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Dear Charles,

I enclose a copy of a letter from Granada TV from which you will see that they are preparing a World in Action programme on the sinking of the General Belgrano.

The Lord President does not wish to take part in the programme and I have turned down Granada's request for an interview with him, but I thought you might wish to be aware of the approach.

I am sending copies of this letter to Jean Caines in your Press Office, and to Len Appleyard and Richard Mottram.

*Yours ever,
Janet.*

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May 29th 1985.

Dear Lord Whitelaw,

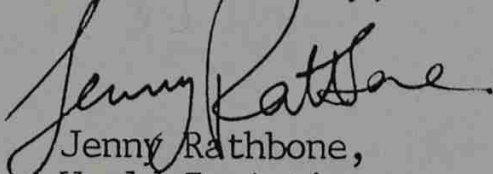
Granada Television is preparing a programme on the events of the 1st and 2nd May 1982. This will be transmitted in the World In Action series on a Monday night.

As the only member of the war cabinet who is still a member of the Government apart from the Prime Minister, we would be most grateful if you were able to give us an interview. We would like to talk to you about the background and events leading up to the decision to change the rules of engagement which allowed the Argentinian cruiser, General Belgrano, to be sunk, as well as the explanations given by the Government to Parliament which have formed the basis of the subsequent controversy. This would of course include the reasons why it has not been possible to answer all the questions raised by Parliament.

Apart from political and academic figures who have taken a detailed interest in the events of the Falklands war, we have also interviewed Lord Lewin. We would welcome a contribution from you as a member of the war cabinet and the present Government.

We would be grateful of your early attention. If you felt able to give us an interview, we wondered whether one day next week might be convenient.

Yours Sincerely,


Jenny Rathbone,
World In Action.