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Thank you for your letter of 11 May to the Prime Minister about the Falkland crisis and the attitude of the Irish Government.

The Prime Minister was grateful for the concern and sympathy which you expressed, and has noted the points which you made. You may have seen that in the House of Commons on 24 May the Prime Minister expressed her disappointment at the attitude adopted by the Irish Government over European Community sanctions against Argentina. But she added that it would not be to the United Kingdom's advantage to discontinue talks on issues of interest to us. The United Kingdom has much to gain from increased coperation and, as part of the United Kingdom, Northern Ireland stands to gain from that process, in a way which does not undermine its position within the United Kingdom.

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