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*Dear Charles*Falklands at the UN

The Germans are showing signs of changing their UNGA vote this year from abstention to a vote in favour of the Argentine draft resolution. Genscher told Sir Geoffrey Howe on 10 November that the Germans would not continue to abstain forever.

The only avenue left to us to influence the German vote is for the Prime Minister to send a message to Chancellor Kohl. Unless Teltchik, Chancellor Kohl's Political Adviser, has been able to confirm later today to Sir Julian Bullard that the Germans will abstain, Sir Geoffrey Howe thinks a message should be sent without further delay.

In view of the Prime Minister's imminent departure for Washington, I now enclose a draft message. If she is content in principle, this would be despatched tomorrow to arrive before the weekend - unless of course the German position changes in the meanwhile.

*Yours ever**Robert Culshaw*

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MESSAGE

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CAVEAT

Although the draft resolution on this issue is identical in substance to last year's, there is a new factor to which I want to draw your attention before the debate in the General Assembly.

During the course of this year Argentina, in pursuing her sovereignty claim, has acted with increasing irresponsibility; undermining the attempt to secure a multilateral solution to the fisheries problem in the South West Atlantic by concluding bilateral fisheries agreements with the Soviet Union and Bulgaria that purport to cover Falklands waters; and seeking to justify on sovereignty ground the use of force at sea more than 200 miles from Argentina and within 200 miles of the Falklands. This, as you know, resulted in loss of life.

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This development of Argentine policy followed the increased vote at last year's General Assembly for the

resolution on the Falklands, from which the Argentine Government has evidently drawn encouragement. Renewed endorsement for Argentina in the General Assembly may well stimulate further the irresponsible tendencies that we have seen this year and reinforce Argentina's apparent determination to refuse any kind of cooperation. That would be a negative development.

Since President Alfonsin was elected in 1983, your government, like mine, has supported Argentine democracy and has been able to distinguish between this necessary task and supporting Argentine policy on the Falklands which has become worryingly unrealistic. In the light of the way Argentine policy has developed this year, maintaining that distinction has become all the more important.

Against this background, I very much hope that your government will continue to abstain on the resolution.

For our part we shall vote against the resolution, *without* and ~~do not propose to table~~ ^{ing} any amendments.