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*From the Private Secretary*

2 August 1982

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Falkland Islands Economic Study

X I enclose a copy of a letter which the Prime Minister has sent to Lord Shackleton thanking him for his report. You will note that in her last paragraph Mrs Thatcher states that she is having considered without delay the possibility of establishing in London a Falkland Islands Government Office. The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary may accordingly wish to let the Prime Minister have early views about this proposal.

I am copying this letter to Richard Mottram (Ministry of Defence) and Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

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THE PRIME MINISTER

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*Dear Lord Shackleton.*

Thank you so much for your letter of 26 July and the enclosed Falkland Islands Economic Study.

We shall be considering the Report urgently and I shall certainly want to discuss it with you in due course. Meanwhile, may I say how grateful I am to you for undertaking this task and for the splendid way with which you have accomplished it. Please thank your team on my behalf for all their hard work.

I should indeed be grateful if you could now, as you suggest, prepare in consultation with Whitehall Departments an unclassified version for eventual publication by the Government. We shall be informing the press that I have received your initial Report, that it is being considered, and that we shall hope to publish your final Report as soon as possible.

I have noted your recommendation that a Falkland Islands Government Office should be established in London and I am having this possibility considered without delay.

*Best wishes.*

*Yours sincerely*

The Rt. Hon. Lord Shackleton, K.G., O.B.E.

*Margaret Thatcher*