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From the Private Secretary

22 November 1985

FALKLANDS AT THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Thank you for your letter of 21 November enclosing a draft message from the Prime Minister to Chancellor Kohl urging the Federal Government to maintain its abstention at the United Nations in the Falklands vote.

U The Prime Minister is content with the draft message which you may issue.

(Charles Powell)

P.F. Ricketts, Esq.,
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21 November 1985

Dear Charles,

Yes

*Rose Amster
Agree this message
to Chancellor Kohl?
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Falklands at the UNGA

A number of our posts have recommended further high level messages to support our lobbying effort on the Falklands vote at the UNGA. This is also the strong advice of Sir John Thomson in New York, where, as the Foreign Secretary told Cabinet this morning, the "soft" Argentine draft resolution is attracting growing support. We need to draw governments' attention to our draft amendments without delay.

The Foreign Secretary intends to send the majority of these messages. But Sir Julian Bullard has recommended that the Prime Minister send a message to Chancellor Kohl (Bonn telno 1116 enclosed). The Germans' intentions remain unclear, but they may well be reluctant to be left behind if the French change their vote: others would almost certainly then follow. The Anglo-German Summit on 27 November is too late for lobbying. The Foreign Secretary therefore recommends that the Prime Minister send a message as in the enclosed draft.

Yours ever,

Peter Ricketts

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2 resolution recognising that right. I ask for your support for
3 our amendment on this vital principle. If it is carried, we
4 shall not oppose the resolution. But if not, we have no
5 alternative but to vote against. In either case, I hope you will
6 continue to abstain.
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TO IMMEDIATE FCO

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INFO IMMEDIATE EC POSTS, UKMIS NEW YORK, WASHINGTON

YOUR TELNO 159 TO ABIDJAN: FALKLANDS AT THE UN

1. MINISTER TOOK ACTION THIS MORNING WITH SUDHOFF (DUS EQUIVALENT FOR THE THIRD WORLD), WHO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY KULLACK-UBLICK. WILLIAMS ALSO TOOK PARALLEL ACTION WITH THE AUS'S FOR THE WEST AND THE UNITED NATIONS (VON PLOETZ AND FRAU FINKE-OSIANDER).

2. THE GERMANS HAD ALREADY HEARD OF THE AMENDMENTS WE INTEND TO TABLE THROUGH THEIR DELEGATION IN NEW YORK. THEY GAVE CLEAR ASSURANCES THAT THE FRG WOULD VOTE IN FAVOUR OF THEM.

3. ALL OUR INTERLOCUTORS MADE IT CLEAR HOWEVER THAT THE GERMANS WERE IN GREAT DIFFICULTY OVER THE DRAFT RESOLUTION ITSELF. WITH OR WITHOUT OUR AMENDMENTS, IT WAS WHOLLY CONSISTENT WITH THE LINE THAT THE FRG HAD TAKEN IN EXPLANTATIONS OF VOTE IN EAPLIER YEARS. THE

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DECISION WOULD REST WITH GENSCHER AND HIS OFFICIALS WERE NOT
PREPARED TO SPECULATE AS TO HOW IT MIGHT GO.

4. I RAISED THE SUBJECT TODAY WITH GENSCHER IN THE SAME TERMS AS I
HAD DONE WITH KOHL (MY TELNO 1107 PARA 9). GENSCHER LOOKED SERIOUS,
AND RUHFUS (WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT) SAID THAT THE TROUBLE WAS THAT THE
ARGENTINES HAD CONCOCTED A Milder RESOLUTION THIS TIME. I SAID THAT
IF THIS MEANT THEY WANTED TO AVOID A CLASH IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
IT WAS WELCOME. BUT THE SUBSTANCE OF THE RESOLUTION WAS THE SAME. IT
DENIED THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION, AND WE HAD DECIDED TO
PUT IN AMENDMENTS TO MAKE THIS POINT CLEAR. WHAT WE WERE ASKING WAS
FOR OUR PARTNERS TO CONTINUE TO ABSTAIN ON A MATTER WHICH WAS OF
SECONDARY IMPORTANCE TO THEM AND OF PRIMARY IMPORTANCE TO US.
GENSCHER SAID THAT THIS WAS A POINT HE HAD MADE MORE THAN ONCE IN
THE PAST. BUT HE WAS NOT SAYING THAT IT SHOULD BE APPLIED TO THE
RESOLUTION NOW UNDER DISCUSSION. THE POINT HAD COME UP IN THE
MARGINS OF THE RECENT FRANCO-GERMAN SUMMIT. I SAID THAT IF HE WAS
INTERESTED IN COMMON FRANCO-GERMAN DIPLOMATIC POSITIONS, I MUST
ADVISE HIM TO LOOK FOR OTHER FIELDS THAN THIS ONE.

5. WE ARE LEAVING WITH THE FEDERAL CHANCELLERY A COPY OF THE PIECE
OF PAPER BASED ON YOUR TELNO 160 TO ABIDJAN WHICH WE LEFT AT THE
AUSWAERTIGES AMT THIS MORNING.

COMMENT

6. IT SOUNDED TO ME AS IF GENSCHER FELT INHIBITED BY SOME SORT OF
UNDERSTANDING ARRIVED AT BETWEEN KOHL AND MITTERBAND. IN VIEW OF
KOHL'S CRYPTIC RESPONSE I RECOMMEND A MESSAGE TO HIM FROM THE PRIME
MINISTER LEAVING NO DOUBT AS TO THE STRENGTH OF OUR FEELINGS.

BULLARD

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