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Dear John,

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Thank you for your letter of 29 June with which you enclosed one from President Jayewardene of Sri Lanka to the Prime Minister of 25 June about the Falkland Islands. I enclose a draft reply from the Prime Minister.

The Government of Sri Lanka supported the UK in private during the Falkland Islands crisis and was helpful within the NAM but their public statements were limited to an expression of regret at the use of force to settle disputes in a manner contrary to the UN Charter and accepted principles of the Non-Aligned Movement.

Sri Lanka was represented at Havana but was not on the drafting committee which produced the Communique. After our High Commissioner in Colombo made representations about its biased content the Sri Lankans entered the reservations described in President Jayewardene's letter.

Yours ever
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Prime Minister

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TO: His Excellency President
J R Jayewardene
President of the Democratic
Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

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SUBJECT:

Thank you for your letter of 25 June and for your kind words about [redacted] recent events in the ~~Falkland Islands~~ *South Atlantic*.

I am most grateful for your Government's helpful stance throughout the crisis and especially for the efforts you have made to secure a moderate and balanced policy within the Non-Aligned Movement. I hope that you will ^{*continue to*} continue ~~with~~ these efforts if the issue again comes before the Non-Aligned Movement.

With my renewed thanks, I send you my warm personal regards.

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