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Falkland Islands: Message to Mr. Trudeau

Thank you for your letter of 19 July. I am sure that the Prime Minister would have no objection to Lord Moran stating when necessary that the Prime Minister sent to Mr. Trudeau a message of thanks in warm terms and giving some general indication of the contents of the message of 25 June.

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Dear John,

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on pt 26 —
You will recall that as a result of a recommendation by the High Commissioner in Ottawa, conveyed in John Holmes' letter to you of 24 June, the Prime Minister sent a message to Mr Trudeau on 25 June thanking him for Canada's support during the Falklands crisis.

The intention was that the message should be released publicly. However, it crossed with one sent to Mrs Thatcher by Mr Trudeau which was confidential and to which the Prime Minister sent a confidential reply on 12 July. Lord Moran has pointed out that in these circumstances the earlier message from Mrs Thatcher could not really be published in isolation and that it would not be appropriate for the confidential exchanges to be released. He recommends therefore that he should be authorised to say in any future speeches or interviews he gives that the Prime Minister had sent a message of thanks in warm terms and to give some general indication of the contents of the message of 25 June. May we take it that the Prime Minister would have no objections to this?

*Yours ever
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