



10 DOWNING STREET

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THE PRIME MINISTER

Dear Lord Lambton,

I was very pleased to receive your letter and am most grateful to you for writing about the great achievement of our Forces in the Falkland Islands. We owe them an enormous debt. The knowledge that they have been supported by a people united in defence of our way of life and of our sovereign territory will I know have been a great encouragement to them, as it has been to me, during these past weeks.

With all best wishes. - You are quite right. There were considerable pressures "to settle" during those weeks, but it would not have been right to do anything less than restore the islands to our sovereignty and British administration.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Lord Lambton

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