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19 October 1984

Dear Charles,

Falklands at the UN: New Zealand

Attached.
Thank you for your letter of 18 October with which you enclosed a copy of a message to the Prime Minister from the New Zealand Prime Minister assuring her of New Zealand's support in the forthcoming Falklands debate at the UNGA. I enclose a draft reply.

We would propose to telegraph the reply to our High Commission in Wellington for transmission to Mr Lange, keeping the New Zealand High Commission here informed.

We would ask our High Commission to point out to the New Zealanders that there is no prospect of a compromise text if by this is meant a text acceptable to us as well as Argentina, but do not think this point need be made in the Prime Minister's reply to Mr Lange.

Yours,

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The Hon David Lange MP

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CAVEAT.....



Dear Prime Minister,

Your High Commissioner has conveyed to me your assurance that New Zealand will vote alongside the United Kingdom when the question of the Falkland Islands is debated at this year's United Nations General Assembly. I should like to thank you and your colleagues most warmly for this decision. ^{And it will be} We greatly value the support which New Zealand has consistently given us ^{of great relevance to New Zealand's} on this issue at the United Nations. We shall of course honour your request to keep your undertaking confidential for the time being.

which I know cannot have been entirely easy to go.

It reflects ^{unlike} ~~the special loyalty and mutual~~ loyalty ~~and~~ ^{in which} as relations ~~that~~

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countless friends in this country who all

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