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From the Private Secretary

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Thank you for your letter of 20 August enclosing a message which the Foreign Secretary proposes to send each of the Foreign Ministers of the Ten and to M. Thorn.

The Prime Minister agrees wholeheartedly with the objective of the message to convince our partners that there will be no negotiations with the Argentine on British sovereignty over the Falklands. She does not however think that the draft is quite firm enough; in particular she would like the paragraph on page 2 of the proposed telegram commencing "I know that there is much interest" to be amended to avoid giving the impression that we may negotiate at some time in the future. Subject to that amendment the Prime Minister is content.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Private Secretaries to the members of OD.

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