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THE PRIME MINISTER

12 July 1982

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Thank you for your heartwarming message of congratulations on the occasion of the success of Her Majesty's Armed Forces in the South Atlantic. Like you, I regret the loss of life in a conflict which was not of our choosing, but the principles at stake were, and remain, of the greatest importance to my Government and to the British people. We are devoting our efforts to the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the Falkland Islands so that the Islanders can again enjoy the way of life they have freely chosen.

I was touched that you should write. My best wishes to you, Mr. President, and to the people of Tunisia.

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His Excellency M. Habib Bourguiba.