



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

17 June, 1982.

My dear Archbishop,

Many thanks for your message about the great achievement of our forces in the Falkland Islands. We owe them an enormous debt. They have been supported by a people united in defence of our way of life and of our sovereign territory. Their support and prayers has, I know, been a great encouragement to our Forces, as it has to me, during these past weeks.

For the future, the first task must be to return the Islands to normality. We shall further uphold our commitment to the security of the Islands and if necessary we shall have to do this alone. I do not, however, exclude the possibility of our associating other countries with their security. Our purpose must be that the Falkland Islands should never again be the victim of unprovoked aggression.

I had to reply!

*Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher*

His Grace The Lord Archbishop of Canterbury