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From the Private Secretary

2 April, 1982

Falkland Islands

Thank you for your letter of 2 April suggesting that the Prime Minister should send a message to the Governor and people of the Falkland Islands. The Prime Minister has decided that she would prefer not to send such a message at the present time.

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Dear John,

The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary recommends that the Prime Minister send a message to the Governor and people of the Falkland Islands. This would need to be despatched urgently since an Argentine attack would be followed shortly by a loss of communications with Port Stanley. I enclose a draft.

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Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'B J P Fall', written in a cursive style.

B J P Fall

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DRAFT MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

In this difficult and dangerous situation, please tell the people of the Falkland Islands that we admire their steadfastness^{and} that our thoughts are with them. We are doing everything we can to help ~~and to preserve~~ their security *in these circumstances.*

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