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From: JOHN LOVERIDGE, J.P., M.P.



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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Dear Prime Minister,

I am very glad to send you the warm good wishes of the Upminster Conservative Association on the recovery of South Georgia.

I thought you might also like to know that during a walkabout on Saturday I spoke with 114 of my constituents to ask if they were prepared to support the use of force by the Government if this were necessary.

90 people said they felt force should be used.

13 people were doubtful.

11 people were against the use of force.

Twenty Conservatives including our constituency Chairman and Treasurer joined my wife and me for luncheon: they were unanimous in their support for the use of force should it have to be used.

Others of my supporters questioned people on the walkabout and found a very similar reaction to my own. Most people were sensible and moderate but steadfast. If Upminster is typical then the whole country is fully behind the Government in its objectives, and would be unwilling to accept less.

Aggression must not pay.

Jean joins me in sending to you and to our armed services, through you, our support for the courage and resolution in what has been done, and in what is yet to come.

Yours ever,

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