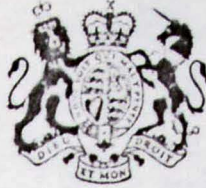


From: Rt Hon Michael Jopling MP



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14 May 1982

Thank you for your letter and for letting me have your views about the Falkland Islands. It was very helpful of you to let me know of your concern.

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Thank  
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Dear Michael,

I hope you do not mind my writing but I am desperately worried so far as the Falklands are concerned.

I believe that a merciful Lord saved us from disaster when the Argentinians rejected the Peruvian terms. It seems to me appalling that we should have contemplated a settlement which involves

- (a) no restoration of British Administration.
- (b) no paramountcy of the wishes of the Islanders.
- (c) mutual withdrawal of forces as if both countries were in the dock together.
- (d) talks about sovereignty the holding of which would themselves have been a

Reason for aggression.

So I hope and pray the present negotiations do not succeed either. I also hope we will move in very quickly and mop up quickly. I am sure you must be fed up of armchair strategists and we, not to know, can have no contemplation of the logistical problems. The fact, however, is that I cannot forget Suez and as soon as we can there will be calls for a cease fire, threats for America to pull the rug from our feet, threats from Russia

Hoping for the best but unhappy

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