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**PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
SERIAL No. T63/83**

Subject: ARGENTINA: Defense of Falkland Islands  
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9 POSSIBLE SALE OF AEG TORPEDOES TO ARGENTINA: OUR TEL OF  
10 291630Z APRIL REFERS

11 1. Zeller (Chancellor Kohl's office) telephoned no 10  
12 on 9 May to say that a check had been made on the report  
13 that AEG Telefunken were contemplating selling anti-ship  
14 and anti-submarine torpedoes to Argentina.

15 2. Zeller said that it was true that Argentina had made  
16 contact with AEG Telefunken in respect of such equipment.  
17 No agreement had been concluded. The firm had recently  
18 asked the German Government to set in train the normal  
19 procedures for approving this sale. The Chancellor had  
20 directed the Foreign Ministry to give a clear negative  
21 answer to this request. (You may by now have seen  
22 3/AA/073771-83 which corroborates what Zeller told us.)

23 3. The Private Secretary at No 10 thanked Zeller for this  
24 welcome news. Please now pass the following message of  
25 thanks from the Prime Minister to Kohl. Your appointment to

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2 see him on other business would be a good opportunity  
3 to hand it over personally:  
4 BEGINS.  
5 Dear Herr Chancellor  
6 I wanted you to know quickly how grateful I am to  
7 you for your personal intervention to prevent the sale of  
8 German-manufactured tropedoes to Argentina. I appreciate  
9 this deeply. You will understand the concern with which  
10 we view Argentina's efforts to re-arm her forces when that  
11 country has not yet formally declared willingness to lay  
12 aside the use of force. Francis Pym gave Hans Dietrich  
13 Genscher a list of particularly sensitive items on 22 April,  
14 and I hope that we can continue to work together to ensure  
15 that Argentina does not obtain weapons of these types -  
16 which might encourage her to reopen the conflict - from any  
17 source.  
18 Thank you again most warmly for your prompt and  
19 effective help.  
20 With best wishes, Yours sincerely,  
21 Margaret Thatcher  
22 ENDS  
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