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*From the Private Secretary*

29 November 1985

**FALKLANDS AT THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY:  
MESSAGES FROM THE PRIME MINISTER**

Thank you for your letter of 28 November enclosing a draft text for a message from the Prime Minister to the Heads of Government of Belize, Oman and the Solomon Islands thanking them for joining us in the vote against the Argentine resolution on the Falklands.

I am sure that the Prime Minister would be content with this text. I should be grateful if the messages could be despatched.

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(Charles Powell)

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Prime Minister

Agree this  
basic text as a  
message to  
Oman, Belize and  
Solomon Islands, to  
thank them for  
their Falklands  
vote.

CDP



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28 November 1985

Dear Charles,

*Handwritten initials*

Falklands at the UNGA: Messages from the Prime Minister

You asked for a draft text for a message from the Prime Minister to the Head of Government of each of the three countries - Belize, Oman and Solomon Islands - that joined us in voting against the Argentine resolution on the Falklands. All three also supported our amendments on self-determination.

The following text could be used in each case:

"I was most grateful for your staunch support in the vote on the Falklands resolution in the UNGA: it is a source of encouragement to us to know that we are not alone in our efforts to uphold the principle of self-determination. Your support was all the more valuable to us at a time when others were swayed by a draft resolution which, while more conciliatory in tone, was as unacceptable in substance as those of previous years".

We would be happy to arrange despatch of the messages, once approved, by telegram.

(P F Ricketts)  
Private Secretary

*Yours ever,*  
*Peter Ricketts*

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