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I am delighted to learn of the success your Task Force has achieved in action against the Argentine forces at Port Stanley. News of the surrender of the Argentine forces is encouraging. We hope that arrangements for a ceasefire will hold and that the early withdrawal of all Argentine forces from the Falklands will result.

Rean Flore,

As you know, my colleagues and I greatly admire the personal leadership you have given to the British people and their armed forces throughout the successful conduct of a difficult campaign whose objectives, while limited, were very important.

We congratulate you on the success which we hope will soon lead to an end of all hostilities in the South Atlantic and to the tragic loss of life.

We salute your courageous and firm leadership.

The Rt Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P., Prime Minister, 10 Downing Street, LONDON