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Dear Charles

Falklands: UNGA Vote: FRG

All the indications were that there was very little disposition in the Auswartiges Amt to maintain the German abstention in the vote. Without the Prime Minister's appeal to Chancellor Kohl we would probably have lost the Germans. As Genscher told us, the Germans have less and less stomach for staying with us and next year will probably be even more resistant.

Against this background it would be both prudent and gracious to send Chancellor Kohl a note of appreciation. I attach a draft that the Prime Minister might like to send him.

Yours ever

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TO: Chancellor Kohl

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SUBJECT:

We were disappointed with the result of the General Assembly debate ^{on the Falklands}. Neither the debate nor the resolution contribute anything to a resolution of the Falklands issue or to improving the prospects for Anglo/Argentine relations; on the contrary. But, given the dynamics of group ~~psychology~~ ^{psychology}, we were not surprised. In such circumstances the staunchness of the Federal Government's position is all the more valuable. I wanted to record ^{our warm} appreciation for that.

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CAVEAT

I should like to record my warm appreciation for the position taken by the Federal Government in the role in the Falklands issue

Looking to the future, I hope that we shall continue to benefit from your support in our determination to work for a normal relationship with Argentina and to uphold the principle of self-determination in the case of the Falkland Islands.

With all good wishes.

Enclosures flag(s)

at the United Nations. The resolution which was adopted will not contribute in any way to improving the prospects for Anglo/Argentine relations or the solution of the problem of self-determination between us: on the contrary.