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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Mr. Dalyell.

Thank you for your letter of 5 April about the Belgrano.

I take it that your objective in asking these further questions of detail is to try, as you have tried for some two years, to establish your contention that the Belgrano was attacked in order to destroy the prospects for peace negotiations based on the Peruvian proposals. That is simply not true.

Geoffrey Howe will be replying to the various questions you raised in the Foreign Affairs Debate on 22 March. But since I have made the Government's position absolutely clear yet again in my letter of 4 April to Denzil Davies, I do not think it useful to prolong these exchanges.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

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