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My dear John,

POSSIBLE ROYAL VISITS TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

In my letter of 17 November 1983 I undertook to have another look at the question of a visit to the Falkland Islands by the Duke of Kent.

I understand that the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers are being withdrawn to the UK from the Islands on 17 March and that consequently a visit by the Duke of Kent is no longer a practical proposition. I also believe that Princess Anne's programme for this year now precludes a visit to the Islands.

I think that this is probably for the best, since any visit would generate a good deal of publicity and it is not clear how far we may have got in trying to normalise our relations with Argentina. If, later on, the Duke of Kent or some other member of the Royal Family wished to revive the idea of visiting the Falkland Islands we would certainly be glad to look at the matter again with you.

Yours ever

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