



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

20 January 1983

PERSONAL

Dear Sir Patrick,

Now that the Falkland Islands Review has been published, I am writing to each member of the Committee to thank you for the time and care which you devoted to its work.

The introduction to the Report indicates the demands which the work of the Committee made upon its members, and that would anyway have been apparent from the meticulous care which every line of the Report reveals. Lord Franks has not told me anything about the proceedings of the Committee. But he has told me of the time which each member of the Committee devoted to reading personally the mass of written material, to framing questions which would enable the Committee to get to the heart of the matter and, of course, to reaching conclusions which the whole Committee could accept as fair and impartial. In a matter which is of concern to a very wide public, and particularly to those who served in the South Atlantic campaign and their families, it is of the greatest importance that the conclusions of the Committee, whatever they were, should have been unanimous.

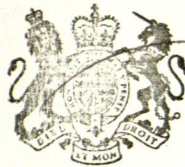
I am afraid that St. Catherine's will have seen little of its Master in the second half of 1982. But I am deeply grateful to you for serving as you did.

*Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher*

The Rt. Hon. Sir Patrick Nairne, G.C.B., M.C.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

20 January 1983

PERSONAL

Dear Merlyn.

Now that the Report of the Franks Committee has been published, I think that it is right for me to write to each member of the Committee to thank you most warmly for agreeing to serve as a member of the Committee and for the time and care which you devoted to its work.

Lord Franks has not told me anything about the proceedings of the Committee. But he has told me of the many hours which members of the Committee devoted to reading personally the very large quantity of papers made available to you, of the trouble taken to frame questions to witnesses which would enable you to get to the heart of the issues, and of the care and integrity with which the Committee worked to reach conclusions which each of you could accept as fair and impartial.

I well realise how much was asked of the Privy Counsellors on the Committee in inviting you to comment on matters which are the subject of current political controversy. But they are also matters of concern to the public generally, and particularly to those who served in the campaign and their families. It is of great importance that the Committee were able to reach a unanimous conclusion.

I am profoundly grateful to you all.

Yours sincerely

Roger Carr-Saunders

The Rt. Hon. Merlyn Rees, M.P.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

20 January 1983

PERSONAL

Dear Harold

I am writing to thank you for serving on the Falkland Islands Review and for the time and care which you devoted to it. I am also writing personally to each member of the Committee.

Now that the Report has been published, I thought it right to see Lord Franks. He did not, of course, tell me anything about the Committee's proceedings, but he did tell me of the time which each member of the Committee devoted to reading personally the mass of written material relevant to the Committee's work, of the trouble taken to frame questions to witnesses and of the care and integrity with which the Committee worked to reach conclusions which all its members could accept as fair and impartial. It is of the greatest importance that, whatever its conclusions, the Report should have been unanimous.

It is a tribute to the quality of British public life that people of such distinction should have been willing to devote their time to this work. I am deeply grateful to you for doing so.

*Yours sincerely
Margaret*

The Rt. Hon. The Viscount Watkinson, C.H.

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

19 January, 1983.

Personal

Dear Tony,

Now that the Falkland Island Review has been published, I can properly write to thank each member of the Committee for the time and care which they devoted to its work.

I write with particular gratitude to you because I know what inroads the Review must have made upon the time you could devote to your other responsibilities. You will know how important I felt it was that your experience and insight should be available to the Committee, and Lord Franks, whom I saw this morning, told me how much he valued your contribution. I have now read the Report many times, and each time I am impressed by some new evidence of the meticulous care with which the Committee did its work. As you know, I regard it as particularly valuable that the Committee should have been able to reach conclusions which each of its members could accept as fair and impartial. I send you my warmest thanks.

Yours ever
Margaret

The Rt. Hon. Lord Barber, TD.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

20 January 1983

PERSONAL

Dear Harold

I well realise how great were the demands which the work of Lord Franks' Committee made on its members. Now that the Report has been published, I am writing to each member of the Committee to thank you for agreeing to serve on the Committee and for the time and care which you devoted to it.

The matters reviewed by the Committee are matters of current political controversy. But they are also matters of concern to the public generally, and particularly to those who served in the South Atlantic campaign and their families. It was of great importance that, whatever the conclusions of the Review, the Committee should have reached them unanimously. Without revealing to me anything of the Committee's proceedings, Lord Franks has told me of the care and integrity with which all members of the Committee worked both to get to the heart of the material before them and to reach conclusions which the whole Committee could accept as fair and impartial. The introduction to the Report indicates how much time that work involved, and I am deeply grateful to you for your part in it.

Yours ever

Margaret

The Rt. Hon. The Lord Lever of Manchester

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