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Dear John,

Falklands

I enclose a letter dated 8 April to the Prime Minister, which has just been received from Mr Pindling, Prime Minister of the Bahamas.

The text of the letter was contained in Nassau telegram No 36 of 8 April: and an adequate reply has already been sent in FCO telegram No 64 of 24 April to Banjul, (copies attached).

Yours ever

J E Holmes

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MY TELNO 34: FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. LETTER FROM PRIME MINISTER PINDLING TO THE PM DELIVERED 1830Z 8 APRIL READS:

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MY DEAR PRIME MINISTER

I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR THE PERSONAL MESSAGE CONVEYED TO ME ON 3RD APRIL BY YOUR HIGH COMMISSIONER, HERE IN NASSAU.

I AND MY GOVERNMENT LEARNT WITH GREAT ASTONISHMENT AND DEEP REGRET OF ARGENTINA'S MILITARY INVASION OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS. IT IS DEEPLY DISQUIETING THAT DESPITE PERSONAL APPEALS FOR RESTRAINT BY THE UN SECURITY GENERAL, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, PRESIDENT REAGAN, AND YOUR OWN OFFER TO CONTINUE THE DIPLOMATIC DIALOGUE, ARGENTINA REJECTED ALL ATTEMPTS TO PERSUADE IT TO SEEK A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE DISPUTE.

MY GOVERNMENT HAS THEREFORE TRANSMITTED A NOTE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC, INDICATING ITS CONCERN OVER THE SITUATION IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS AND REAFFIRMED ITS BELIEF IN THE INVIOALABILITY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF STATES AND THE UNAMBIGUOUS REJECTION OF THE USE OF FORCE AS A MEANS OF SETTLING DISPUTES AMONG STATES.

MY GOVERNMENT ALSO RESTATED ITS COMMITMENT TO THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION AND TO THE RIGHT OF THE FALKLAND ISLAND PEOPLE TO DECIDE THEIR OWN POLITICAL DESTINY.

AND FINALLY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE BAHAMAS URGED THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA TO COMPLY WITH THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION DEMANDING THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF ITS FORCES FROM THE FALKLAND ISLANDS AND TOGETHER WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT SEEK A DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION TO THEIR DISPUTE.

PRIME MINISTER OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS

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2. ORIGINAL FOLLOWS BY BAG.
3. UNDERSTAND FROM MEA THAT TEXT IS NOT (NOT) TO BE RELEASED HERE BUT THAT REFERENCE TO THE LETTER WILL BE MADE IN A BAHAMAS GOVERNMENT STATEMENT TO BE ISSUED EITHER TODAY OR ON 10 APRIL.

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TO IMMEDIATE BANJUL

TELEGRAM NUMBER 64 OF 24 APR

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FREETOWN. ACCRA. KUALA LUMPUR. NEW DELHI. NICOSIA.
PORT OF SPAIN. VALLETTA

SAVING TO (FOR INFO) ST GEORGES (GRENADA)

FCO TELNO 99 TO CANBERRA: COMMONWEALTH AND FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. THE PRIME MINISTER HAS BEEN MUCH IMPRESSED BY THE STRONG, SPEEDY AND HEARTENING RESPONSE OF OUR COMMONWEALTH PARTNERS TO HER MESSAGE IN TUR. THE GREAT MAJORITY OF COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES (PARAGRAPH 4 LISTS THE EXCEPTIONS) HAVE NOW MADE CLEAR THEIR SUPPORT FOR OUR POSITION. THIS HAS BEEN MOST HELPFUL.
2. ACTION ADDRESSEES SHOULD SEEK AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY AT A SUITABLY HIGH LEVEL THE PRIME MINISTER'S WARM PERSONAL THANKS FOR RESPONSE TO HER MESSAGE AND/OR HER GRATEFUL APPRECIATION OF WHATEVER ACTION HOST GOVERNMENTS MAY HAVE TAKEN FOLLOWING ARGENTINE INVASION OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS. YOU SHOULD SAY THAT IT IS AT DIFFICULT TIMES LIKE THESE THAT THE FRIENDSHIP THAT SUSTAINS THE COMMONWEALTH IS PARTICULARLY VISIBLE AND THE SUPPORT ACCORDED BY COMMONWEALTH FRIENDS MOST WELCOME. YOU SHOULD ADD THAT BOTH PRIME MINISTER AND I HAVE EXPRESSED WARM APPRECIATION OF THIS SUPPORT I PARLIAMENT.
5. YOU SHOULD IN YOUR APPROACH TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE PARTICULAR REACTION /RESPONSE OF YOUR HOST GOVERNMENT(S) MAKING SPECIFIC

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REFERENCE (WHERE APPROPRIATE) TO ANY MESSAGE OR STATEMENT THAT THEY MAY HAVE ISSUED. WHERE REACTIONS/STATEMENTS OF HOST GOVERNMENT(S) HAVE BEEN LESS THAN ADEQUATE POSTS SHOULD MODIFY MESSAGES APPROPRIATELY AND NEED NOT DELIVER AT HIGH LEVEL. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE MESSAGE BE DELIVERED WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS AND THUS IN ADVANCE OF ANY OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES WHICH COULD FOLLOW ANY BREAKDOWN IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.

4. FOR INFORMATION ADDRESSEES: INDIVIDUALLY TAILORED PERSONAL MESSAGES HAVE ALREADY GONE OR ARE IN HAND IN RESPECT OF PRESIDENTS BANDA, STEVENS, SHAGARI, BURNHAM AND PRIME MINISTER ADAMS AND MESSRS FRASER, MULDOON AND TRUDEAU. NO REPEAT NO MESSAGE NEED BE SENT TO THOSE GOVERNMENTS (VIZ CYPRUS, GHANA, MALTA, NAURU AND WESTERN SAMOA) WHO HAVE NOT RESPONDED TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE (THE LAST TWO OF WHICH MAY NOT YET HAVE RECEIVED IT), NOR TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF GRENADA, INDIA, MALAYSIA AND TRINIDAD WHOSE RESPONSES HAVE BEEN DISAPPOINTING.

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