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From the Private Secretary

11 October, 1982.

The Falklands: Commonwealth Heads of Government Regional Meeting

Thank you for your letters of 4 and 8 October.

The Prime Minister agrees to send a message to the Prime Minister of Fiji. The text would be as in the first draft telegram annexed to your letter of 4 October, subject to the following amendments:

(a) Page 1, line 13

Delete "goodwill and".

(b) Page 1, line 25

Substitute "should" for "would".

(c) Page 2, line 14

After "invade" add a new sentence reading "Our losses were considerable, despite our success."

Then delete in lines 15-17 all from "and for the British people" to "of the Falkland Islands", so that the next sentence begins "They now have to live with "

(d) Page 3, line 10

Substitute "should" for "could".

(e) Add the wording in your letter of 8 October.

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