistance, beginning with the return of the Governor and of the captured marines in April and ending with HMS Hydra's final visit to Montevideo on 12 July.

I enclose a suggested text of a message from the Prime Minister, in the form of a draft telegram to Montevideo, which also expresses our appreciation of the great amount of effective work which our Ambassador, Patricia Hutchinson, and her small staff have done over the past few months.

Yours ever

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9 YOUR LETTER OF 18 JUNE TO FEARN: MESSAGE TO URUGUAYAN PRESIDENT  
10 1. Please pass the following message from the Prime Minister to  
11 President Alvarez as soon as possible after the departure of HMS  
12 Hydra. Begins.  
13 The visit to Montevideo of HMS Hydra was the last occasion on  
14 which we sought your help in evacuating our personnel wounded in  
15 the recent fighting in the Falkland Islands. I should therefore  
16 like to take this opportunity to express to you and to the people  
17 of Uruguay the British Government's profound gratitude and warm  
18 admiration for the humanitarian assistance which your Government  
19 have so effectively provided in the difficult months which we  
20 have been through. Throughout ~~this tragic conflict~~ it has been  
21 a great comfort to us, <sup>and</sup> ~~the~~ particularly to the relatives of our  
22 wounded servicemen, to know that their <sup>travel</sup> ~~transit~~ through Montevideo  
23 has been carried out with such efficiency and concern. The  
24 British Government and people will always remain deeply grateful  
25 for your Government's generous assistance.

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2	With warm personal good wishes, Margaret Thatcher. Ends.
3	2. I should also like to take this opportunity to express my
4	personal appreciation of the outstanding work which you and your
5	small staff have done, often in very trying conditions, in recent
6	months. We are all very grateful.
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