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From the Private Secretary

18 October, 1984

FALKLANDS AT THE UN

Letter in Box 18/110.

I enclose a copy of a message to the Prime Minister from the New Zealand Prime Minister, in which he promises that New Zealand will vote with Britain on the Falklands issue at the UN, but asks that this be kept confidential.

~~BTB~~ I should be grateful for a draft reply expressing appreciation as soon as possible.

(C.D. Powell)

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From the High Commissioner
H.E. The Hon W. L. Young

cc Master
Prime Minister
A considerable
diplomatic coup for
you. Lets hope you
will prove to
have been as

A very warm letter
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A specification
please not

18 October 1984

successful on
nuclear ships visits!
C.D.P.
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My Dear Prime Minister

I have received the following cabled message for you on the Falklands question from the Prime Minister of New Zealand, the Hon. David Lange, MP:

"My dear Prime Minister,

I have now had the opportunity to discuss with my colleagues the points on the Falklands question which you and your Foreign Secretary put to me when we met recently.

There have been significant improvements to the text of the Argentine Resolution which is circulating in draft form in New York. Nonetheless, there are certain principles at stake, and my Government recognises Britain's stand on these. We would not want to inhibit in any way the Argentine Government's continued search for a compromise text, and for that reason, I should prefer that New Zealand's position were not made known to others at this point. But I can assure you, now, that New Zealand will vote alongside the United Kingdom on the Falklands question in the United Nations General Assembly this year.

Yours sincerely,
David Lange."

Kindest Personal Regards
Yours Sincerely
Bill Young

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