



Prime Minister  
Agree the attached draft?  
Managers duty club 18/6

Surely I wrote  
a few days ago?  
If not. - agree then.  
not

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

18 June 1982

Dear John,

Falklands: Australian National Appeal

The Australian Prime Minister has announced his support for a National Appeal to assist families of British Servicemen and Falkland Islanders affected by the Falkland Islands dispute. The Australian Government will be contributing A\$250,000 (about £150,000) towards the National Appeal and has agreed that contributions towards the Appeal will be tax-deductable. The Appeal will be co-ordinated by the Returned Services League. The precise arrangements for the disbursement of funds from the Appeal have yet to be worked out. However, the Prime Minister may wish to send a message to Mr Fraser acknowledging the Australian Commonwealth Government's contribution to the Appeal.

I attach a draft of the message, which might be sent telegraphically. In handing over the message our High Commissioner might, if you agree, tell the Australians that we have no objections to the message being released to the press.

Yours ever  
John Holmes

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MESSAGE

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The Prime Minister

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The Rt Hon Malcolm Fraser CH MP  
Prime Minister of Australia

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SUBJECT:

.....In Confidence

CAVEAT.....

I have just heard of your announcement of your Government's support for a National Appeal in Australia to assist families of British servicemen who have suffered in the Falkland Islands dispute, and Falkland Islanders who might be in severe hardship as a result of the dispute. I would like to say how much I appreciate this and how grateful we all are for your Government's contribution to the Appeal. We have all been much encouraged by the support and solidarity shown by the Australian Government and people in this tragic conflict.

Enclosures—flag(s).....