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*I have sent copies to
the members of ODSA
and am seeking advice
on a reply. A.F.C. 15/6*

SECRET VIA CABINET OFFICE CHANNELS WH04195

DEAR MARGARET:

LET ME EXTEND MY CONGRATULATIONS ON THE SUCCESS OF BRITISH ARMS IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC. YOUR VICTORY WAS BOTH A BRILLIANT MILITARY FEAT AND A DEFENSE OF OUR SHARED PRINCIPLE THAT DISPUTES ARE NOT TO BE RESOLVED BY AGGRESSION. THE MINIMUM LOSS OF LIFE AND THE GENEROUS TERMS OF WITHDRAWAL WERE ALSO IN THE FINEST BRITISH TRADITION.

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A JUST WAR REQUIRES A JUST PEACE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONSULTING WITH YOU AND TO ASSISTING IN BUILDING SUCH A PEACE. IT MUST OF COURSE TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE SACRIFICES OF YOUR MEN IN BATTLE. ITS ELEMENTS IN MY JUDGEMENT MUST INCLUDE ENHANCEMENT OF THE LONG-TERM SECURITY OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC, MITIGATION OF ARGENTINE HOSTILITY AND IMPROVEMENT IN THE RELATIONS OF BOTH OUR COUNTRIES WITH LATIN AMERICA.

IT WAS GOOD TO BE WITH YOU IN PARIS, LONDON AND BONN.

WARM REGARDS,

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