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THE PRIME MINISTER

Dear Jonathan,

Thank you for your letter of 30 June. The last three months have been long and hard, and your letter of congratulations means a lot.

As I said on the day after the liberation of Port Stanley, the nation was united behind our cause. I hope that some of that spirit will remain, and will help us to solve some of the problems we have nearer home.

We have been thinking about how to celebrate our victory in the Falklands, and I will certainly consider your suggestion for a parade when the Task Force returns. In the meantime, we have decided to have a Thanksgiving service at St. Pauls on 26 July. A number of those who have served in the South Atlantic will be back by that time.

*Lawson*

*Raymond*

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