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*From the Private Secretary*

27 April 1982

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your letter of 26 April. She was grateful for your latest information on the situation in the Falkland Islands.

As regards advice to the islanders on financial assistance, should they wish to leave the Islands temporarily, the Prime Minister made the position clear in Parliament yesterday. She stated:-

"If some of them wish to be evacuated temporarily and have not the means to do so, the Government will ensure that the necessary means are provided."

This statement was broadcast by the BBC on 26 April in their special programme for the Falkland Islands.

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