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MESSAGE TO MR. TRUDEAU

The Prime Minister agrees that the message proposed in your letter of 24 June should be despatched.

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24 June, 1982

Dear John,

Yes no

Prime Minister  
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Falkland Islands: Message to Mr Trudeau

As you know, the Canadians have been among the staunchest of our supporters during the Falklands crisis. They reacted swiftly and positively to our requests that they take economic measures against Argentina, and remained firmly committed to our cause. There have been a number of public statements by Canadian Ministers in our support. And on 15 June the Canadian House of Commons passed a unanimous Resolution congratulating the Prime Minister on her success.

The High Commissioner in Ottawa has recommended that it would be well received if the Prime Minister were to send to Mr Trudeau a short message of thanks, the text of which could be released publicly after it had been delivered.

The Secretary of State agrees that such a message would be of benefit to Anglo-Canadian relations. It is important that such good friends do not feel taken for granted, and a message of appreciation, especially if it is made public, would be an advantage, not the least should we need to call on the Canadians again. I enclose a suggested message. A separate response is being sent to the Canadian House of Commons.

Yours ever

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10 FALKLAND ISLANDS:

11 1. Please pass following message from Prime Minister to  
12 Mr Trudeau.

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14 Now that we have successfully recovered the Falkland  
15 Islands, I should like to say how much we in Britain appreciate  
16 the prompt and steadfast support which you and the people of  
17 Canada have given us during the recent weeks. I am very much  
18 aware that your actions have not been without cost, and we are  
19 the more grateful to you for that. There is absolutely no doubt  
20 about the importance of the practical support given to us by our  
21 friends and allies in enabling us to achieve our objective.

22 I sincerely hope that there will be no return to hostilities  
23 (as I write we still await Argentina's confirmation of her  
24 acceptance of the ceasefire), and would like to convey my  
25 warmest thanks to you for Canada's unstinting support. We shall

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