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From the Private Secretary

27 November 1985

PREMIERE OF FALKLANDS FILM

Thank you for your letter of 26 November. Looking at the Prime Minister's diary for the period you have in mind for the Premiere, I fear it is going to be very difficult for her to fit in an engagement of the kind you propose. There are also a number of uncertainties about her commitments at that time which mean it is difficult for us now to give you a firm steer as to the best slot to aim for.

I wonder, therefore, if your best course would be to proceed with arrangements to suit your own diary. You could come back to us when a date is firming up to see if the Prime Minister would be able to join you, perhaps for some of the time rather than for the full one-and-a-half hours.

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Miss Sue Vandervord,
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MEAT
1 really don't think the lead do this - though it will jump a bit. How about?
What do you think about this? An hour or half after PM's time does not seem to me to be justified; she is being asked to speak too. MEAT 26/11

My ref:
Your ref:
ambiguously reply what it would be difficult to say 26 November 1985
reply to Sue me
expect reply would be
may not to delay
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Dear Mark

PREMIERE OF FALKLANDS FILM

You will recall that the Prime Minister provided the Foreword to the brochure produced in May of this year to commemorate the opening of Mount Pleasant Airport; and has taken a close interest throughout. My Secretary of State would therefore like to invite her to be associated with the film which has been produced to record the progress of the work from the moment when the contract was signed in June 1983 to the day of the inaugural flight. The film, which has been made by COI for the Property Services Agency and the contractors (the Laing-Mowlem-Amey Roadstone Joint Venture) is meant both to demonstrate the magnitude of the achievement in the Falklands and to show off the export capabilities of the British construction industry.

It is proposed that the showing of the film will be at a central London location at a date to be arranged with your office once we have the Prime Minister's agreement to take part. Because of Christmas and the New Year and for other reasons, we hope to fix a date towards the end of January or early in February.

The film itself lasts about 40 minutes but we expect the occasion to last about an hour and a half, allowing time for the Prime Minister to make a brief speech and for her to mingle for as long as she wishes with the guests. We are envisaging a buffet supper but it would obviously not be necessary for the Prime Minister to stay for that if she did not wish. We would expect there to be about 200 guests, mainly representatives from the Joint Venture, the numerous sub-contractors, consultants, and other representatives of the construction industry.

Because of the difficulty of fixing dates and finding a suitable venue, I should be grateful for an early reply.

Yours sincerely

Sue Vandervord

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