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6 NOVEMBER

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DEAR PRIME MINISTER

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF 6 NOVEMBER CONFIRMING THAT YOUR
GOVERNMENT WOULD SUPPORT OUR PROPOSAL FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF
M. DELORS AS PRESIDENT OF THE COMMISSION. I AM GRATEFUL TO YOU
FOR THIS ASSURANCE.

I THANK YOU ALSO FOR YOUR COMMENTS ON OUR DECLARATION OF A
FISHERIES ZONE AROUND THE FALKLAND ISLANDS. OUR DECISION TO
ESTABLISH A ZONE WAS TAKEN ON CONSERVATION GROUNDS. WE SEE IT AS
AN INTERIM MEASURE. WE STILL PREFER, AND WILL CONTINUE TO WORK
FOR, A MULTILATERAL SOLUTION. WE ARE DISAPPOINTED THAT THE
ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT HAS CHOSEN IN RESPONSE TO REVIVE THE ISSUE
OF SOVEREIGNTY.

REGRETTABLY DURING THE COURSE OF THIS YEAR ARGENTINA, IN
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SINCE PRESIDENT ALFONSIN WAS ELECTED IN 1983, YOUR GOVERNMENT, LIKE MINE, HAS SUPPORTED ARGENTINE DEMOCRACY AND HAS BEEN ABLE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THIS NECESSARY TASK AND SUPPORTING ARGENTINA'S UNREALISTIC POLICY ON THE FALKLANDS. RECENT EVENTS HAVE MADE IT ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN THAT DISTINCTION.

AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL ABSTAIN ON THE UNITED NATIONS' RESOLUTION. FOR OUR PART WE SHALL VOTE AGAINST THE RESOLUTION WITHOUT TABLING ANY AMENDMENTS.

FINALLY, LIKE YOU I AM INTERESTED IN ADVANCING ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. I AGREE THAT THE DEFENCE FIELD OFFERS A NUMBER OF PROMISING OPPORTUNITIES. A NUMBER OF UK COMPANIES ARE CURRENTLY BIDDING TO MEET YOUR ARMED FORCES' REQUIREMENTS WITH OFFERS OF OUR MOST MODERN EQUIPMENT. THE RECENT LETTER OF INTENT ON ANGLO/HELLENIC DEFENCE CO-OPERATION REPRESENTS AN IMPORTANT FIRST STEP, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THIS BEING TAKEN FURTHER WHEN MR. STATHIS VISITS LONDON SHORTLY.

I LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO LONDON FOR THE EC SUMMIT.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

19 November 1986

Jean Pierre Thiriet,

Thank you for your letter of 6 November confirming that your Government would support our proposal for the reappointment of M. Delors as President of the Commission. I am grateful to you for this assurance.

I thank you also for your comments on our declaration of a fisheries zone around the Falkland Islands. Our decision to establish a zone was taken on conservation grounds. We see it as an interim measure. We still prefer, and will continue to work for, a multilateral solution. We are disappointed that the Argentine Government has chosen in response to revive the issue of sovereignty.

Regrettably during the course of this year Argentina, in pursuing her sovereignty claim, has acted with increasing irresponsibility; undermining the attempt to secure a multilateral solution to the fisheries problem in the South West Atlantic by concluding bilateral fisheries agreements with the Soviet Union and Bulgaria that purport to cover Falklands waters; and seeking to justify on sovereignty grounds the use of force at sea, leading to loss of life.

Since President Alfonsin was elected in 1983, your Government, like mine, has supported Argentine democracy and has been able to distinguish between this necessary task and supporting Argentina's unrealistic policy on the Falklands. Recent events have made it all the more important to maintain that distinction.

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Against this background, I very much hope that your Government will abstain on the United Nations' resolution. For our part we shall vote against the resolution without tabling any amendments.

Finally, like you I am interested in advancing economic relations between our two countries. I agree that the defence field offers a number of promising opportunities. A number of UK companies are currently bidding to meet your armed forces' requirements with offers of our most modern equipment. The recent Letter of Intent on Anglo/Hellenic Defence Co-operation represents an important first step, and I look forward to this being taken further when Mr. Stathis visits London shortly.

I look forward to welcoming you to London for the EC summit.

Yours sincerely

Nayana Dhatte

His Excellency Mr. Andreas Papandreou



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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

18 November 1986

Dear Charles

Papandreou

Please refer to your letter of 7 November enclosing a message to the Prime Minister from Mr Papandreou.

I attach a draft reply agreed with MOD. It does not mention Tornado since there is no longer any great prospect of Tornado sales to Greece.

On the Falklands, we prefer not to take up Mr Papandreou's remarks about the continental shelf and the exclusive economic zone. The Greek interest in the Falklands almost certainly stems from the parallels they see with their own dispute with Turkey over sovereignty in the Aegean. We would not wish to say anything that might be construed as supporting one side or the other. However, we have taken this opportunity to urge the Greeks to abstain on this year's UNGA resolution on the Falklands: the Greek record has been erratic, voting for the Argentine resolution in 1982 and 1985 but abstaining in 1983 and 1984.

Yours ever

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Private Secretary

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Andreas G Papandreou
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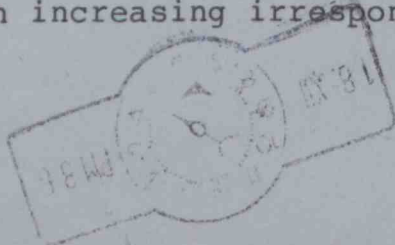
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