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From the Private Secretary

17 April 1982

Dear David,

Falkland Islands: Maritime Exclusion Zone

The Prime Minister held an informal meeting of Ministers here tonight. The Home Secretary, the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary and the Secretary of State for Defence were present.

During the course of the meeting, which was mainly concerned with other matters, it was decided that authority should be given to the SSNs to attack any Argentine naval warships which entered the Maritime Exclusion Zone.

I am copying this letter to John Halliday (Home Office), Brian Fall (Foreign and Commonwealth Office) and David Wright (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever  
John Major

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