

Mr Robert Boswell. M.P. 19



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Private Secretary to John Kott.  
M.P.

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Sir Baden Rhy, Williams  
M.P., parventaly asked that  
I show commens this to  
Mr Kott as son as possible  
because he feels this strongly.

Pat Boswell



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Friday  
2<sup>nd</sup> April '82

Dear Robert,

I want to confirm what I  
said this afternoon about the  
position of our troops in the  
Falkland Islands. If they are  
likely to be confronted by an  
overwhelming force I think our  
Maimes ought to be taken off,  
and should not be encouraged  
to make futile heroic gestures  
which would result in their

suffering casualties. Nor should we  
risk their being captured. In  
either case the British public  
would be incensed and an  
eventual settlement would be  
made much more difficult.

I am not against the use of  
force over this issue if it has  
a reasonable chance of success,  
but I think it would be utterly  
wrong to risk <sup>any</sup> of our men in a  
hopeless stand. Yours ever  
Brandon.