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Prime Minister

Agree to message.

A. J. C. $\frac{21}{4}$

Yes md

21 April, 1982

Dear John,

Falkland Islands: The Australian Prime Minister

See Pt. 8

Thank you for your letter of 19 April. Mr Fraser's message is such a wholehearted expression of support that it would seem to warrant a special message of thanks from the Prime Minister. Such a message might stand us in good stead should we need further help from the Australians. I enclose a draft in the form of a telegram to Canberra.

Yours ever

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OUT TELEGRAM

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7	TO IMMEDIATE CANBERRA
8	TELEGRAM NUMBER
9	YOUR TELNO 163: FALKLAND ISLANDS: MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT REAGAN
10	1. Please pass following from the Prime Minister to Mr Fraser
11	Begins. Dear Malcolm, I have just read the text of your
12	excellent message to Ronald Reagan. I was greatly touched by <i>it.</i>
13	the terms in which it was written which <i>you</i> not only make clear the
14	crucial nature of what is at stake but also reflect <i>again demonstrate</i> the staunch
15	and generous way in which you have stood by us since the
16	beginning of the crisis. My warmest thanks for this further act
17	of friendship and support. With sincere good wishes. Margaret
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