

Press Office Brief

Falklands correspondence coming to No 10

Letters on the Falklands issue are coming into No.10 at about ~~1x000~~⁹⁰⁰ a day. On 11 May figures from Correppondence were 4,540 received last week (Tues. 4 to Sat. 8 inclusive.) Monday and Tuesday this week 975 and 765 letters respectively came in. The vast majority of these are from the UK and are in support of the action the Government is taking. Similar letters of support are also being received daily from the United States, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ and Commonwealth countries. Rather less than ~~200~~ 150 in all have ~~xxxx~~ criticised the Government.

On letters specifically complaining about UK media coverage of the Falklands so far there have only been about 30 -- most of them singling out the BBC. However Correspondence is running about four days behind on reading the letters because of the sheer volume, so this will not reflect Monday's Panorama or most weekend programmes.

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*Update on Para 2:
12/3/82 — 60 letters of complaint
about the media, particularly
the BBC, and 7 supporting the
media.*