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Signed Mayland

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FALKLAND ISLANDS: PRIME MINISTERS MESSAGE FOR TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF
LIBERATION

1. I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF THE FOLLOWING REPLY COULD BE PASSED TO
THE PRIME MINISTER.

BEGINS

I SHOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF ALL IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS
FOR YOUR MOST KIND AND WELCOME MESSAGE ON THE OCCASION OF THE 10TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION OF THE ISLANDS ON 14 JUNE.

ISLANDERS REMAIN ETERNALLY GRATEFUL TO THE BRITISH ARMED FORCES AND
PEOPLE AND TO HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT FOR THE RESTORATION OF THEIR
FREEDOM IN 1982 AND SUBSEQUENT SUPPORT IN MAINTAINING IT.

THEY WILL DO ALL THEY CAN TO CONTINUE TO DEVELOP THESE ISLANDS WITH
GREAT CARE, TO PRESERVE THEIR ESSENTIAL CHARACTER WHILE BENEFITING
FROM THE ADVANTAGES OF THE FISHERY AND POSSIBLY, IN DUE COURSE, OIL.
THEIR LOYALTY TO BRITAIN REMAINS STEADFAST.

WE SHALL ALL HOPE THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO VISIT THE
ISLANDS BEFORE LONG. YOU WOULD BE MOST WELCOME.

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London SW1A 2AH

24 June 1992

Dear Stephen,

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Falkland Islands Celebrations: Message from the
Prime Minister

In your letter of 5 June you recorded the Prime Minister's approval of a message. The Governor of the Falklands has asked us to convey the following reply to the Prime Minister.

"I should like to thank you on behalf of all in the Falkland Islands for your most kind and welcome message on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the liberation of the Islands on 14 June.

Islanders remain eternally grateful to the British Armed Forces and people and to Her Majesty's Government for the restoration of their freedom in 1982 and subsequent support in maintaining it.

They will do all they can to continue to develop these islands with great care, to preserve their essential character while benefiting from the advantages of the fishery and possibly, in due course, oil. Their loyalty to Britain remains steadfast.

We shall all hope it will be possible for you to visit the islands before too long. You would be most welcome".

S L Gass

(S L Gass)
Private Secretary

J S Wall Esq CMG LVO
10 Downing Street

Argentina

PRIME MINISTER

c. Mr. Thatcher
Detectives

FALKLAND ISLANDS SERVICE

1. You are expected to arrive at St. Paul's at 1040.
2. At the end of the service, after the singing of the National Anthem, the Ecclesiastical Procession will start to process from the High Altar. At the same time the Ushers will approach you and CSD (you will both be seated alongside the Centre Aisle with CSD immediately astern of you) to conduct you down the Aisle. You will stand on the south side of the Aisle (left side as you approach the West Door) between the end of the nave seating and the West Door. For security reasons you will bid farewell to the Royal Family inside rather than outside the Cathedral.
3. It is suggested that Mr. Thatcher and Lady Lewin should remain in their seats until all members of the Royal Family have departed. The ushers will then invite them to leave.

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Detectives have
service sheets

23 July 1982



MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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MO 5/21

22nd July 1982

Dear Caroline,

FALKLAND ISLANDS SERVICE

This is to finalise the arrangements for the arrival and departure of the Prime Minister at the Falkland Islands Service on Monday 26th July.

It would be appreciated if the Prime Minister and Mr Thatcher would arrive at the Cathedral at 10.40 hours. This will allow time for them to be escorted to their seats by Ushers prior to the arrival of Members of the Royal Family.

At the end of the service, after the singing of the National Anthem, the Ecclesiastical Procession will start to process from the High Altar. At the same time the Ushers will approach the Prime Minister and CDS (who will both be seated alongside the Centre Aisle with CDS immediately astern of the Prime Minister) to conduct them down the Aisle. They will take up station on the South side of the Aisle (left side as they approach the West Door) between the end of the nave seating and the West Door. For security reasons they will bid farewell to the Royal Family inside rather than outside the Cathedral.

It is suggested that Mr Thatcher and Lady Lewin should remain in their seats until all Members of the Royal Family have departed. The Ushers will then invite them to leave.

Yours ever,

Jane Ridley

(J E RIDLEY)(MISS)

Miss Caroline Stephens

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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Argentina

19 July 1982

FALKLAND ISLANDS SERVICE

Thank you for your letter of 15 July.
As I confirmed on the telephone this afternoon, the Prime Minister would be happy to bid farewell to Her Majesty The Queen along with the Chief of Defence Staff after the Falkland Islands Service on Monday, 26 July.

CAROLINE STEPHENS

Miss Jane Ridley,
Ministry of Defence.

[Signature]

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MO 5/21

16th July 1982

Dear John,

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Prime Minister

To note.

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THE FALKLAND ISLANDS SERVICE

/ I enclose a copy of the final proof, which Sir Arthur Hockaday has just received from the Dean of St Paul's, of the Order of Service as submitted to Buckingham Palace.

Apart from one or two very minor changes of wording, the only change from the Order of Service as previously reported to Ministers is that, on page 9 of the proof, the hymn "Let saints on earth in concert sing" has been substituted for "Happy are they, They that love God". We regard this as an improvement both in text and in tune.

Finally, Sir Arthur has obtained a personal assurance that the final version will have, probably at the top of page 6, a heading "Thanksgiving" in type as bold as that used for the headings of the other two sections on pages 9 and 12. The omission of this heading was apparently a mechanical oversight.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to other OD(SA) members and to David Wright (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever

Jane Ridley
(J E RIDLEY)

John Coles Esq

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ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL



THE
FALKLAND ISLANDS
SERVICE



Monday 26 July 1982

11 a.m.

ORDER OF SERVICE

At 10.40 the Dean and Chapter together with the Bishop of London and the Archbishop of Canterbury leave the Dean's Aisle and move in procession to the West Door of the Cathedral.

At 10.40 the Cathedral Choir, the College of Minor Canons, the visiting clergy, the Prebendaries and other church dignitaries proceed from the Dean's Aisle to their places in Quire.

At 10.43 the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs arrive at the Cathedral and are received at the West Door by the Dean and Chapter together with the Bishop of London and the Archbishop of Canterbury.

At 10.45 the Members of the Royal Family are received at the West Door by the Dean and Chapter together with the Bishop of London and the Archbishop of Canterbury, and are then conducted to the Chapel of St Michael and St George.

At 10.55 the Members of the Royal Family leave the Chapel of St Michael and St George and move in procession to their seats under the Dome.

At 10.56 Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother is received at the West Door by the Dean and Chapter together with the Bishop of London and the Archbishop of Canterbury.

At 10.58 Her Majesty The Queen arrives at the Cathedral. Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh are received at the foot of the steps by the Lord Mayor, who, bearing the Pearl Sword, precedes Her Majesty and His Royal Highness and those in attendance to the West Door of the Cathedral.

Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh are received at the West Door by the Dean and Chapter together with the Bishop of London and the Archbishop of Canterbury.

At 11.00 Her Majesty's Procession passes through the Nave, and Their Majesties and His Royal Highness are conducted to their seats under the Dome.

The Congregation are asked to stand for the Ecclesiastical Processions, and for each of the Royal Processions.

When *our Majesties and His Royal Highness have taken their places, all join in singing*

HYMN

365 (AMR)

PRAISE, my soul, the King of heaven,
To his feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me his praise should sing?
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us,
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him,
Dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Words HENRY FRANCIS LYTE
(1793—1847)

Music Praise my soul
JOHN GOSS (1800—1880)
Organist of St Paul's, 1838—1872

The congregation remain standing for

THE BIDDING

by

THE VERY REVEREND ALAN WEBSTER,

Dean of St Paul's

WE meet to worship God. We thank him for the cessation of hostilities in the South Atlantic and for the courage, determination and endurance of those who took part, and for the safe return of so many.

We remember the fallen and commend them to God's keeping. May he work in them the good purpose of his perfect will. We pray for the wounded and all who care for them. We seek to share the sufferings of those who mourn, and pray that God may strengthen them now and in the years ahead.

We pray for reconstruction in the Falkland Islands and for the reunion of divided families. We pray for peace and reconciliation in the South Atlantic. Let this service unite us, strengthen our spirit and sustain our hopes so that we commit ourselves to be makers of peace in a divided world.

Then the Chaplain of the Fleet THE VENERABLE RAYMOND ROBERTS, QHC, MA, *shall lead the congregation in prayers of thanksgiving, saying*

Let us pray

LET us thank God for his goodness and his mercy; and as we remember with gratitude all acts of bravery and compassion, let us say together the General Thanksgiving.

All say together

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you most humble and hearty thanks for all your goodness and loving kindness to us and to all men. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And give us, we pray, such a sense of all your mercies that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth your praise, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN

3 (HHT)

ALL my hope on God is founded;
 He doth still my trust renew.
 Me through change and chance he guideth,
 Only good and only true,
 God unknown,
 He alone
 Calls my heart to be his own.
 Pride of man and earthly glory,
 Sword and crown betray his trust;
 What with care and toil he buildeth,
 Tower and temple, fall to dust.
 But God's power,
 Hour by hour,
 Is my temple and my tower.
 God's great goodness aye endureth,
 Deep his wisdom, passing thought:
 Splendour, light and life attend him.
 Beauty springeth out of nought,
 Evermore
 From his store
 New-born worlds rise and adore.
 Daily doth th' Almighty Giver
 Bounteous gifts on us bestow;
 His desire our soul delighteth,
 Pleasure leads us where we go.
 Love doth stand
 At his hand;
 Joy doth wait on his command.
 Still from man to God eternal
 Sacrifice of praise be done,
 High above all praises praising
 For the gifts of Christ his Son.
 Christ doth call
 One and all:
 Ye who follow shall not fall.

All sit for

THE FIRST LESSON

read by

MRS. ROSALIND GOODFELLOW J.P.
 Moderator of the United Reformed Church

IT shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised up above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it, and many nations shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall decide for strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; but they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree, and none shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

Micah 4. 1—4

REMEMBRANCE

A member of the Task Force says

REMEMBER before God those who died in the conflict.
 "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms."

Deuteronomy 33. 27

The congregation shall stand to sing

HYMN

272 first tune (AMR)

LET saints on earth in concert sing
 With those whose work is done;
 For all the servants of our King
 In heaven and earth are one.
 One family, we dwell in him,
 One Church, above, beneath;
 Though now divided by the stream,
 The narrow stream of death.
 One army of the living God,
 To his command we bow:
 Part of the host have crossed the flood,
 And part are crossing now.

E'en now to their eternal home
There pass some spirits blest:
While others to the margin come,
Waiting their call to rest.

Jesu, be thou our constant guide;
Then, when the word is given,
Bid Jordan's narrow stream divide,
And bring us safe to heaven.

Words C. WESLEY & others

Music Dundee
Psalms (Edinburgh, 1615)

All sit for

THE SECOND LESSON

read by

THE REVEREND DAVID COOPER, AKC, CF,
Chaplain, the Second Battalion, The Parachute Regiment

SEEING the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so men persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 5. 1—12

Then follows

THE ANTHEM

AND I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Words Revelation 21. 1—4

Music EDGAR BAINTON (1880—1956)

The congregation remain seated for

THE SERMON

by

THE MOST REVEREND AND RIGHT HONOURABLE
ROBERT RUNCIE, M.C., M.A., D.D., ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY,
PRIMATE OF ALL ENGLAND AND METROPOLITAN

THE PRAYERS

FOR THE WOUNDED written and led by

THE RIGHT REVEREND PROFESSOR JOHN MCINTYRE, D.D., D.Litt.,
Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland

Let us pray

O CHRIST, our Master and Redeemer, you were wounded for the salvation of all mankind, your body broken for the peace of the world. Hear us, therefore, as now we commend to your loving care all who have been wounded in body, mind or spirit in recent conflict: the dead, the maimed and disabled, the mentally distraught, all for whom life will never now be the same. Grant them healing of body and mind, strengthening of spirit and confidence, and whatever the future hold for them, the encouragement of good companionship and of understanding love, for your dear sake. *Amen.*

FOR REMEMBRANCE written and led by

CARDINAL BASIL HUME

Archbishop of Westminster

LORD, our God, you guide your creation with fatherly care. Your will is to gather all peoples as one family in yourself. Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears, so that we may not only be called your sons and daughters, but live as true brothers and sisters in Christ your Son.

GOD our Father, in whom the dead find life, listen we beseech you to our prayers. Grant that all who have fallen in battle may find in you the peace that this world cannot give, and enjoy eternal life.

God our Father, you know how saddened we are by the death of those for whom our loss is great. We ask you to comfort and console those who mourn and grieve.

We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

All stand for the sounding of

THE LAST POST

Silence is kept for two minutes

Then follows

REVEILLE

PEACE AND RECONCILIATION

A member of the Task Force says

JESUS said: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

John 14. 27

All join in singing

METRICAL PSALM 23

THE Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; he leadeth me,
The quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear none ill;
For thou art with me, and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint;
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me:
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling-place shall be.

Words Scottish Psalter, 1650

Music Crimond
J. S. IRVINE 1836—1887

The congregation sit for

THE THIRD LESSON

read by

THE REVEREND DR. DOUGLAS WEBSTER,

Canon in Residence

THEREFORE, putting away falsehood, let every one speak the truth with his neighbour, for we are members one of another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil. Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labour, doing honest work with his hands, so that he may be able to give to those in need. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for edifying, as fits the occasion, that it may impart grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, in whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamour and slander be put away from you, with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Ephesians 4. 25—end

THE PRAYERS

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *led by*

THE RIGHT REVEREND AND RIGHT HONOURABLE GRAHAM LEONARD, M.A., D.D.,
Lord Bishop of London

LET us confess our sins, in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all men.

All say together

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our fellow men, in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

The Bishop says

ALMIGHTY God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR PEACE *written and led by*

THE REVEREND KENNETH GREET, D.D.,

Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council

GOD our Father, we praise you for the gospel of reconciliation. We thank you for the work of the Holy Spirit drawing the scattered flock of Christ into a deeper unity. May this be a sign of hope to our divided world. Enable us, who bear your Name, to be instruments of your peace and ever to believe that the peace for which we pray is possible; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOD of all nations, we thank you for the concern for peace which grows in the hearts and minds of ordinary people the world over. Use that concern to create the structures of peace and a new atmosphere of cooperation. Help us to identify the common enemies of all mankind and to work together for the eradication of poverty, hunger and disease. Give us the will to build defences against these instead of against each other; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

ETERNAL God, as the rainbow spans the heavens when the clouds are dark, so our strifes and enmities stand under the judgement of your over-arching love and righteousness. We thank you for those who were in former times our enemies, but are now our friends. Grant that the work of reconciliation may now bring lasting peace to the South Atlantic, and justice and security for all the peoples of the earth; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Let us say the Lord's Prayer together

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

Then, all kneeling, the ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY pronounces

THE BLESSING

All stand to sing

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

GOD save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen!
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us;
God save the Queen!

Thy choicest gifts in store
On her be pleased to pour,
Long may she reign.
May she defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice
God save the Queen!

Arr. GORDON JACOB (1895—1982)

Then the Dean and Chapter with the Bishop of London and the Archbishop of Canterbury conduct Her Majesty The Queen, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, and other members of the Royal Family to the West Door. The Lord Mayor, bearing the Pearl Sword, precedes Her Majesty The Queen.

The Cathedral Choir, the College of Minor Canons, the visiting clergy, the Prebendaries and other church dignitaries proceed from the Quire, and return to the Dean's Aisle.

Members of the congregation are asked to remain in their places until it is indicated by the ushers that they are free to depart.



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① Mr. Whitmore *16 vii*
② Prime Minister
agree?

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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15th July 1982

*Am I the right person to do it?
I shouldn't like to intrude any
political element into this service*
me.

Dear Caroline,

FALKLAND ISLANDS SERVICE

As I mentioned to you over the telephone, it has been suggested that the Prime Minister and the Chief of the Defence Staff might say farewell to HM The Queen after the Falkland Islands Service on Monday 26th July.

I should be grateful if you would ask the Prime Minister whether she would be willing to do this. If she were, arrangements would simply be made for her and for the CDS to leave their seats ahead of The Queen and Prince Philip so as to be in position at the West Door to bid them farewell at the end of the Service.

Miss Stephens.

The Prime Minister has arrived this morning with the CDS, King's Ship and we are concerned that it would be all right for her to do what the MOD are proposing. Can you let them know pl.

(JANE RIDLEY)(MISS)

Yours ever,
Jane Ridley

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Miss C Stephenson



MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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MO 5/21

14th July 1982

Dear Murolo,

As the Prime Minister announced in the House there is to be a national service for the South Atlantic Campaign - "the Falkland Islands Service" - in St Paul's Cathedral on Monday 26th July at 11 am.

The overall seating allocations are, of course, dictated by the capacity in St Paul's Cathedral. At the moment we envisage that some 600 seats should be allocated to the next of kin of the British dead; and about 1000 to a group which, with strong emphasis on units and ships involved in the conflict, should represent the Services, the Merchant Navy (including the National Union of Seamen), the Dockyards, NAAFI and similar organisations, and the civilian ports and shipbuilders involved. In addition some 500 seats should be allocated to the Royal Party (20), the Cabinet (40), junior Ministers (30), other Members and Peers (120), Ministry of Defence, Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Home Civil Service with particular emphasis on those directly involved (190), and 100 representatives from other countries. This would leave about 400 seats available for the general public and these will be allocated by ballot.

I understand that you have agreed that the 120 places for other Members of both Houses of Parliament should be allocated through the usual channels. A suitable division might be: 70 for the Labour Opposition (to cover both front and backbenchers), 30 for Government backbenchers and 20 for the non-Labour Opposition parties. We shall invite Mr Speaker ourselves. It is, of course, open to you and the other Whips' offices to decide whether these 120 seats should be allocated to Members and Peers only or whether some at least (arguably the most senior) should be invited to bring spouses.

We have already received requests for tickets from three Conservative Members, Ian Gow, John Wilkinson and Giles Shaw. No promises have, however, been made to them.

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PRIME MINISTER

cc Sir Robert Armstrong

FALKLANDS: OD(SA)15th July

The main purpose of the meeting will be to review the arrangements for the Falklands Service at St Pauls on 26 July. These are summarised in the paper by MOD officials circulated under a note by the Secretaries of 9 July (OD(SA)(82)70), with the changes described in the Defence Secretary's minute to you of 12 July. These arrangements appear satisfactory. Sir Arthur Hockaday (MOD) will again be present.

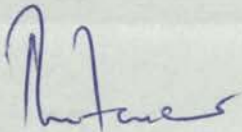
2. As agreed at OD(SA) on 12 July, the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary is preparing proposals on the representatives of foreign and Commonwealth Governments who might be invited to the service, and he will present these to the Sub-Committee orally. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office is having difficulty in producing a list which will not appear invidious in one respect or another. Not all the Commonwealth Governments, for example, were equally helpful during the crisis; and Community representation is complicated by the problem of the Irish Republic, which was particularly unhelpful both over sanctions and at the United Nations. But to leave the Irish Republic out if all the other Community countries were invited would be a public gesture of disapproval which could attract criticism inter alia on the grounds that, whatever the attitude of the Irish Government, the Republic was the only foreign country which had citizens actually fighting with the British forces in the Falklands. Possible solutions might be to invite no foreign representatives at all except the Secretary-General of the Commonwealth; or simply to make it known informally to selected Ambassadors and High Commissioners that seating would be limited (because of the need to give seats to as many relatives as possible of those who had taken part in the campaign) but that they would of course be welcome to attend if they wished.

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3. The timing and modalities of decisions to lift the current United Kingdom restrictions against Argentina (the Total Exclusion Zone, 12 Mile restriction, economic sanctions and freeze of Argentine assets) are due to be considered at a meeting of OD(FAF) early next week on the basis of an inter-departmental paper being prepared by officials. This will also take account of the views expressed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in his minute of 12 July.

Submitted —
to you
separately.


for A D S GOODALL

14 July 1982

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Would you now consult the usual channels in both Houses and let me have nominations, with spouses as appropriate, as soon as possible.

I am copying this letter to Willie Rickett (No 10), Michael Pownall (Lords Whip's Office), David Heyhoe (Lord President's Office) and David Wright (Cabinet Office). I am also enclosing an extra copy of this letter should you wish to pass it to Mr Speaker for information.

Yours ever,

John Ridley

(J E RIDLEY)

PRIME MINISTER

Falkland Islands Service

The Bishop of London is coming to lunch today. He rang this morning to ask whether he could have five minutes with you afterwards.

He says that he is very disturbed at the way the St. Paul's Service is shaping up. The Canon in residence has apparently appealed to him to do something to control the Dean who is changing his mind with great frequency. I am not sure that the Bishop has anything very definite to suggest to you, except that he believes you should enlist the Archbishop to control the Dean. But I think it might be useful to see him - he is clearly on our side and was very critical of the radio interview given this morning by Dr. Griet.

I have told the Bishop that I will tell him on arrival whether he could stay behind afterwards. Agree?

A.J.C.

14 July 1982

MR. WHITMORE *hah*
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cc Mr. Catford

Falkland Islands Service

The Bishop of London had a word about this with the Prime Minister after lunch today.

His main point was that, even when the form of Service had been agreed, there was no guarantee that the Dean of St. Pauls would follow it. On past form, he might well insert changes or additions at the last moment. The Bishop considered it essential that the Prime Minister should invoke the help of the Archbishop (or even The Queen) in ensuring that once the Order of Service was agreed it was not modified in any way. The Prime Minister said that when she had seen the agreed Order of Service she would write to the Archbishop of Canterbury in the sense proposed by the Bishop.

On a different point, the Bishop of London said that he wished to float the idea that the form of this year's Cenotaph Service should be modified to include a reference to those who had been lost in the Falkland Islands. This would be a completely new departure since the form of Service had never been changed before. The Prime Minister said that she would reflect on the idea and asked the Bishop to write to her about it.

A. J. C.

14 July 1982



CONFIDENTIAL AND PERSONAL

MR. WHITMORE ✓

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Falkland Islands Service

I have seen a copy of the Secretary of State's minute of 12th July. *att*

2. We have good reason to believe that Cardinal Hume will not object to one Lesson being read by the Chaplain of 2 Para. Indeed we believe that he would have been willing to accept that a Lesson might be read by a Combatant member of the Task Force. There is no reason to suppose that he will object to what is proposed in paragraph 2(d) of the Secretary of State's minute.

Robert Armstrong

13th July 1982



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From the Principal Private Secretary

13 July 1982

Dear Jane,

THE FALKLAND ISLANDS SERVICE

The Prime Minister has seen your Secretary State's minute of 12 July 1982 about the Falkland Islands Service and, as I told you on the telephone this morning, is content with the position as set out by Mr Nott in paragraph two. She agrees that the Dean should now be asked to put these latest proposals forcefully to the Cardinal and Dr Greet.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Private Secretaries to other members of OD(SA) and to David Wright (Cabinet Office).

Yours sincerely,

Mike Whinnery

Miss Jane Ridley,
Ministry of Defence.

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MO 5/21

Prime Minister

Agree that we should tell
the Dean to go ahead on
his basis with the Cardinal
and Dr Greet?

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PRIME MINISTERTHE FALKLAND ISLANDS SERVICE

Following our discussion in OD(SA) this morning Sir Arthur Hockaday had a meeting with the Dean and the Precentor of St. Paul's Cathedral at which he left them in no doubt regarding your views.

2. On the specific points at issue the following position was reached:-

(a) The second sentence of Dr Greet's third prayer will be amended to read "We thank you for those who, in former times our enemies, are now our friends" in order to make clear that it refers to enemies in past wars such as the Germans.

(b) The suggestion that one lesson should be read by the Chaplain of 2 Para. was warmly received by the Dean and the Precentor, who did not believe that either the Cardinal or Dr Greet would object to it. The St Paul's tradition that one lesson is normally read by the Canon in Residence could be met by having three lessons.

(c) The Dean regards himself as committed beyond recall by his invitation to the Moderator of the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church to read a lesson. She is, contrary to what we have all hitherto assumed, a lay person Mrs Rosalind Goodfellow JP. She is reported to be a robust person of no pacifist leanings.

(d) To meet our insistence upon a contribution from a combatant member of the task force, the Dean and the Precentor



have suggested that one or two junior members of the task force, to be selected by us, should lead the congregation from one section of the service to the next with an appropriate sentence or two of scripture, they would do this immediately after the first lesson and immediately after the Silence following reveille, and their names would appear in the order of service.

3. If this is acceptable to us the St. Paul's authorities will be very ready to put it to the Cardinal and Dr Greet with a strong recommendation that the service would be unbalanced without a contribution from a direct participant in the events which are its occasion. They believe that this would be easier for the Cardinal to accept than the reading of a lesson, and that if the Cardinal accepted Dr Greet would follow suit. I believed that the arrangements outlines above would sufficiently meet, albeit in a different form, our desire for the participation of a combatant member of the task force. If you agree, my officials will ask the Dean to put these proposals forcefully to the Cardinal and Dr Greet.

4. I am copying this minute to our OD(SA) colleagues and Sir Robert Armstrong.

J. Ridley
(draft approved by the
Secretary of State and signed
in his absence)

Ministry of Defence
12th July 1982



10 DOWNING STREET

Prime Minister

I understand that the Defence Secretary has moved to the conclusion, since this paper was written, that it would be better to abandon the St. Paul's service and instead have a service under military auspices on Horse Guards Parade.

Mr. Nott wanted me to ~~use~~ warn you that he may take this line at ODSA.

A. S. C. $\frac{9}{7}$



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

9 July, 1982.

Falkland Islands: Service of Thanksgiving

As Tim Flesher told you during my absence in Rome on Wednesday, the Prime Minister is content with the arrangements described in Mr. Nott's minute of 5 July for the Service of Thanksgiving, and for the luncheon which the Lord Mayor is offering in the Guildhall. It was agreed in OD/SA yesterday that there would be further discussion of the Thanksgiving Service at OD/SA next Monday.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to the members of OD/SA and to David Wright (Cabinet Office).

A. J. COLES

Miss Jane Ridley,
Ministry of Defence.

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10 DOWNING STREET

MR. THATCHER

Do you wish to attend
the Thanksgiving Service at
St. Paul's at 1100 on Monday
26 July?

8 July 1982

Yes. and
have changed
my diary to
be done D 8/7



10 DOWNING STREET

Mr Coles (w)

Mr MHA feels there are still
some issues in the Service of
Thanksgiving, such as the title
of the service, on which Mr SA
should be consulted. He will
put a paper round at the weekend
for the meeting next Monday.

Wm

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John

I have told Defence
by phone of the PM's
agreement. you may
wish to confirm in
writing

MO 5/21

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Prime Minister

Context with arrangements for
St. Paul's service and for Guildhall
Luncheon?

2. You will note that a march through
the City is not envisaged. I understand
that the MOD and the Services feel that
this would not be appropriate.

A.S.C. 6/7

PRIME MINISTER

FALKLAND ISLANDS - SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

In OD(SA) on 1st July we had some discussion of the proposed service of thanksgiving and remembrance. You informed the House of Commons on the same afternoon that the service would take place, and my officials are in touch with the Dean of St Paul's concerning its form. They are well aware of the points which have caused you concern.

2. The seating capacity for the service will be about 2,500 or slightly fewer if TV and radio facilities are provided. I believe that the emphasis should be on the attendance of those closely connected with the campaign. I would suggest that some 600 seats should be allocated to the next of kin of the British dead; and about 1000 to a group which, with strong emphasis on units and ships involved in the conflict, should represent the Services, the Merchant Navy (including the National Union of Seamen), the Dockyards, NAAFI and similar organisations, and the civilian ports and shipbuilders involved. In addition some 500 seats should be allocated to the Royal Party (20), the Cabinet (40), other representatives of the Government (30), opposition parties (50), other MPs (70), Ministry of Defence, Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Home Civil Service with particular emphasis on those directly involved (190), and 100 representatives from other countries. This would leave about 400 seats available for the general public and I would suggest that these should be allocated by ballot.

This should
include
Cabinet Office.
A.S.C. 6/7.



3. I would be grateful if colleagues would signify their agreement to these general proposals. If they are acceptable I suggest we should discuss briefly the way in which invitations should be extended to the other parties and MPs. Perhaps the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary could suggest a suitable list of representatives from other countries.

4. As regards other ceremonies I understand that the City authorities are considering whether the Lord Mayor might offer a buffet luncheon in Guildhall for about 1300 people, of whom as many as possible would be members of the Task Force and next of kin of the fallen. No Royal participation is envisaged, but I understand that there has been a suggestion that you, the Lord Mayor, and the Chief of the Defence Staff might conduct a "walk-about" among the guests following the luncheon.

5. I should like to encourage this idea. It would be a signal mark of appreciation of the achievements of the Task Force and the principles that they vindicated. At the same time it would be distinguishable from the ceremonies that have in the past marked victories gained in wars where our national survival has been at stake. I understand that it is the only ceremony which the City authorities are envisaging and that they have not suggested that there should be a march through the City.

Agreed re.
6. I should be grateful for your early agreement and that of colleagues, both to enable planning to go forward and to anticipate possible leaks from within the City.

7. I am copying this minute to OD(SA) colleagues and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

Ministry of Defence

5th July 1982

J. E. Ridley
(draft approved by the Secretary of State and signed on his behalf.)

MR. WHITMORE

Service of Thanksgiving

Sir Arthur Hockaday rang again this morning.

I told him that the Prime Minister thought it would be much more appropriate for the Chief of Defence Staff or C. in C. Fleet to read a lesson and that she did not wish to herself. He had just been speaking to the Dean of St. Paul's again and had learnt that there was now a prospect of the Duke of Edinburgh reading a lesson, though no firm decision had yet been taken.

It was now less likely that there would be any attempt to include in the Order of Service either the Lord's Prayer in Spanish or an extract from the Pope's sermon in Coventry. Today's Telegraph leader, on the theme that this was an occasion for the "British Family", had been taken to heart by the Dean.

But a fresh difficulty had arisen about the title of the Service. Cardinal Hume had argued very strongly that the reference to "Liberation of the Falkland Islands" should be deleted because "liberation" had special significance in Roman Catholic theology, especially in South America. The Dean attached great importance to the Service not creating difficulties between the Churches and therefore proposed that the title of the Service should be simply "The Falkland Islands Service".

A.J.C.

5 July 1982

MR WHITMORE

1. Prime Minister.
I agree with Mr Gyles. I don't want you
put you now to read a sermon. We shall have
more problems with his service before we are finished,
and the less your personal participation in it the
better.

Service of Thanksgiving

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*It would be much
more appropriate for CDS
or Civil
Staff to
read the sermon.*
Sir Arthur Hockaday rang to say that he had had a
useful meeting with the Dean of St. Paul's and his
Precentor this afternoon.

*if I did, - it would be misinterpreted and
have a bad taste. No position
in my
view!*
It was now agreed that the title of the service would
be: "A Service of Thanksgiving for the liberation of the
Falkland Islands and in remembrance of the fallen".

The Dean had agreed not to put the word "reconciliation"
in the title of the service but he envisaged a service divided
into three sections:-

- a) Thanksgiving
- b) Remembrance, ending with the Last Post and the Reveille
- c) Peace and reconciliation.

The Dean wanted the Order of Service to contain a heading
at the appropriate point to make clear that the last section
was devoted to peace and reconciliation. This section would
consist of Psalm 23, prayers for peace
and The Lord's Prayer. Sir Arthur Hockaday pointed
out that the prayers for peace would be led by Dr. Kenneth Greet.
He had recently published adverse comments on the Falklands
campaign in the Guardian but he has written a letter, I think
to the Dean, which Sir A. Hockaday has seen and which makes it
clear that he will participate in the service in his representative
capacity and will not use the occasion to propagate his personal
views. Sir Arthur believed he would behave responsibly.

/As to the Lord's

As to The Lord's Prayer, the idea that it would be said in Spanish as well as English has been abandoned. But the Dean is for the moment keeping open the idea that the Order of Service might contain a Spanish translation of The Lord's Prayer as well as an extract from the Pope's sermon in Coventry. However, the outline of the service will now be put to the various ecclesiastical authorities without these additions and whether they are added or not will depend on the reply received from Cardinal Hume.

The Dean enquired whether the the Prime Minister would be willing to read a lesson. The suggestion was that she should read the First Lesson which will be Micah, Chapter 4, verses 1-4. Sir Arthur Hockaday pointed out that verse 3 reads:-

"And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

The plan is for the Second Lesson which will be Matthew, Chapter 5, verses 1-9, to be read by the Canon in Residence. Hockaday believed that if the Prime Minister wished to read this lesson instead, St. Paul's would accept this. They would particularly like a decision by the Prime Minister on this question early next week and I told Sir Arthur Hockaday that we would try to meet this deadline.

If the Prime Minister declines, it is possible that the Chief of the Defence Staff will be invited to read a lesson.

My own instinct^{is} that with all the uncertainties that remain about the service the Prime Minister would be well advised not to read a lesson.

It need - it would be wrong for me to do so.
A. J. C.

2 July 1982



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