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28 April 1982

Dear John,

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The Commonwealth and the Falklands Islands

Dispute: Barbados and Guyana

Thank you for your letter of  
24 April.

I enclose draft messages from the  
Prime Minister to Mr Tom Adams, Prime  
Minister of Barbados, and President  
Forbes Burnham of Guyana, the texts of  
which could be telegraphed if the Prime  
Minister agrees.

Yours ever

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FROM:  
Prime Minister

Reference

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TO:  
The Rt Hon J M G M Adams MP QC  
Office of the Prime Minister  
Bridgetown  
BARBADOS

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I ~~should like to express to~~ <sup>and</sup> you my warmest personal appreciation <sup>Thanks</sup> for the strong support lent to Britain by Barbados on the question of the Falkland Islands dispute.

CAVEAT.....

Recent events have once again proved the underlying strength of the friendships which bind together the Commonwealth. We are especially grateful for the support of our friends in the Commonwealth and both the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and I have expressed that gratitude in Parliament.

The dangers of allowing acts of aggression, such as we have seen in the Falklands, <sup>are clear, not least</sup> to go unchallenged must be all too obvious to the island states of the Eastern Caribbean. ~~It is particularly heartening to find Barbados so prepared to stand firm for the principles of self-determination and freedom.~~

*is a great encouragement.*

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*It was very thoughtful of you to ring*

CAVEAT.....

~~When we spoke on the telephone, on 21 April, I expressed my thanks for Guyana's help in the current dispute over the Falkland Islands.~~

~~As in any family, it is in times of trouble that the links of friendship which bind the Commonwealth are particularly visible. The prompt support of our friends in the Commonwealth has been especially welcome. The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and I have both already recorded our warm appreciation for this assistance in Parliament.~~

*in the last two weeks*

~~However, I should like to take this further opportunity to express to you my personal gratitude for your help in securing the adoption of United Nations Security Council Resolution 502 as well as for your kind offer of assistance in other international fora as necessary. It is particularly heartening that, even in the midst of its own tribulations, Guyana could find the time to offer a helping hand.~~

*I know that you see very clearly why it*

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∴ that the Argentine aggression has had to  
be resisted and has ~~not~~ ~~been~~ ~~encouraged~~ ~~by~~ ~~the~~  
it is good to receive your encouragement the  
other day.