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THE PRIME MINISTER

7th July 1982

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It was good of you to write in the way you did, and I can assure you that messages such as yours have been a source of considerable encouragement during this time of crisis.

I know you will share my relief that the fighting is over, and we can all be proud of the great achievement of our Forces. We owe them an enormous debt.

Again, may I thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,



Prime Minister

Here is a further selection of people who have written indicating a change of allegiance because of the Falklands crisis.

David.

Derek

2nd June 1982

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Prime Minister

You will recall that I showed you two batches of letters from people who were changing Party allegiance as a result of your handling of the crisis, or the mishandling of the Opposition.

You said that you would like to write to them personally.

John M

I attach a draft for your consideration

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Derek

23rd June 1982

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As a change from the official and Party papers you have to see with regard to the Falklands, I thought you might like to see the selection of letters which have been received from people who have now switched their allegiance to our Party.

This is a new development and we will continue to monitor the Falklands correspondence carefully to see if this trend is growing.

Derek Derek

11th May 1982