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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Dear John,

Civil Commissioner: Falkland Islands

Thank you for your letter of 12 March enclosing a copy of a message to the Prime Minister from the Members of the Falkland Islands' Executive and Legislative Councils asking that Sir Rex Hunt should stay on. You may like to consider replying as follows:-

for you manage
"The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your recent message expressing your confidence and trust in Sir Rex Hunt as Civil Commissioner. The Prime Minister was grateful ~~to know your good opinion of Sir Rex Hunt~~ and will be taking it fully into account in reaching a decision on how long he should stay in Port Stanley. She also agrees with your view that the Civil Commissioner must be someone who is able to gain the confidence of the people of the Falklands. We ~~will~~ be in direct touch with Sir Rex Hunt about his future in due course!".

Yours ever,

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