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THE PRIME MINISTER

2 June 1982

Dear Tam,

I have received the message that you telephoned to the Duty Clerk here on Sunday, in which you urged that Parliament should be recalled.

I am not convinced that the situation justifies such a step. The Government has set out its position in six debates, and many statements, and I believe we have the backing of the majority of Parliament and of the people for the action we are taking. As I said in the House last week, our task is to repossess the Islands; return them to British administration; reconstruct the Islanders' homes, property, and way of life; and then allow them to express their views freely on their future. I am confident that we shall have wide support both here and abroad for these aims.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

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