



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

21 June 1982

Dear John,

The Falklands

In your letter of 18 June you asked for advice from the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary about a reply to the telegram of congratulations which President Reagan sent to the Prime Minister on the same day.

A meeting has now been arranged between the Prime Minister and President Reagan in Washington on 23 June. Accordingly, the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary suggests that the Prime Minister need only acknowledge President Reagan's telegram, leaving comment on matters of substance (the second paragraph of the President's telegram) to her meeting with him in Washington on 23 June.

/ I attach a draft telegram along these lines.

Yours ever,

(F N Richards)  
Private Secretary

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OUT TELEGRAM

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	9	MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER TO PRESIDENT REAGAN
	10	BEGINS: Dear Ron, I was most grateful for your telegram of
	11	congratulations about our success in repossessing the Falkland
	12	Islands. I would like to repeat my deep appreciation of the
	13	support which we have enjoyed throughout from yourself and the
	14	American people.
	15	I agree that we must now look to the future. I look forward to
	16	a full discussion with you in Washington on Wednesday.
	17	Warm regards, Margaret. ENDS
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