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10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Private Secretary*

18 May 1982

FALKLANDS: PRESSURE ON  
PRESIDENT GALTIERI

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Thank you for your letter of 18 May. As I told you on the telephone, the Prime Minister thought that it was now rather too late to send messages to the Presidents of Brazil and Mexico since this could conceivably lead to a delay in the timetable which we have established for action on the proposals we have sent to New York.

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*Too late - should have  
been done via the way.  
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Prime Minister

*Content that these 2*

*messages should be despatched?*

*A. J. C. <sup>15</sup>/<sub>5</sub>*

Dear John,

Falklands: Pressure on President Galtieri

Sir Anthony Parsons has now confirmed that the UN Secretary General has agreed to give to the Argentines our draft for an interim agreement. The Prime Minister suggested that pressure should be brought to bear on President Galtieri to make him fully aware of the need to negotiate urgently and seriously.

We think that the Presidents of Brazil and Mexico would be the best intermediaries. I accordingly enclose draft messages for the Prime Minister to send to President Figueiredo of Brazil and President Lopez Portillo of Mexico. If the Prime Minister agrees, these should be despatched as soon as possible.

*Yours ever*

(J E Holmes)  
Private Secretary


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	9	RFI IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON AND UKMIS NEW YORK	
	10	FALKLANDS: MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER	
	11	1. Please deliver as soon as possible following personal message	
	12	from Prime Minister to President Lopez Portillo.	
	13	BEGINS: I deeply appreciate the concern which you have	
	14	consistently shown about the current dispute regarding the	
	15	Falkland Islands.	
	16	As you will know, my colleagues and I have been concentrat-	
	17	ing our attention on the negotiations for a peaceful resolution of	
	18	this crisis. Our representative, Sir Antony Parsons, has returned	
	19	to the United Nations after consultations here, to continue	
	20	negotiations through the Secretary General. He has full	
	21	authority to put forward a clear united Kingdom position.	
///	22	Negotiations have now been going on for more than five	
//	23	weeks. The issues are clear, but the outcome is still uncertain.	
/	24	We are concerned that the Argentine Government might be using	
	25	these negotiations to prolong its unlawful occupation of the	
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 2 Islands rather than to resolve the issues which this has raised.  
 3 I should be grateful for anything you can do to impress upon  
 4 the Argentine President the extreme urgency of an early and  
 5 successful conclusion to negotiations under the Secretary-  
 6 General's auspices so that a peaceful settlement may be reached.  
 7 ENDS  
 8 2. For your own information, a similar message is being sent to  
 9 the President of Brazil.  
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 9 RFI IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON AND UKMIS NEW YORK  
 10 FALKLANDS: MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER  
 11 1. Please deliver as soon as possible following personal  
 12 message from Prime Minister to President Figueiredo.  
 13 Begins.  
 14 I thank your Excellency for your message of 12 May. I value  
 15 your concern, which I share, that the efforts now under way  
 16 through the Secretary General of the United Nations in New York  
 17 should be successful.  
 18 As you will know, my colleagues and I have been concentrating  
 19 our attention on the negotiations for a peaceful resolution of  
 20 the Falklands crisis. Our representative, Sir Antony Parsons,  
 21 has returned to the United Nations after consultations here, to  
 22 continue negotiations through the Secretary General. He has full  
 23 authority to put forward a clear United Kingdom position.  
 24 Negotiations have now been going on for more than five  
 25 weeks. The issues are clear, but the outcome is still uncertain.

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 2 We are concerned that the Argentine Government might be using  
 3 these negotiations to prolong its unlawful occupation of the  
 4 Island, rather than to resolve the issues which this has raised.  
 5 ~~The British Government have no wish to prolong a military~~  
 6 ~~confrontation. The means to end it must however lie with~~  
 7 ~~Argentine willingness to comply fully with Security Council~~  
 8 ~~Resolution 502. //I should be grateful for anything you can~~  
 9 do to impress upon the Argentine President the extreme urgency  
 10 of an early and successful conclusion to negotiations under  
 11 the Secretary General's auspices so that ~~an early~~ peaceful  
 12 settlement may be reached. **ENDS.**  
 13 2. For your own information, a message on similar lines is  
 14 being sent by the Prime Minister to the President of Mexico.  
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