



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

14 January, 1983

Dear Rex,

As we agreed, I am enclosing the Prime Minister's thank you letters to those on the civilian side of her visit to the Falkland Islands. I should be grateful if you could arrange for them to be delivered, subject to intercepting any if they contain inaccuracies or infelicities which we need to correct. I am also enclosing a signed photograph of the Prime Minister for which Lady Hunt asked me, together with my personal letter of thanks to you both.

Yours ever,

Robin Butler

Sir Rex Hunt, C.M.G.

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FROM CABINET OFFICE 141530Z JAN 83
TO IMMEDIATE PORT STANLEY
TELEGRAM NUMBER MISC 17 OF 14 JANUARY.

FOR CIVIL COMMISSIONER.
FROM PRINCIPAL PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE PRIME MINISTER.

1. THE PRIME MINISTER WILL BE SENDING SIGNED LETTERS TO YOU AND A NUMBER OF OTHERS WHOM SHE MET ON THE CIVIL SIDE DURING HER VISIT (I AM TELEGRAPHING SEPARATELY TO THE MILITARY COMMISSIONER ABOUT LETTERS WHICH SHE IS SENDING TO HIS PEOPLE).

2. MEANWHILE, YOU MAY LIKE TO KNOW THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAS TODAY SIGNED A LETTER TO YOU, THE TEXT OF WHICH IS CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 3 BELOW. SHOULD YOU WISH TO BRING THIS TO THE ATTENTION OF YOUR STAFF BEFORE YOU RECEIVE THE SIGNED VERSION, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO DO SO.

3. +MY VISIT TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS WAS A HISTORIC ONE, AND A VERY MOVING EXPERIENCE FOR ME. YOU WILL KNOW AS WELL AS ANYONE HOW MUCH THE FALKLAND ISLANDS HAVE BEEN IN MY HEART AND THOUGHTS OVER THE LAST YEAR. I WAS DEEPLY TOUCHED BY THE WARMTH AND KINDNESS OF THE WELCOME I RECEIVED EVERYWHERE I WENT AND FROM EVERYONE I MET. I KNOW THAT WHAT WAS BEING EXPRESSED TO ME WAS THE LOYALTY OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDERS TO BRITAIN AND THEIR GRATITUDE FOR THE PROFESSIONALISM AND GALLANTRY OF THE TASK FORCE IN FREEING THE FALKLAND ISLANDS FROM THE DOMINATION OF AN INVADER.

I WRITE TO THANK YOU BOTH, AND YOUR STAFF FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY AND KINDNESS TO MYSELF, MY HUSBAND, AND MY STAFF DURING OUR VISIT, AND FOR EVERYTHING WHICH WAS DONE TO ENABLE ME TO MEET SO MANY OF THE PEOPLE OF THE ISLANDS AND TO SEE SOMETHING OF THEIR CURRENT PROJECTS AND PROBLEMS. I REALISE HOW VERY HARD ALL THOSE INVOLVED IN THE ORGANISATION OF MY VISIT MUST HAVE HAD TO WORK, PARTICULARLY SINCE THE ARRANGEMENTS HAD TO BE MADE WITH SO LITTLE NOTICE. THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH FOR A VISIT WHICH FROM MY POINT OF VIEW WAS SUCCESSFUL AS WELL AS UNFORGETTABLE, AND WHICH HAS HELPED ME TO UNDERSTAND SO MUCH MORE OF THE ISSUES AND CHALLENGES FACING THE FALKLAND ISLANDS IN THE FUTURE.

MY HUSBAND JOINS ME IN SENDING OUR BEST WISHES TO BOTH OF YOU.+

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SENT AT 141558Z KJM AV



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THE PRIME MINISTER

17 January 1983

Thank you, I.G.

Thank you very much indeed for your part in arranging the pleasant reception which Denis and I enjoyed so much on our way back from the Falkland Islands. It was good to meet so many people who are involved in the operation of the important facilities on the Island and I send to you all my best wishes for the future.

We so much enjoyed meeting everyone.

*Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher*

I.G. Thow, Esq.,

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THE PRIME MINISTER

14 January, 1983

Dear Mr Hardcastle,

It was a wonderful moment for me to be able to meet, during my visit to the Falkland Islands, the families who had shown such courage through the terrible days of the Argentinian invasion and the battles for Darwin and Goose Green. I shall always remember the warmth of the welcome I received at Goose Green and the marvellous spirit of all whom I met. I send my heartfelt thanks and my best wishes for the future of both Settlements.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Brook Hardcastle, Esq.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

14 January, 1983

Alan Miller

I am writing to thank you for receiving me into your home during my visit to the Falkland Islands. It was a moving and memorable moment for me to come to Port San Carlos where some of the main British forces landed in the campaign to recover the Falkland Islands. I was so pleased to have the opportunity of meeting you and your family and other members of the Settlement. Please will you pass on my thanks to all of them for the warmth and generosity of their welcome, which I will never forget.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Stiller

Alan Miller, Esq.



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

14 January, 1983

Dear Mrs. Chater,

I have written to Mr. Fowler to thank him for the welcome which I received during my visit to the Stanley Schools, but I wanted to send a special note of thanks to you for the beautiful print of Falklands birds presented to me by Carol and Ann Morrison on behalf of the children in Camp.

It is a present which I will treasure as a memento of my visit to the Falkland Islands, and I should be grateful if you would pass on my congratulations to your husband for the draftsmanship and artistry of the print, as well as my thanks to the children of the Camp generally.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Stobbe

Mrs. Anne Chater

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THE PRIME MINISTER

14 January, 1983

Dear Mr and Mrs. Short,

You will understand what a moving moment it was for me to come to San Carlos, the site of the main British landing during the campaign to recover the Falkland Islands and the last resting-place of some of those who fell.

I am writing to thank you most warmly for receiving me into your home and for the delicious lunch which you provided for my husband and myself, and those who were accompanying us. I will always remember my visit to San Carlos and the warmth and kindness of the people of the Settlement whom I met.

*Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher*

Mr. and Mrs. Short



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THE PRIME MINISTER

14 January, 1983

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Binnie,

I was so pleased to be able to come to Fitzroy Settlement during my visit to the Falkland Islands. Thank you so much for receiving me into your home and for giving me the opportunity of meeting the people of the Settlement. Please will you convey my thanks to all of them for the warmth and kindness of their welcome, which I will always remember.

My husband joins me in sending our thanks and best wishes.

*Yours sincerely
Raymond Binnie*

The Honourable R. Binnie and Mrs. Binnie



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

14 January, 1983

John Brodrick.

I am writing to thank you for receiving and conducting me on my tour of some of the work of your Department during my visit to the Falkland Islands. You and your staff have a key role in the work of rehabilitation and development, and I was encouraged and impressed by the evident purpose and enthusiasm with which it is being tackled.

My husband joins me in sending you and your staff our best wishes for the success of the important work you are doing.

John Brodrick, Esq.

*Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher*

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THE PRIME MINISTER

14 January, 1983

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Cockwell,

I am writing to thank you for receiving me into your home during my visit to the Falkland Islands and for giving me the opportunity of meeting the people of Fox Bay and other Settlements of the West Falklands. You will understand how moving and memorable the visit to the Falkland Islands was for me and I was so touched by the warmth and kindness of the welcome I received at Fox Bay, and everywhere else where I went.

My husband joins me in sending you both our best wishes for the imaginative new venture on which you are embarking.

Yours sincerely
Maya and Robert

Mr. and Mrs. R. Cockwell

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

14 January, 1983

Dear Mr. Mathews,

I am writing to thank you for the beautiful lambskin which you presented to me on behalf of the Port Howard Settlement during my visit to the Falkland Islands and for the generous words with which you did so.

I was delighted to be able to go to Port Howard and I will treasure the lambskin as a memento of my visit.

Yours sincerely

Richard Mathews, Esq.

Raymond Stiller

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

14 January, 1983

Dear Mr. Etheridge,

I was very pleased to have the opportunity of visiting Port Stanley Post Office and of meeting your staff during my visit to the Falkland Islands.

Thank you so much for the beautiful album of Falkland Islands stamps which I will treasure as a memento of my visit.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

W.A. Etheridge, Esq.

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

14 January, 1983

Dear Mr. Stewart,

I am writing to thank you and your family for the beautiful enamelled box which you presented to me during my visit to the Falkland Islands.

It was a marvellous experience for me to be able to come to the Falkland Islands, and I was deeply touched by the kindness and warmth with which I was received everywhere I went. Your gift was an example of that kindness, and I will treasure it as a memento of my visit.

Yours sincerely
Roger M. M. [Signature]

R. Stewart, Esq.



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

14 January, 1983

Dear Mr. Goss,

It was a moving and memorable moment for me to visit Goose Green during my visit to the Falkland Islands and to meet the people of the Settlement who suffered so much with such fortitude during the Argentine occupation. I shall never forget the warmth and generosity of the welcome I received in the Community Hall where so much had happened. Please will you convey my thanks to the people of Goose Green for the wonderful welcome they gave me and for their gifts which I will treasure.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

E. Goss, Esq.



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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

14 January, 1983

Dear Mr. Goss,

In sending to you the enclosed note of thanks for her visit to you, the Prime Minister has asked me also to send the enclosed photograph for the Goose Green Community Hall in commemoration of her visit.

Yours sincerely,

Robin Butler

Eric Goss, Esq.



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

14 January, 1983

Dear Dr. Bleaney,

I am writing to tell you how impressed I was by my tour of Stanley Hospital during my visit to the Falkland Islands and by the work which you and your staff are doing.

The events of the last year have been particularly traumatic for you all. I do congratulate you on all that you did to cope with the enormous demands which were imposed on you, and on the work which you are now doing in cooperating with the military authorities to meet the challenges presented by the new situation since the war.

My husband joins me in sending our thanks to you for receiving us and conducting us around Stanley Hospital and our best wishes to you and all the staff working in the Hospital.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Webster

Dr. Alison Bleaney, O.B.E.



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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

14 January, 1983

Dear Dr. Alison,

In sending to you the enclosed note of thanks for her visit to you, the Prime Minister has asked me also to send the enclosed photograph for the Stanley Hospital in commemoration of her visit.

Yours sincerely,

Robin Butler

Dr. Alison Bleaney, O.B.E.



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

14 January, 1983

Dear Mr. Fowler.

I greatly enjoyed my visit to the Stanley Schools during my visit to the Falkland Islands. I am writing to ask you to convey my thanks to the teachers and the children for the welcome which they gave me and for so many lovely gifts. I was very impressed by the work which is being done in the schools at all levels and in helping with the special needs of the children in Camp.

My husband joins me in sending you, your staff and the children my best wishes for the success of all you are doing.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Hilda

John Fowler, Esq.



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From the Principal Private Secretary

14 January, 1983

Dear Mr. Fowler,

In sending to you the enclosed note of thanks for her visit to you, the Prime Minister has asked me also to send the enclosed photograph for the Stanley Schools in commemoration of her visit.

Yours sincerely,

Robin Butler

John Fowler, Esq.



PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS: 7-13 JANUARY 1983

PRESENTS RECEIVED DURING THE VISIT

<u>GIFT</u>	<u>RECEIVED FROM</u>
Hand Carved Polished penguin	Mr. and Mrs. J. White
Last 3 editions of F.I. Journal	Mr. S. Miller
Hand Made Metal Penguin	Mr. and Mrs. M. Butcher
Stanley Minefield Record Map and Ashtray (made from shell which PM fired)	General D.C. Thorne
Print of Falklands Birds	Carol and Ann Morrisson on behalf of children in Camp
Lambskin	Mr. R. Mathews
Stamp Album and First Day Covers	Mr. W.A. Etheridge, Post Office
Enamelled Box	Mr. R. Stewart
Ashtrays, Badge, Sweatshirt, Liberation Crown	People of Goose Green Settlement
Folder with card	J. Fowler (Teachers and children of school)
Red sweatshirt	Ist Batallion Royal Hampshire Regiment
Plaque and Picture Frame of HMS Antrim	Captain Young

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THE COLONY OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

FREEDOM OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

Whereas we the people of the Falkland Islands have recently suffered armed invasion of our beloved Islands;

And Whereas but for the support and aid given to us by the people of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland we would still be under foreign domination today;

Now We, the undersigned representatives of the people of the Falkland Islands, in acknowledgment of our humble and sincere gratitude and appreciation of the courageous, steadfast and unyielding leadership of MARGARET HILDA THATCHER, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, throughout the campaign for our freedom,

Hereby Confer on the said MARGARET HILDA THATCHER the Honorary Freedom of Stanley and all Townships and Settlements throughout the Falkland Islands.

In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this tenth day of January 1983.

Sir R. M. Hunt,
Chairman of Executive Council
and President of Legislative Council.

The Hon. F. E. Baker,
Member of Executive and Legislative
Councils.

The Hon. T. J. Peck,
Member of Executive and Legislative
Councils.

The Hon. W. H. Goss,
Member of Legislative Council.

The Hon. R. E. Binnie,
Member of Legislative Council.

The Hon. H. T. Rowlands,
Member of Executive and Legislative
Councils.

The Hon. W. R. Luxton,
Member of Executive Council.

The Hon. A. T. Blake,
Member of Executive and Legislative
Councils.

The Hon. L. G. Blake,
Member of Legislative Council.

The Hon. J. E. Cheek,
Member of Legislative Council.

Witnessed by :-

M. C. Ll. Gaiger,
Attorney General.

R. Browning,
Clerk to the Councils.

Falklands
Thank you



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

17 January, 1983.

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your kind greeting card which she received while she was in the Falkland Islands. She was most grateful for your words, and sends you her best wishes.

A. J. COLES

Mr. and Mrs. Bill McKay

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FALKLAND ISLANDS ●

JANUARY 1983

We are so thrilled you are in these Islands
and we hope we will see you but incase we do not,
can we just say, a very warm thank you for all you
have done for us.

We are deeply grateful and shall never forget it.
May God Bless you and see you safely home.

Greetings

To
Mrs Margaret Thatcher, and to Mr Thatcher.

FROM

Bill & Clara McKay.
Douglas Station.



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

13 January 1983

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your very kind gift of the hand-made metal figure of the penguin.

She was delighted to receive such a gift which is a further illustration of the many skills and talents which the Islanders hold and indicative of the warm and friendly reception she has been given during her visit to the Islands.

Mrs. Thatcher sends you her warmest regards and very best wishes.

A. J. COLES

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Butcher

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10 DOWNING STREET

F Wallace Esq
PO Box 55
STANLEY

11th January 1983

Dear Mr. Wallace,

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your kind letter of 10 January welcoming her to the Falklands.

As requested I am returning the photograph of the Prime Minister which she has gladly signed.

Yours sincerely,

Robin Butler

F E R Butler
Principal Private Secretary

Fraser Wallace,
P.O.Box 55,
Stanley,
10th January 1983

The Prime Minister,
The Rt. Honourable Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.,
c/o The Private Secretary,
Government House,
Stanley.

Dear Mrs. Thatcher,

First of all, a very heart welcome to the Falklands!
Your visit to the Islands is a very special occasion to all Islanders,
and I know that all 'Kelpers' would want to wish you and Mr. Thatcher all
the very best for the future, and hope that you will leave here with
some pleasant memories.

I would like to ask for a small favour. I am enclosing a photograph
of yourself, which, I understand, was an official photograph. I should
be most grateful indeed if you would be so kind as to autograph it, on the
front. If this is at all possible, I would be most honoured, as I, along
with many other people, have a great deal of respect for our Prime Minister!

Hoping that this request will not be inconvenient in any way,

Yours sincerely,



Fraser Wallace



10 DOWNING STREET

Mr S Miller
Lois Cottage
John Street
STANLEY

11th January 1983

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your letter of 9 January with which you very kindly enclosed copies of the last three editions of the Falkland Islands Journal.

Mrs Thatcher looks forward to reading them at the first available opportunity and I am sure she will find them a most interesting and useful source of reference.

A J Coles
Private Secretary

LOIS COTTAGE
JOHN STREET
STANLEY
FALKLAND ISLANDS

January 9th, 1983.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher
c/o Government House
Stanley

My dear Prime Minister,

As a small memento of your truly historic visit to our lovely Islands I take this liberty of presenting to you copies of the last three editions of the Falkland Islands Journal.

My wife and I felt it a very great privilege to have been among Sir Rex Hunt's guests last evening at Government House.

Yours sincerely,

Rodney Hunter
(Editor)

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10 DOWNING STREET

Mrs B Miller
Lois Cottage
John Street
STANLEY

11th January 1983

Thank you for your letter of 10 January with which you enclosed the very kind gift of a Horn Penguin to the Prime Minister from Mr and Mrs White.

The Prime Minister was delighted to receive this gift and has asked if you will convey her thanks to both John and Betty for ~~their~~ ^{the} marvellous example of craftsmanship which will always remind her of her trip to the Islands and the extremely warm and friendly welcome which she has received from the people here.

Mrs Thatcher sends them her warmest regards and wishes them a long and happy retirement together.

A J Coles
Private Secretary

LOIS COTTAGE
JOHN STREET
STANLEY
FALKLAND ISLANDS

10. Jan. 1983.

Dear Prime Minister,

An elderly couple, John + Betty White, came and laboriously polish these blown Penguins which I sell at the "Home Industries" shop for them. They are very anxious for you to have one so I am presenting this one to you on their behalf.

John White has been a shepherd on West Falkland most of his life. They are now retired living in Stanley.

Yours Sincerely,
Betty Miller



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10 DOWNING STREET

10th January 1983

Dear Mr. Alania,

I want to thank you very much for your wonderful thought in sending over from the Hospital your very first crop of new potatoes to serve at lunch yesterday. They were delicious.

Every good wish

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Alison if it is at all possible I would
like Mrs Thatcher to have this food of new
Potatoes for lunch today with my best
wishes

Alby



10 DOWNING STREET

Mr W Bowles
Kennedy House
STANLEY

10th January 1983

Dear Mr. Bowles,

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your kind letter of 9 January. She is most grateful for the wonderfully warm reception which she has received from the people of the Falkland Islands - your letter is an example of that reception.

I am afraid that Mrs Thatcher's programme is so full that I doubt whether she will be able to take up your kind offer to pay you a personal visit. But if, on the many informal occasions when the Prime Minister hopes to chat to people in Stanley, when she is visiting parts of the town, you were able to make yourself known to me, I shall be glad to introduce you to the Prime Minister. She sends you her warmest regards and best wishes.

Yours sincerely

A. J. Coles

A J Coles
Private Secretary

Rt Hon. Mrs M. Thatcher
Prime Minister.
Government House.
Stanley.

Kennedy House
Stanley
Falkland Islands

January 9, 1983

Dear Mrs Thatcher,

How nice of you and Dennis to 'drop in' and see us, especially without warning — it made our day.

I can assure you, everyone in our Islands has been heartened and lifted by your determination to protect us — come what may. Your visit has crowned this assurance, and all of us are truly grateful.

Your visit here will be a happy one and a memorable one. Should you seek my advice or thoughts you will be most welcome to come and see us.

May I wish you well in the next election with your party, and hope in God you will win it.

God Bless You and Your Family.
Yours truly Willie Bowler.

The Old Rectory
Stanton
Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk
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PM's FARKLANDS VISIT

Dear Prime Minister.

Thank you very much for your
letter and photograph you very kindly sent
me after you visit to the Falklands; all
very much appreciated.

David said you wish was a tremendous
success and everyone was thrilled to see you.
I was extremely sad, we were unable to go,
and I am rather envious of those going out
for the anniversary celebrations.

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David has written and talked a tape about
the places and people on the Islands over the last
seven months, and I shall ^{not} be seeing and
meeting them now.

Thank you again for finding time in your
very busy life to write and send the photographs

Yours Sincerely
Anne Khome

26th January 83



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

A Logie Esq
No 10
Downing Street
LONDON, SW1A 2AH

14th January 1983

Rev Logie,

You may recall that you requested the address of Richard Matthews who was staying at Port Howard during the Prime Minister's visit. His address is:-

Vine Hall
Bethersden
Nr Ashford
Kent.

Yours ever

Julian

J Chandler