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Dear John,

Visit of Mrs Jeane Kirkpatrick

Further to my letter of today's date enclosing briefs for the Prime Minister's meeting with Mrs Kirkpatrick at 7 pm on Sunday 8 April, I enclose two telegrams from Sir John Thomson, the second of which sets out the text of the statement on the Falklands which Mrs Kirkpatrick has given to The Sunday Times. It is still not clear what use The Sunday Times will make of it. However, the statement is in some respects helpful: for example Mrs Kirkpatrick describes the Prime Minister's offer of 17 May as 'generous'. On the other hand, Mrs Kirkpatrick maintains her view that the US should have held to a position of 'formal neutrality' and criticises HMG for failing to support the US on other matters of vital national interest. Not surprisingly she denies the criticisms of her own conduct in her contacts with the Argentines.

Sir John Thomson also suggests that the Prime Minister might discuss the Nicaragua debate in the Security Council: I enclose a revised brief on Central America reflecting this

Yours ever,

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