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Dear John,

Falkland Islanders: The Total Exclusion  
Zone

Mr Pym thinks it is necessary to say something reassuring to the Falkland Islanders this evening, on the special programme beamed to them, about the Total Exclusion Zone. We are arranging for this to be done by the Governor. I enclose the form of words which he will use.

Yours ever

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TEXT OF POSSIBLE MESSAGE TO BE BROADCAST TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS THIS EVENING - POSSIBLY BY THE GOVERNOR

1. I expect you will have heard from the World Service that the Government have today decided to extend the Maritime Exclusion zone around the Falkland Islands, which was imposed on 12 April to exclude all ships and aircraft from the area. This will take effect at 0800 hours Falkland Islands (Port Stanley) time on 30 April, and from that time any ship or aircraft which is operating in support of the illegal occupation of the Falkland Islands will be regarded as hostile and liable to attack by British forces. At the same time, the Government have said that any aircraft on the ground in the Falkland Islands will be regarded as illegal and liable to attack.

2. The Government decided that they had no alternative but to impose this zone if they are to achieve their overall aim - which I know is the same as yours - namely to bring about the withdrawal of the Argentines from the Islands, and to re-establish our own Administration there as soon as we can. It does not mean that the Government have abandoned their pursuit of an acceptable settlement achieved by peaceful means. They continue to do all they can to seek one.

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3. May I say a special word to you about this measure. It will of course cause many of you concern and possible hardship. But you will also appreciate its necessity, if the results we all want are to be achieved. It will unfortunately also close the means of civilian departure from the Islands for the time being.

4. From the beginning, all of us in Britain have watched with admiration the patience and courage you have shown in adversity. We know how isolated you feel and we fully understand the difficulties which this move may cause you, but it has to be done if we are to get the Argies out soon. I think you should also know that no-one here has the slightest doubt in your determination to see this need through.