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From the Private Secretary

27 March, 1985

FALKLAND ISLANDS:MOUNT PLEASANT AIRPORT

Thank you for your letter of 25 March enclosing a draft introduction to the MPA commemorative brochure. The Prime Minister is content with this with the addition of the sentence to the penultimate paragraph to read "It will bring renewed assurance to the people of the Falkland Islands."

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25 March 1985

Dear Charles

FALKLAND ISLANDS: MOUNT PLEASANT AIRPORT

Thank you for your letter of 1^{attached} March to John Ballard.

/ I enclose the draft of an introduction to the MPA commemorative brochure for the Prime Minister, which has been agreed by my Secretary of State.

We will let you have a copy of the final form of the brochure as soon as possible.

Yours ever

Andrew

A C ALLBERRY
Private Secretary

Prime Minister
Agree message?

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Charles Powell Esq

PRIME MINISTER'S INTRODUCTION TO THE MOUNT PLEASANT AIRPORT
BROCHURE

I pay tribute to the skills, efficiency and determination of everyone involved in building Mount Pleasant Airport on the Falkland Islands.

The opening flight will take place in mid-May as the first phase of the Airport is completed on time, 22 months from the signing of the contract. This is a triumph for which both Government and private industry can take credit. It has involved the Ministry of Defence which had to make important decisions about its requirements in a short time; the Property Services Agency which was responsible, with the help of its consultants, for designing facilities and letting and supervising the contract; and the consortium - the Laing-Mowlem Amey Roadstone Joint Venture - which has employed a British workforce and mainly British equipment and materials, almost all transported some 8,000 miles.

It is therefore a success story for Britain. It speaks volumes for what the British construction industry is capable of achieving in difficult conditions around the world.

The Airport represents both a significant step towards strengthening the defence of the Falkland and a key to the future economic development for the Islands. It will bring renewed assurance to the people of the Falkland Islands
My congratulations to all concerned!

Raymond Stobart

26 MAR 1985

