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Possible visit by the P.R.

to the Falklands.

I should like the attached papers  
and all subsequent papers on this  
subject to be placed in a  
"Cabinet A" file, described  
Top Secret, and handled  
accordingly.

Only Mr. Butler and I should  
have access to it.

A. J. C.  $\frac{15}{11}$



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Signed J. Gray Date 13/2/2013

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13 JAN 1983

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FROM PRIME MINISTER FOR CBF. QUOTE WONDERFUL. THE BEST LEAVING PRES-  
ENT WE COULD HAVE HAD AT THE END OF A MARVELLOUS FOUR DAYS UNQUOTE

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Joint Force Commcen  
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FOR CBFASI FROM CBF PLEASE PASS TO PRIME MINISTER QUOTE YOU WILL  
WISH TO KNOW THAT COASTEL IS SAFELY PARKED IN ITS FINAL MOORING  
PLACE AND SECURE. THANK YOU FOR VISITING US UNQUOTE MANY THANKS

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TO FLASH THE ADMINISTRATOR ASCENSION ISLAND  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 1 OF 12 JANUARY

FOR ROBIN BUTLER, PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY, FROM TIMOTHY  
FLESHER, NO. 10.

STERLING OPENED TODAY AT DOLLARS 1.5825 AND CLOSED AT DOLLARS  
1.5788: OPENED AT DM 3.7267 AND CLOSED AT DM 3.7244: AND BOTH  
OPENED AND CLOSED AT 81.4. INTERVENTION WAS +6. THE BANK  
REPORT THAT TRADING WAS QUIET IN A THIN MARKET FOR MOST OF THE  
DAY. THE DOLLAR STRENGTHENED AGAINST MOST CURRENCIES WHEN THE  
U.S. DISCOUNT RATE WAS NOT REDUCED AS HAD BEEN EXPECTED.

THE THREE MONTH INTER-BANK RATE CLOSED AT 11 11/16, A FALL  
FROM THE MORNING WHEN IT WAS 11 7/8. GILTS FELL 3/4 (SHORTS)  
AND 1/2 (LONGS).

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MR. WALTERS' COMMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS: AT A MEETING BETWEEN  
THE CHANCELLOR AND THE GOVERNOR, MIDDLETON AND I URGED THAT  
FURTHER STRAIN BE TAKEN ON THE EXCHANGE RATE AND NOT ON INTEREST  
RATES. THE CHANCELLOR AGREED. THE BANK AGREED TO HOLD PRESENT  
INTEREST RATES "AS LONG AS POSSIBLE" IF THE SLIDE IN THE  
EXCHANGE RATE CONTINUED. ALL AGREED THAT THE REASONS FOR  
AVOIDING SUBSTANTIAL INTERVENTION STILL HELD.

THE CHANCELLOR WILL BE READY TO SEEM THE PRIME MINISTER  
DISCUSS THE SITUATION, INCLUDING THE POINTS MADE IN YOUR  
LETTER OF YESTERDAY, ON THE PRIME MINISTER'S RETURN.

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11 Jan 1982

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HMS ANTRIM (1300-1430)

Captain Brian YOUNG, DSO RN. Commanded the South Georgia operation, and the ship subsequently took part in the San Carlos landings. After a brief period in the UK ANTRIM sailed again for the South Atlantic in early November and leaves for UK with the rest of the group at the end of February. There are 450 men onboard.

Programme

1. Light lunch: Hosts

Captain Brian YOUNG, DSO	CO
Commander Peter AMBROSE	XO
Commander Michael MORGAN	MEO
Lt Cdr Ian STANLEY, DSO	FLT CDR (Helo pilot during South Georgia ops)
Captain WILKINS	MASTER RFA TIDESPRING
Captain WALKER	MASTER BRIT. TRENT
Captain BUCHANAN	MASTER BRIT. FORTH

2. Coffee in Wardroom

3. Address ship's company on Flight Deck. Present ANTRIM awards:

S/LT S COOPER	Mention in Despatches
PO(M) WELLS	BEM

LT CDR M J O'CONNELL	MID	)	
LT A PRINGLE	MID	)	
S/LT D E GRAHAM	MID	)	ACTUAL AWARDS NOT RECEIVED YET
MEMN(M) 1 T MILES	MID	)	
POACMN D B FITZGERALD	MID	)	
LMEM C CROWLEY	MID	)	

RFA FORT GRANGE (1520-1545)

Captain Barry RUTTERFORD RFA. The ship took part in Operation CORPORATE. She is a modern stores ship carrying food for the garrison and ships, naval stores and ammunition. She also carries 4 Seaking helicopters of 826 Naval Air Squadron (Lt Cdr David RAINES RN). FORT GRANGE was due to leave for the UK with the rest of the group at the end of February but the ship's company have just been informed that the ship will stay until the end of April.

The brief visit today will include the presentation of a Queens commendation for brave conduct to Engineer Officer Ian BOVEY RFA for his bravery when serving in RFA SIR GALAHAD.



MV STENA INSPECTOR (1555-1620)

Master - Captain John TURNBULL. This diving support ship was taken up from trade during CORPORATE and now serves as a Fleet Repair Ship. There is a large naval party on board, commanded by a naval engineer officer (Captain Stan MASON RN). The mix of RN/MN works very well, and the ship is likely to remain on station for most of 1983.

HMS CHARYBDIS (1620-1645)

Commander Niels WESTBERG RN. A newly converted Leander Class frigate equipped with Sea Wolf missiles. She arrived at the end of November with the rest of the group.

She is at present undergoing routine maintenance alongside STENA INSPECTOR and resumes patrol on 13 Jan.



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PORT STANLEY. 'IMMEDIATE. FOR BERNARD BINGHAM, CHIEF PRESS SECRETARY  
WITH THE PRIME MINISTER

ONPASS PRESS OFFICE NO 10 DOWNING STREET.

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FOLLOWING IS LPS SUMMARY OF FIRST EDITIONS OF PAPERS OF WEDNESDAY 12  
JANUARY 1983.

MAIN STORIES IN MOST PAPERS ARE REPORTS ON THE THREE CENT DROP IN  
STERLING WHICH FORCED UP BANKING RATES BY ONE PER CENT TO 11 (ELEVEN)  
PER CENT. STERLING HAS NOW LOST 12 (TWELVE) PER CENT OF ITS VALUE  
SINCE MID-NOVEMBER. THE US LEADING BANKS CUT THEIR PRIME LENDING  
RATES BY 0.5 (ZERODECIMALFIVE) PER CENT TO 11 (ELEVEN) PER CENT. THE  
F.TIMES SPLASH REPORTS THAT THE RISE HALTED THE POUND'S SLIDE. THE  
TIMES SAYS ON THE FRONT PAGE THAT MRS THATCHER CONTINUED HER PROGRESS  
AROUND THE FALKLAND ISLANDS BATHED IN THE WARM GLOW OF LOCAL  
HEROINE-WORSHIP AND PLEDGED THAT BRITAIN WOULD CONTINUE TO DEFEND THE  
COLONY FOR A LONG TIME TO COME. SHE SAID SHE HAD NO DOUBT THAT THE  
BRITISH PEOPLE WOULD BE PREPARED TO BEAR THE LONG-TERM HEAVY COST OF  
SUPPORTING THE ISLANDS AND MAINTAINING A GARRISON. THE REPORT ADDS  
THAT SHE DEFIANTLY DISMISSED ACCUSATIONS OF PROVOCATION FROM HER  
ADVERSARIES IN ARGENTINE AND OF PARTY POLITICAL EXPLOITATION FROM HER  
OPPONENTS AT HOME. SHE CONFIRMED THAT BRITAIN INTENDED TO REBURY 200  
(TWOHUNDRED) ARGENTINIAN WAR DEAD ON THE ISLANDS IN SUITABLE AND  
FITTING CEMETERIES. THERE ARE ALSO DETAILS OF THE COSTS INVOLVED IN  
BUILDING A NEW RUNWAY. THE ITEM ADDS THAT MRS THATCHER'S VISIT TO THE  
ISLANDS WILL HAVE RUN UP A POUNDS STERLING 150,000  
(ONEHUNDREDDANDFIFTYTHOUSAN) BILL FOR TRAVEL ALONE. THE F.TIMES  
QUOTES MRS THATCHER IN THEIR FRONT PAGE NEWS SUMMARY SAYING THAT THE  
ISLANDS ARE VERY BRITISH AND ARE BECOMING MORE SO. ITS MAIN REPORT IS  
ON PAGE FOUR UNDER THE HEADING: 'CHORUS OF CRITICISM GREET'S  
THATCHER'S FALKLANDS VISIT' SAYING THAT ARGENTINE'S CONTINUED STRONG  
CRITICISM WAS ECHOED BY OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. THE REPORT  
SAYS RENEWED EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT HAVE COME FROM  
VENEZUELA AND PERU. BRAZIL AND MEXICO HAVE FAILED TO COMMENT.  
ALTHOUGH BOTH FAVOUR ARGENTINA'S CLAIMS, THEY ADOPTED A MODERATE  
STANCE DURING THE FIGHTING. SPAIN'S SOCIALIST PARTY

AS ALSO  
DENOUNCED THE VISIT AS ARROGANT AND RIDICULOUS SAYS THE REPORT. THE  
REPORT, FROM BUENOS AIRES, ADDS, HOWEVER, THAT BOTH GOVERNMENT AND  
OPPOSITION LEADERS IN THE ARGENTINE HAVE BEEN CAREFUL TO EMPHASISE  
THAT THE DISPUTE WITH THE UK SHOULD BE RESOLVED BY NEGOTIATIONS.  
ADDITIONAL MATERIAL WILL FOLLOW AS SOON AS OTHER FIRST EDITIONS ARE  
AVAILABLE.

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FROM PORT STANLEY 121310Z JAN  
TO IMMEDIATE FCO  
DESKBY 121430Z JAN  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 021 OF 12 JANUARY

FOLLOWING FOR PRESS OFFICE 10 DOWNING STREET  
FROM PRESS SECRETARY

1. PRIME MINISTER WILL NOT (REPEAT NOT) HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON HER RETURN. SHE DOES NOT (NOT) WANT A PHOTOFACILITY.
2. IF PRESS PROTEST YOU SHOULD SAY THAT PRIME MINISTER DOES NOT (NOT) GIVE INTERVIEWS ON HER RETURN FROM OVERSEAS VISITS. SHE WILL HAVE BEEN IN THE AIR FOR AROUND 24 HOURS.
3. YOU WILL NEED TO CONTROL PHOTOGRAPHERS AND JOURNALISTS AT POINT OF ARRIVAL AND IN DOWNING STREET. PRESS MUST BE KEPT BEHIND BARRIERS.
4. YOU SHOULD LEAVE OPEN QUESTION OF PRIME MINISTER SEEING LOBBY ON THURSDAY AFTERNOON. BUT DO NOT (NOT) ENCOURAGE IDEA THAT SHE WILL GO AHEAD WITH IT. I SHALL RECOMMEND HER TO ABANDON IT.

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Composite Ammunition Company  
FI Log Bn  
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FREE FROM EXPLOSIVE CERTIFICATE

I certify that the following items **Gty 1 105mm**  
**Cartridge Case Lot 21 BLB 68**  
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have been subjected to a detailed inspection in accord-  
- ance with Ammunition and Explosive Regulations Volume  
2 Part 7 Section 2 such as to ensure that the consignment  
does not contain any live ammunition other explosive  
matter or chemical contamination.

Unit titles and address **Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher, MP**  
.....  
(Block Letters)

Date **11<sup>th</sup> January 1983**  
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Signature of certifying Officer / Warrant Officer..

.....  
*P. R. Courtney*

Rank and Name **Maj P. R. Courtney-Green, RADC** **SATO**  
.....  
(Block Letters)

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DINNER: TUESDAY 11 JANUARY

Poissons de la mer

Entrecote Bordelaise

Pommes chateau

Pommes neuf

Broccoli

Maize

Black Forest Gateau



PM + DT.

GUEST LIST FOR DINNER BRITANNIA HOUSE - TUESDAY 11 JANUARY

The Prime Minister  
Mr Denis Thatcher  
Admiral Sir John Fieldhouse  
Mr F E R Butler  
Mr A J Coles  
Mr B Ingham

Maj Gen D C Thorne CBE  
Col H A Woolnough OBE (Bertie) - Chief of Staff  
Gp Capt R A F Wilson AFC (Sandy) - Senior RAF Officer  
Col P W Symes (Paul) - Deputy Chief of Staff  
Col A E N Black OBE (Tony) - Commander Royal Engineers  
Capt R D Dalglish (Robin) - ADC

Army

Lt Col J G McLuckie (Jim) - Commander Communications  
WO1 A W Boag - RSM 266 Signal Squadron  
Lt Col D H Neville (Hastings) - 1 Royal Hampshires  
WO1 Le Galloudec - RSM 1 Royal Hampshires  
Lt Col J Mizen (John) - Commander Royal Engineers (Works)  
WO1 T D Armstrong - RSM 37 Engineer Regiment  
Maj M J T Hewetson (Mike) - OC 657 Squadron Army Air Corps  
Lt Col L H Brown MBE - CO Falkland Island Logistic Battalion  
WO1 Warren - RSM Falkland Island Logistic Battalion

RAF

Wg Cdr Rogers (Bob) - OC Operations  
Wg Cdr Cunniffe (Tom) - OC Administration  
Wg Cdr Terry (Colin) - OC Engineering Wing  
Wg Cdr Langham (Peter) - OC Phantom Detachment  
Wg Cdr Mayer (Martin) - OC Chinook Detachment  
WO J A Martin - Station Warrant Officer  
WO G S P Dimmer - General Engineering Technician  
FS D W Noble - Air Electronics Operator  
FS J W Harriman - Airframe Technician (Phantom)  
Chf Tech A P Wilson - Weapons Technician (Harrier)

RN

Cdr M D Sizeland (Mike) - Deputy Senior Naval Officer  
Lt Cdr J P de la Perelle (John) - Staff Officer (Operations)  
Capt S J Mason (Stan) - Captain of Stena Inspector  
Cdr D H Lines (David) - Senior Naval Officer MV Rangatira  
FCCT Wilkinson - Fleet Chief Communications Technician  
MAA Quade - Master at Arms  
CMEMN (P) Hotchkiss - Chief Marine Engineer Mechanical (Propulsion)  
CPO (Ops) (M) Allen - Chief Petty Officer (Ops) (Missiles)

Merchant Marine

Capt H Davies (Hugh) - Master of Rollicker  
Capt D Jarvis (Don) - Master of St Edmund  
Capt J W Hume (Jerry) - Master of Fort Toronto  
Capt H Reid (Hugh) - Master of Lycaon  
Capt G Overbury OBE (Gill) - Master of Sir Geraint



SEATING PLAN FOR DINNER AT BRITANNIA HOUSE

TUESDAY 11 JANUARY

Maj M J T Hewetson    Col H A Woolnough    Maj Gen D C Thorne    Cp Capt R A F Wilson    Mr D Thatcher  
Lt Col J G McLuckie    Wg Cdr C G Terry    The Prime Minister    Adm Sir John Fieldhouse    Lt Col D H Neville    Capt S J Mison

MAA Quade

Col A E N Black

Mr B Ingham

Wg Cdr M Meyer

WO1 Warren

Wg Cdr M B Langham

Lt Col L H Brown

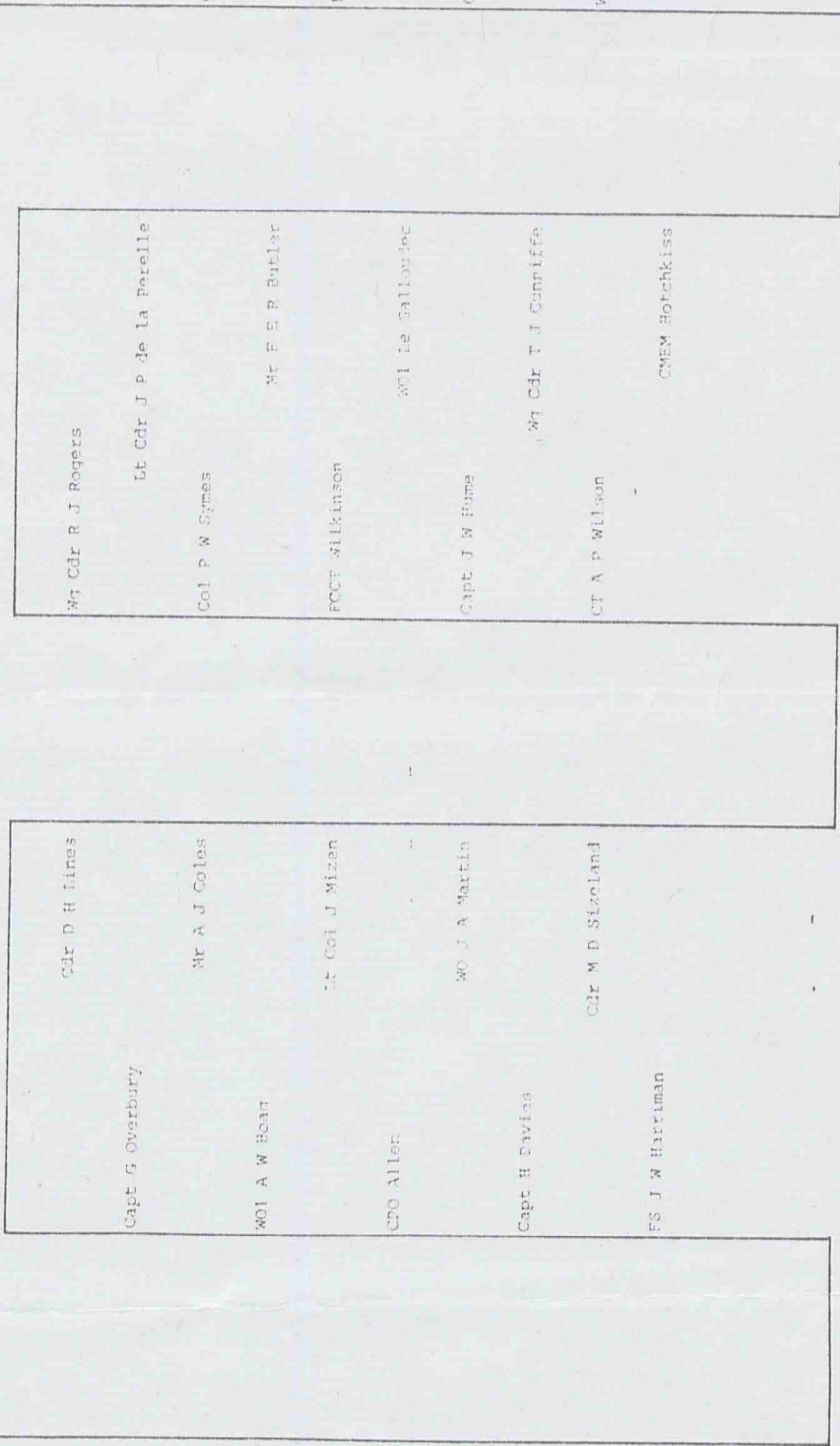
WO1 T D Armstrong

Capt D Jarvis

FS D W Noble

Capt H Reid

WO G S P Dimmer



Capt R D Dalglis



GUEST LIST FOR DRINKS PARTY AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE TUESDAY 11 JANUARY  
7.15 - 8.30PM

The Prime Minister  
Mr Denis Thatcher  
Admiral Sir John Fieldhouse GCB  
Mr F E R Butler  
Mr A J Coles  
Mr B Ingham

The Hon & Mrs F E Baker, Chief Secretary  
The Hon H Rowlands, Financial Secretary  
The Hon & Mrs W H Goss, Councillor  
The Hon & Mrs J E Cheek, Councillor  
The Hon & Mrs H Bennett, former Councillor  
Mr & Mrs S Miller, former Councillor  
Mr & Mrs S Wallace, former Councillor  
Mr & Mrs H L Bound  
Mr & Mrs V T King, Government Printer  
Mr & Mrs G Malcolm, Rose Hotel & Falkland Islands Committee  
Mr & Mrs D J Sollis, ex-Captain, mv Forrest  
Rev & Mrs H Bagnall, Christchurch Cathedral  
Monsignor D Spraggon, St Mary's  
Father A Monaghan, St Mary's  
Mr & Dr M Bleaney, Senior Medical Officer  
Mr & Mrs N Bennett  
Mr P Watts, Falkland Islands Broadcasting Station  
Mr R S Whitley, Veterinary Officer  
Mr & Mrs R Buckett, PATA & Social Worker  
Miss K Timberlake, Nursing Sister, KEMH  
Miss B Williams, Nursing Sister, KEMH  
Mr & Mrs S Booth, Librarian  
Mr & Mrs G W Cheek, Director Civil Aviation  
Mr & Mrs L J Halliday, Customs and Harbour Master  
Mr & Mrs J Fowler, Superintendent of Education  
Mr & Mrs A Chater, Camp Education Department  
Mr & Mrs J Baylis, Headmaster, Senior School  
Mr D Evans, Headmaster, Junior School  
Miss J J Gant, Matron, KEMH  
Mr & Mrs R G W Lamb, Chief Police Officer  
Sgt C Walter, Metropolitan Police  
Mr W A Etheridge, Posts & Telecommunications  
Mr D L Clifton, Philatelic Bureau  
Mr J Brodrick, Director of Public Works  
Mr & Mrs D J Turner, Building Superintendent  
Mr & Mrs P G Summers, Deputy Chief Secretary  
Mr A J Reid, Development Officer  
Mr M Gaiger, Attorney General  
Miss E Thomas, Registrar General  
Dr & Mrs J A Ferguson, Grasslands Trials Unit  
Dr & Mrs T Davies, Grasslands Trials Unit  
Mr & Mrs H Milne, Consultant, Falkland Islands Company  
Mr & Mrs D King, Upland Goose Hotel  
Mr & Mrs J Stewart, Cable & Wireless Ltd  
Mr & Mrs D Davidson, Malvina Guest House  
Mr G Bound, Penguin News  
Mr & Mrs T Spruce, Falkland Islands Company



Mr & Mrs J T Clement, Sheepowners Association  
Mr & Mrs C Bertrand  
Miss M Booth, British Antarctic Survey  
Mr J Abbott  
Mr & Mrs R Watson, Dentist  
Dr B Marsden  
Mr J Brewster, Brewster Associates

Mr R Williams, Government House  
Mr & Mrs J Chandler, Government House  
Miss E Disney, Government House  
Miss R Goodwin, Government House  
Miss M Neville, Government House

Major General D C Thorne CBE  
Captain D S Dobson RN, Senior Naval Officer Falkland Islands  
Group Captain R A F Wilson AFC, Senior RAF Officer Falkland Islands  
Colonel H Woolnough, Chief of Staff  
Colonel P Symes, Deputy Chief of Staff  
Colonel A Black, CRE

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Joint Force Command  
Falkland Islands  
12 JAN 1983  
266 Signal Squadron  
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TELEGRAM NUMBER 020 OF 11 JANUARY  
FROM BUTLER, PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY  
FOR FLESHER, 10 DOWNING STREET

1. Please pass the following to Kerr, Chancellor of the  
Exchequer's Office.

BEGINS

The Prime Minister was grateful for the Chancellor's message about  
the Exchange Rate and Interest Rates. She was sorry to hear the  
outcome of the day's activities but accepts that market pressures  
could not be resisted. She was interested in three aspects which  
I expect that she will want to discuss with the Chancellor on  
return. The first is the reason for the heavy selling of Sterling.

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the second is why Barclays were leading the pressures for increased Interest Rates and the third is why in those circumstances the other Banks felt obliged to follow Barclays given that the authorities were signalling that they were not themselves aiming to protect Sterling through higher interest rates and were easing conditions in the market.

If it is practicable to deliver to us a report on developments tomorrow, please do so.





10 DOWNING STREET

Robert

Situation as at 17.30

After rise in interest rates, sterling  
rose sharply closing with an effective  
rate of 81.3, Dollar Rate 1.5820.

There is no need for a response to the  
Chancellor's Telegram but the PM  
may wish to do so.

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FM FCO 111943Z JAN 83  
TO FLASH PORT STANLEY  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 18 OF 11 JANUARY

FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM CABINET OFFICE

FOLLOWING IS A MESSAGE TO THE PRIME MINISTER FROM THE  
CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER.

## THE EXCHANGE RATE AND INTEREST RATES

1. THE EXCHANGE RATE, DOLLAR AND EFFECTIVE, AGAIN FELL SHARPLY TODAY. THIS WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A RISE IN INTER-BANK INTEREST RATES TO NEARLY 11 PER CENT THIS MORNING AND OVER 11 PER CENT THIS AFTERNOON.
2. I HELD A MEETING WITH THE BANK OF ENGLAND THIS MORNING AND MADE IT CLEAR THAT MY STRONG PREFERENCE WAS TO KEEP INTEREST RATES DOWN. THE BANK'S PROPOSAL WAS THAT ITS BILL DEALING RATE SHOULD GO UP AT 1215= BUT THE CONCLUSION WAS THAT THEY SHOULD BE MAINTAINED AT 10 PER CENT. BARCLAYS, WHO HAD ALREADY INDICATED THAT THEY WISHED TO RAISE THEIR BASE RATE FROM THE EXISTING LEVEL OF 10 PER CENT, WERE ASKED TO DEFER A DECISION FOR THE TIME BEING.
3. IN THE EVENT THE EXCHANGE RATE WEAKENED FURTHER AND INTER-BANK RATES ROSE ABOVE 11 PER CENT. BY 1430 THE EFFECTIVE RATE WAS 80.3 AND THE DOLLAR RATE 1.5635 .
4. BARCLAYS THEN MADE IT CLEAR THAT IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES A REQUEST TO THEM TO DELAY AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF AN INCREASE IN BASE RATES BEYOND THIS AFTERNOON WOULD MAKE IT VERY LIKELY THAT THE INCREASE ON 12 JANUARY WOULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY LARGER THAN THE ONE POINT RISE THEY WISHED TO MAKE TODAY. THE BANK'S ADVICE, WHICH I RELUCTANTLY ACCEPTED AT 1500, WAS THEREFORE NOT TO REQUEST A FURTHER DELAY AND THEREBY RUN THE RISK OF AN EVEN BIGGER MOVEMENT IN BASE RATES TOMORROW. *+natWest* BARCLAYS ANNOUNCED A ONE POINT RISE AT 1630 - THE OTHER CLEARERS WILL NO DOUBT FOLLOW SUIT. STERLING ROSE SHARPLY: BY 1730 TO AN EFFECTIVE RATE OF 81.3 AND A DOLLAR RATE OF 1.5820.
5. THE BRIEFING LINE MAKES IT PLAIN THAT THE INCREASE IN BASE RATES, WHICH WILL BE FOLLOWED BY AN INCREASE IN THE BANK OF ENGLAND'S DEALING RATES FOR BILLS TOMORROW, WAS NOT ENGINEERED BY THE AUTHORITIES. IT GOES ON TO SAY THAT IT WAS NEITHER DESIRABLE NOR FEASIBLE FOR THE AUTHORITIES TO RESIST THE MARKET DEVELOPMENTS WHICH PRODUCED THE RISE IN BASE RATES. THERE WAS NO EXCHANGE RATE TARGET, BUT THE EXCHANGE RATE HAD ALWAYS BEEN A FACTOR TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN ASSESSING MONETARY CONDITIONS AND DETERMINING THE AUTHORITIES' ATTITUDES TO INTEREST RATES. THE RECENT FALL IN THE EXCHANGE RATE REFLECTS MARKET UNCERTAINTIES ABOUT MONETARY CONDITIONS, DESPITE THE REASSURING POSITION ON THE PSBR AND THE MONETARY AGGREGATES. THE RISE IN INTEREST RATES WOULD REASSURE MARKETS THAT THE MONETARY CONDITIONS REQUIRED FOR THE CONTINUED CONTROL OF INFLATION WILL BE MAINTAINED.
6. I HAVE TALKED TO ALAN WALTERS ABOUT THESE DEVELOPMENTS - HE FULLY AGREED WITH THE ACTION WHICH HAD, IN THESE VERY DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES, TO BE TAKEN.
7. I AM SORRY TO HAVE TO SEND SUCH DEPRESSING NEWS.
8. BON VOYAGE.

MESSAGE ENDS

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SENT AT/RECD AT 111956Z MAD/RG





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From Flesher to Butler 1530Z

1. We have been unable to hold. Heavy selling brings down Sterling to 1.5640 (=80.4), still going down.
2. Inter Bank Rates up to 11 3/16ths. Barclays threatened to raise Base rates by 2% tomorrow unless allowed to raise by 1% today.
3. Chancellor and Middleton about to acquiesce, looks as if there is no alternative.
4. Advice from Chancellor/Middleton/Walters will follow on the way forward from here. Hope this will be available by 1500 hours (Falklands time) approx, though this will depend upon the outcome of today's meetings.

11 January 1983

A Logan  
Duty Clerk

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MARKET REPORT AS ~~At 1100 hours on~~ 11 JANUARY 1983

1. The Pound has fallen to 157.60 against the Dollar:  
DM                      3.68  
Effective Rate    80.7
2. Inter Bank Rates sharply up to 11%. Clearing Bank pressure to raise Base rate by 1%.
3. According to instructions PM gave last week and confirmed last night, these suggestions are being resisted but it is clear that there is market pressure for this increase.
4. At this stage the PM need only be informed. The situation falls into the category of the market taking the lead in this and there is nothing further to be done at the moment.

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TELEGRAM NUMBER 018 OF 11 JANUARY

FROM LOGAN, DUTY CLERK PM'S PARTY  
FOR CHRISTOPHERSON, NO 10

SOME OF YOUR ANSWERS, AS FOLLOWS:

1. TONIGHT'S MENU:-

ENTRECOTE BORDELAISE

POMMES CHATEAU

POMMES NEUF

BROCOLI

MAIZE

BLACK FOREST GATEAU

2. PM WAS WEARING A 2 PIECE SUIT (BLUE) JACKET AND SKIRT.

3. WEATHER. SURPRISINGLY BLUE SKY AND WARM MOST OF THE  
DAY. MOST UNUSUAL.

REST OF INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW LATER.

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VISIT OF VIP. ALPHA IS COS/10/1 OF 7 JAN 83. BRAVO IS COS/10/1 OF 10 JAN 83.  
ONE. DEPARTURE OF VIP AND PARTY IS FROM RAF STANLEY AT 0800 LOCAL ON WED 12 JAN.  
PROGRAMME FOR THAT DAY WHICH WAS PROMULGATED AT BRAVO IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE SECURITY  
COVER AND THEREFORE SUFFICIENT PLANNING IS BEING UNDERTAKEN TO SUSTAIN HIS CREDIBILITY.  
IN PARTICULAR PRESS VISIT TO CONSERVATION AREA WILL TAKE PLACE. TWO. PROGRAMME FOR 12 JAN  
IS AS FOLLOWS. ALPHA. 0535 - 0540. MILITARY COMMISSONER AND CNS TO TRIANGLE.  
ACCOMPANIED BY ADC, AND MAJ CHARTERIS.  
BRAVO. 0540 - 0545 VI. PARTY MOVE FROM GOVT HOUSE TO TRIANGLE.  
ACCOMPANIED BY RMP ESCORT AND 3 x PERSONAL STAFF.  
CHARLIE. 0545 - 0555 FLY TO TUMBLEDOWN.  
DELTA. 0555 - 0615 VISIT TUMBLEDOWN.  
ECHO. 0615 - 0625 FLY TO SEAL POINT.

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FOXTROT. 0625 - 0645. VISIT SEAL POINT.

GOLF. 0645 - 0700. FLY TO TRIANGLE. MOVE TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE/BRITANNIA HOUSE FOR BREAKFAST.

HOTEL. 0730 - 0735 MILITARY COMMISSIONER AND CNS MOVE TO TRIANGLE.

INDIA. 0735 - 0740 VIP PARTY FLY TO RAF STANLEY. COMPOSITION OF PARTY TO BE 2 x VIP, CIVIL COMMISSIONER, MILITARY COMMISSIONER, LADY HUNT, 4 x PERSONAL STAFF, CNS, ADC, RMP ESCORT.

JULIET. 0745 - 0750 BOARD AIRCRAFT. SRAFOFT TO BE IN ATTENDANCE.

KILO. 0800. DEPART.

LIMA. 0805 - 0815 CIVIL AND MILITARY COMMISSIONERS AND PARTY RETURN TO TRIANGLE.

THREE. BAGGAGE. ADC TO MILITARY COMMISSIONER TO ARRANGE FOR BAGGAGE TO BE LOADED ONTO

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HEL AT COMPLETION OF SERIAL(2) GOLF ABOVE. THIS WILL BE FLOWN TO RAF STANLEY AND SEA KING WILL THEN RETURN FOR SERIAL(2)INDIA.

FOUR. PRESS. ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRESS ARE AS FOLLOWS.

ALPHA. ASSEMBLE AT UPLAND GOOSE AT 0800 FOR BRIEFING BY G5.

BRAVO. 0820 - 0825. MOVE TO TRIANGLE .

CHARLIE. 0830 - 1010. FLY TO VOLUNTEER SHANTY FOR VISIT TO CONSERVATION AREA.

TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY MAJ CHARTERIS AND MR I STRANGE.

DELTA. 1010 - 1030 RETURN TO TRIANGLE.

ECHO. 1030 - 1130 MOVE TO RAF STANLEY VIA HOTEL.

FOXTROT. 1200. DEPART RAF STANLEY.

FIVE. RD TPT. RD TPT TO BE COORDINATED AS FOLLOWS.

ALPHA. FOR MOVE OF MILITARY COMMISSIONER, CNS AND BAGGAGE TO TRIANGLE. BY ADC.

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Following is text of speeches given in Stanley Town Hall on  
Monday 10 January 1983 at 8.00pm.  
Civil Commissioner

Prime Minister, Ladies and Gentlemen

This is a great moment in the history of the Falkland Islands.

For me personally it is probably the greatest moment of my life.

It was here in Stanley Town Hall on the second of April that I told

General Garcia that he had landed illegally on British territory and

I ordered him and his troops to remove themselves forthwith. In reply

General Garcia said that they were taking back what was rightfully

theirs, and that they would be here for ever. But for our distinguished

guest they might well have been. (cheers) Thanks to Mrs Thatcher

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we sent out a Task Force. It landed here after coming 8000 miles at San Carlos, yomped across from San Carlos to Stanley and defeated the Argentines in 10½ weeks. (cheers). To do all that in 10½ weeks was an incredible achievement. I know that for those of you who were here throughout that period it seemed like a lifetime, and I should like to hand over now to one of you who was here through all that time, a senior member of the Falkland Islands Government, your Financial Secretary who has a few words to say for all of you Islanders. Harold Rowlands.

The Hon OBE  
 /Harold Rowlands/ Financial Secretary

Prime Minister, Ladies and Gentlemen.

It is the greatest moment of my life here today. I am very pleased to be able to thank Mrs Thatcher in person for the liberation of the Falkland Islands. Not only the liberation but also the rehabilitation and now the development of the Islands. We look forward to the development of these Islands, that the battle was not wasted, that the men whose lives were lost will be remembered. We will make sure that it was worthwhile. I am sure that the majority of people will be looking forward to a great future, and to start it off in 1983, I think it's fantastic that we start our 150th celebrations in advance (cheers).

Prime Minister, I have now the pleasure and the honour to present the freedom of the Falkland Islands. (cheers). I would like to mention that it was not planned. The Councillors did not know of Mrs Thatcher's arrival here. Spontaneously, yesterday all Councillors unanimously agreed on your behalf, the people of the Falkland Islands. The people that are in this hall tonight, the people that are on duty, that are sick, unable to attend the meeting tonight, also the people in the Camp stations, the settlements, the outside houses, I do this on behalf of them with great pleasure. I should like to read you what is in it, and we must congratulate our Attorney General on having guided us on this matter, and also to our printer who did



a marvellous bit of printing at the last moment. It says:

"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 acknowledgement 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 the said Margaret Hilda Thatcher the honorary freedom of Stanley and all townships and settlements throughout the Falkland Islands." (cheers)

Prime Minister

Mr Rowlands, that's the most marvellous honour you could have conferred upon me, and I am deeply happy to accept it. Each of us has our own memories of the period through which we've lived. Somehow history is something that happens to other people, and then all of a sudden we found ourselves making history here in these Islands. I will never forget, and nor will the Governor - forgive me if I still use the old name (cheers)- the night that information came through that there was a fleet that looked as if it was heading for the invasion of Port Stanley. We had to contact the Governor, we contacted the President of the United States hoping that he would be able to stop it. It was not to be. For two days we carried a few of us that knowledge that maybe the Falklands were going to be invaded, and help was a very very long way away. You know what happened, and I am very happy to report as you know that the whole British people were outraged that such an invasion should

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have occurred, and promptly set about remedying the situation of throwing the invader off the Islands, and as I said in the House of Commons, restoring British sovereignty and British administration to a people of British stock who were British, were loyal British, and wished to remain British in a British Island. (cheers). And so with the total support of the British people the Task Force sailed. It must have been an agonising time for you, it was for us as the Campaign was shaped and planned, and we faced the worry of more and more Argentine soldiers being put upon these Islands, a worry which you saw in practical terms at this end. Then we were able in a magnificent campaign to retake South Georgia, and that of itself was a very famously fought battle. And we learned the difficulties of the weather in this part of the world, because I will tell you what happened when those forces arrived in South Georgia. They arrived to a force 11 gale. You can imagine the worries that that gave us. You have I understand experienced many force 11 gales. In spite of that they took South Georgia, and I understand that that was a tremendous boost to morale on these Islands. It was then you realised we really were coming to regain the Falklands for British sovereignty and British administration.

We wondered how precisely it would come about, and there was so much planning going on, and we didn't know the precise shape of the campaign. We knew we had the finest professional forces devoted and dedicated to the cause of freedom and justice the world over. (cheers). In them we put our faith and our trust. Then one dark winter's night a silent armada put ashore British forces on what was then a hostile enemy coast, but full of loyal devoted British citizens, that was in San Carlos. I remember I was in my own constituency that day, I knew the night it was going to happen. I was worried stiff as you may imagine, but I had a full day's engagements in my own constituency of Finchley near London, and I knew if I didn't go and carry out the lot someone would know /something



something was up. So I went and smiled my way through the day. I'm not quite sure to this moment what I said except that somehow I had a speech to make; and I said please would they understand that my mind wasn't wholly on the party politics of Britain, it was really 8000 miles away which was a long way geographically but at that moment it was only a heartbeat away. And at the end of that day in my constituency I was able to say that the Union Jack was once again flying on the Falkland Islands. (cheers). To a reception like this as they too rose and cheered like that.

There were many difficult worrying days to follow, and many difficult battles to fight, and it is one thing that troubles us all that at times of national danger it is always the young people who have to bear the brunt of the fighting and make great sacrifices, and I have today been paying our tribute to those who gave their lives in battle that we might live in freedom. (applause). But it was a tremendous inspiration to the youth, British youth everywhere; to know that when the call came their generation was not found wanting but on the contrary added lustre to the battles which Britons have fought the world over. (applause). And we owe it to them to build our lives remembering the sacrifices that they made for us. And therefore I am confident that you in this famous city of Port Stanley, and many others in the famous townships throughout these Islands will strive again and again to build a better life for your families for the future, the better because of the sacrifices that have been made for us because we are a people that cannot live without breathing the air of freedom and justice. (cheers).

You will understand that perhaps the most emotional night of my life was when the news came in that the Argentine troops were retreating from Tumbledown Mountain past Mt William into Port Stanley. We weren't quite sure, and I waited until 1000 in the evening London time - rather differently your time - to go down to the House of Commons, to stand at the Despatch Box and say the reports are that the white flags are flying over Port Stanley. (cheers).

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Today again the Union Jack flies over Port Stanley, and may it ever fly there (cheers). So we in the Falkland Islands and in Great Britain re-dedicate our lives to the cause of freedom and justice of peoples here and everywhere. We have given an example to the world, and hope to many of those who do not enjoy these great qualities. May we also act as a beacon of hope to them that so long as we defend that which is ours now, they too one day may enjoy these great things. (cheers).

The Hon H T Rowlands

Ladies and Gentlemen, I would like to call for three cheers for the incomparable Margaret Thatcher. (three cheers).(more cheers).



cc to PM Aug 1980  
Arab League delegation

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TO IMMEDIATE CIVIL COMMISSIONER PORT STANLEY

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FOLLOWING FROM PRIVATE SECRETARY FOR PRIVATE SECRETARY TO  
THE PRIME MINISTER.

MIDDLE EAST ROUND UP.

1. THE PRIME MINISTER MIGHT WISH TO HAVE AN ACCOUNT OF MAJOR  
DEVELOPMENTS ON THE QUESTION OF THE ARAB LEAGUE DELEGATION'S  
VISIT SINCE HER DEPARTURE.

2. HM AMBASSADOR IN RABAT HAD A USEFUL TALK WITH BOUCETTA  
ON 8 JANUARY. THE LATTER SAID THAT KING HASSAN WAS PREPARED TO  
TAKE MAYOR MILHEM AS THE PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATIVE ON THE DELEGAT-  
ION ASKED WHETHER THE OTHER ARABS HAD AGREED TO THIS HE WAS EVASIVE  
BUT COMMENTED THAT KINGS HUSSEIN AND FAHD HAD INDICATED THAT THEY  
WOULD GO ALONG WITH WHATEVER KING HASSAN DECIDED.

BOUCETTA WENT ON TO MAKE TWO REQUESTS.

I) THAT THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH  
SECRETARY SHOULD AFTER ALL BE PREPARED TO RECEIVE QADDUMI.

II) THAT THE FULL DELEGATION, INCLUDING MILHEM, SHOULD  
BE RECEIVED BY THE QUEEN.

AS REGARDS DATES, BOUCETTA SAID THAT THE MOROCCANS COULD ACCEPT  
7-8 FEBRUARY AND WERE PRETTY CERTAIN THAT THE OTHER MEMBERS OF  
THE DELEGATION WOULD ALSO AGREE.

3. MR CAMBRIDGE IS DUE TO SEE BOUCETTA AGAIN ON 11 JANUARY.  
HE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO WELCOME MOROCCAN ACCEPTANCE OF THE  
MILHEM IDEA; TO DRAW ATTENTION AGAIN TO OUR POSITION ON THE  
LEVEL OF OUR CONTACTS WITH THE PLO; AND TO SAY  
THAT WE NEED MORE TIME ON THE QUESTION OF THE QUEEN'S  
INVOLVEMENT, BUT ARE CONSIDERING IT CAREFULLY.

4. KING HUSSEIN DISCUSSED THE ARAB LEAGUE VISIT WITH MR URWICK  
IN AMMAN ON 9 JANUARY. THE KING CONFIRMED THAT BOUCETTA HAD  
TOLD HIM THAT A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM HAD BEEN FOUND ON THE  
BASIS THAT MILHEM WOULD BE A MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION. HE WAS  
CONCERNED THAT THE DATES 7-8 FEBRUARY WOULD BE RATHER LATE,  
PARTICULARLY IF HIS CURRENT TALKS WITH ARAFAT WENT WELL. THE  
KING EMPHASISED THAT HE WANTED TO SEE THE DIFFICULTIES OVER  
THE ARAB LEAGUE VISIT OUT OF THE WAY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE LEST  
THEY DISTRACT ATTENTION FROM PURSUIT OF THE REAGAN INITIATIVE.  
HE SAID THAT HE WOULD URGE A RAPID SOLUTION ON ARAFAT AND  
OFFERED TO TRY TO THINK OF AN ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL IF THERE  
SEEMED ANY DANGER THAT THE IMPASSE MIGHT CONTINUE. HE ALSO  
MENTIONED THAT HE MIGHT COME TO LONDON HIMSELF IF THE ARABS  
COULD NOT SORT THEMSELVES OUT. HE HAS A VISIT TO BELGIUM  
PLANNED FROM 27-31 JANUARY.

5. THE CHANCELLOR'S VISIT TO RIYADH WENT WELL, AND HE WAS  
ABLE TO PUT OUR VIEWS TO THE SAUDIS. BUT HIS CONCLUSION WAS  
THAT THERE IS A SERIOUS RISK OF COMMERCIAL DAMAGE IF AN  
ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION IS NOT FOUND SOON.

6. WE ARE NOW AWAITING ARAB REACTIONS TO THE MILHEM IDEA PUT TO  
THEM BY THE MOROCCANS. IF THEY ACCEPT IT, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO  
FIND A WAY OUT OF CURRENT DIFFICULTIES. BUT THERE IS A CLEAR DANGER  
THAT THE MOROCCANS ARE BEING OVER OPTIMISTIC ABOUT WHAT THEY CAN  
SELL THEIR ARAB COLLEAGUES.

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FROM PORT STANLEY 102350Z JAN

TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 016 OF 10 JANUARY

PLEASE PASS TO FLESHER NO 10 FROM BUTLER, PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY.  
BEGINS

1. THE PRIME MINISTER APPROVES THE ACTION DESCRIBED IN YOUR  
TELEGRAM ABOUT THE MARKET REPORT. PLEASE KEEP US INFORMED  
OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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TELEGRAM NUMBER 015 OF 10 JANUARY

FROM INGHAM, PM PARTY TO KYDD, NO 10

ARMY SENDING BACK TO BRIZE NORTON POSTHASTE ALL COLOUR FILM THEY CAN LAY THEIR HANDS ON. SOME FROM ARMY PHOTOGRAPHERS MOST FROM LOCAL JOURNALISTS WORKING FOR PENGUIN NEWS. MATERIAL BEING ADDRESSED TO YOU BUT FOR COLLECTION BY MOD AT WHICHEVER AIRPORT IT ARRIVES. PLEASE LIAISE WITH MOD.

SUGGEST COI NEGOTIATE FEE SO THAT PENGUIN NEWSMEN CAN HAVE FINANCIAL RECOGNITION.

NO ALARMS. DETERMINED NOT TO REACT TO ARGENTINE ALLEGATIONS OF PROVOCATION.

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TO IMMEDIATE PORT STANLEY CIVIL COMMISSIONER  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 14 OF 10 JANUARY

RCSTCWGMZOC BUTLER, PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY, PORT STANLEY FROM  
FLESHER NO. 10.

BEGINS:

STERLING CAME UNDER PRESSURE THIS AFTERNOON AND IN AFTER-  
HOURS DEALING THE DOLLAR RATE FELL TO 153.85 AND THE DM RATE TO  
3.74. THE EFFECTIVE RATE FELL TO 81.4. THERE WAS INTERVENTION OF  
DOLLARS 30 MILLION. THE THREE-MONTH INTER-BANK RATE ROSE TO 10.75.  
MR. WALTERS' COMMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

WE DO NOT PROPOSE ANY LARGER INTERVENTION IN EXCHANGE MARKETS.  
WE PROPOSE TO OVER-SUPPLY THE MONEY MARKET AND TALK TO THE CLEARERS  
TO TRY TO STOP BASE RATES FROM RISING. MIDDLETON AND I IMPRESSED ON  
THE BANK THE NEED TO HOLD PRESENT BASE RATES BUT IT IS POSSIBLE  
THAT THE BANK MAY FAIL TO HOLD PRESENT RATES AND THE CLEARERS  
COULD RAISE THEIR BASE RATES LATER THIS WEEK.

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Message from Flesher to Butler

MARKET REPORT AS AT 12 NOON MONDAY 10.1.1983

Effective Market Rate is	81.9
Dollar Rate	160
DM Rate	372.7

Money markets are calm. The 1 month rate is up 1/16th, the 3 month rate is unchanged.

Intervention was well within the limits agreed last week.

Scholar and Walters consulted. There is nothing to be disturbed about. Markets are reacting calmly to the slight fall in the pound.

*Logi*  
*10/1/83.*



DINNER: MONDAY

Smoked Salmon

Soup

Roast Pork

New Potatoes

Peas & carrots

Spinach

Gravy

Apple Sauce

Chocolate Souffle

Cheese & Biscuits





GUEST LIST FOR DINNER AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE ON MONDAY 10 JANUARY  
AT 9.00PM

The Prime Minister

Mr Denis Thatcher

Mr F E R Butler

Mr A J Coles

Mr B Ingham

The Hon F E Baker OBE & Mrs Baker (Dick and Connie)

Mr R M Pitaluga OBE & Mrs Pitaluga (Robin and Jene)

Mr & Mrs J D Barton (David and Col)

Mr & Mrs P C Robertson (Peter and Ann)

Mr & Mrs I J Strange (Ian and Marie)

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(Personality notes attached)





R M (Robin) Pitaluga OBE

Manager of family farm at Salvador. Now Vice Chairman of the Sheeponers' Association. Elected to the Legislative Council to represent East Falkland 1968-71. Nominated Independent Member of Legislative Council 1971-76. Member of the Executive Council 1968-72. Holds a pilot's licence and operates a small private aircraft. Married (wife: Jene, English) with two sons. Remained at Salvador throughout the Argentine occupation.

J D (David) Barton JP

Manager of family farm at Teal Inlet. Mother was a member of the Felton family. Married (wife: Coral (Col) sister of Mr R M Pitaluga of Salvador) with two children. Remained at Teal Inlet throughout the Argentine occupation.

P C (Peter) Robertson

Manager, Port Stephens (FICo). Farming experience also in Patagonia. Married (wife: Ann, Anglo-Argentine) with three children. Remained at Port Stephens throughout the Argentine occupation and were undisturbed.

I J (Ian) Strange

Born in Britain. Twenty-one years in the Colony. Wildlife conservationist. Advises the Falkland Islands Government on wildlife matters. Author and wildlife artist. Established the New Island Preservation Company as part owner. Four children. Marie is Argentine. Remained in Stanley throughout the Argentine occupation. Has a house on New Island where they normally reside in the summer.



at our first house  
Sunday

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Plouice

Orange Sorbet

Beef Chives

Profiteroles

Cheese (struton)

Port (loyal toast made)

Coffee

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Must. wear black dress



THE TIMES SPLASHES THE FALKLAND'S VISIT UNDER A HEADING SAYING THAT THE ISLANDERS WERE DELIGHTED AND ALAN HAMILTON WRITING THAT MRS. THATCHER HAD TRAVELLED IN SECRET HALFWAY ACROSS THE WORLD TO THE SURPRISE AND DISMAY OF HER ADVERSARIES AT HOME AND ABROAD. THERE ARE PICTURES OF HER ON THE ISLAND AND A DETAILED REPORT OF HER ITINERY ONCE SHE ARRIVED. THE REPORT CONTAINS A QUOTE FROM MR. CLINTON DAVIS SAYING THE VISIT WAS TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM THE FORTHCOMING FRANKS REPORT WHICH WOULD PROBABLY POINT A FINGER AT THE GOVERNMENT FOR THEIR INACTIVITY IN THE PERIOD BEFORE THE INVASION. MR. DALYELL SAID THE VISIT WAS PROFOUNDLY ILL ADVISED CARRYING GREAT PERSONAL DANGER FOR MRS. THATCHER AND PROVOKING FURY THROUGHOUT LATIN AMERICA AT THE ARRIVAL OF A COLONIAL CONQUEROR. THE REPORT SAYS IT HAS BEEN CONDEMNED AS PROVOCATIVE AND ARROGANT IN BUENOS AIRES AS WELL AS BEING DERIDED BY THE OPPOSITION AT HOME AS A DIVERSIONARY TACTIC. A 'BOX' IN THE STORY QUOTES FOREIGN SECRETARY LANARI AS SAYING THE TOUR UNDERLINES THE ONLY TITLE BRITAIN POSSESSES TO THE ISLANDS - THAT OF FORCE. HE ADDED THAT THE CIVILISED INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WILL GIVE ITS SUPPORT TO ARGENTINA'S SOVEREIGNTY. THE F. TIMES SPLASH IS THAT THE GEORGE BUSH TOUR OF EUROPE IS SEEN AS AN EFFORT TO UNIFY NATO ALLIES BUT IT CARRIES THE FALKLANDS VISIT ON PAGE ONE REPORTING THAT THE PRIME MINISTER COMPLETED A HEAVY SCHEDULE OF ENGAGEMENTS ON HER FIRST FULL DAY AS THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT, TAKEN ABACK BY HER ACTION, SOUGHT TO MOUNT A DIPLOMATIC RIPOSTE. IT QUOTED THEIR FOREIGN SECRETARY ALONG THE SAME LINES AS THE OTHERS SAYING HE MADE THE REMARKS IN CARACAS ON HIS WAY TO MANAGUA FOR A MEETING OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT. THE REPORT SAYS HE HAD BEEN PLANNING A DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE THERE AGAINST BRITAIN. IT ADDS THAT PREPARATIONS ARE BEING MADE FOR A NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT IN DELHI IN MARCH AT WHICH BRITAIN'S FRIENDS AND ARGENTINA WILL BE RENEWING THEIR BATTLE FOR WORLD OPINION. THE REPORT QUOTES THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE IN LONDON SAYING IT WAS TOO EARLY TO STATE WHETHER HER VISIT WOULD LEAD TO A REAPPRAISAL OF BRITISH POLICY ALTHOUGH FEW OF HER SUPPORTERS EXPECT ANY CHANGE BEFORE A GENERAL ELECTION. THIS REPORT ALSO QUOTES MR. DAVIS AS SAYING THAT WHEN THE FRANKS REPORT IS PUBLISHED MRS. THATCHER WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ESCAPE RESPONSIBILITY AND THAT, WHILE THE ISLANDERS HAD A RIGHT TO EXPECT SUCH A VISIT, HE QUESTIONED THE TIMING OF IT WHEN THE US SECRETARY OF STATE WAS VISITING THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES ON A SENSITIVE MISSION.

ALL OTHER PAPERS CARRY SIMILAR REPORTS WITH THE SUN SAYING ON PAGE TWO THAT PLUCKY PREMIER MARGARET THATCHER IS NOT HURRYING HOME FROM THE FALKLANDS DESPITE THE EVER PRESENT THREAT OF AN ARGENTINE RAID. IT ALSO SAYS THAT LABOUR MPS ARE ACCUSING THE PRIME MINISTER OF BEING BEHIND AN ORCHESTRATED CAMPAIGN OF SELECTIVE LEAKING OF THE FRANKS REPORT. THE TELEGRAPH SPLASH SPEAKS ABOUT TEARS OF WELCOME AND SAYS THAT TROOPS ARE ON FULL ALERT DURING THE VISIT. PATRICK WATTS WRITES WHILE JAMES WIGHTMAN WRITES THE DETAILS OF HER SPEECH TO A UNITS WHILE JAMES WIGHTMAN WRITES THE DETAILS OF HER SPEECH TO A GATHERING IN PORT STANLEY. IT ALSO REPORTS FROM BUENOS AIRES THAT THE ARGENTINIANS MILITARY GOVERNMENT AND POLITICIANS WERE CAUGHT OFF-GUARD BY THE VISIT WITH MOST CABINET MINISTERS AWAY FOR THE WEEKEND AT BEACH RESORTS. THE FOREIGN SECRETARY'S REMARKS ARE QUOTED AND SO ARE ITEMS FROM ARGENTINE PAPERS WITH ONE SAYING THAT MRS THATCHER STOLE INTO THE ISLANDS LIKE A BURGLAR. ONE PAPER DESCRIBES THE VISIT AS INCREDIBLE PROVOCATION. THE MAIL SPLASH, WITH A LARGE PICTURE OF MRS THATCHER SPEAKING TO MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS HEADED 'ROSES ALL THE WAY', AND SAYS THAT THE ISLANDERS WERE AS SURPRISED AS THE REST OF THE WORLD. PAGE TWO AND THREE ARE ALMOST ENTIRELY DEVOTED TO COVER WITH FOUR PICTURES, A FULL REPORT OF HER SPEECH AND A DETAILED ITINERY OF HER TOUR. A SEPARATE SECTION SPEAKS OF ARGENTINA ERUPTING IN FURY OVER WHAT THEY SAY IS A NEW ACT OF PROVOCATION WITH JOHN DICKIE WRITING THAT IT SHATTERED THE SELF-CONFIDENCE OF THE ARGENTINIANS AFTER THE SURPRISINGLY FAVOURABLE VOTE AT THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN NOVEMBER CALLING FOR THE RESUMPTION OF DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ARGENTINE AND THE UK. THE REPORT SAYS THAT NOT EVEN THE WHITE HOUSE WAS INFORMED IN ADVANCE AND THAT MRS THATCHER DOES NOT INCLUDE PRESIDENT REAGAN ON HER TOP SECRET 'NEED TO KNOW' LIST. ARGENTINE'S AIR FORCE CHIEF WARNED THAT THE ARMED FORCES WOULD USE WHATEVER MEANS ARE NECESSARY TO TAKE OVER THE ISLANDS AND THE OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY SAID THE VISIT COULD ONLY PROVOKE VIOLENCE. DICKIE WRITES THAT THERE WAS NO DISGUISED ARGENTINE WRATH AT MRS THATCHER'S BOLD DIPLOMATIC STROKE AND A HINT THAT SHE SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO MAKE HER WAY BACK WITHOUT A GESTURE. THE MAIL ALSO REPORTS LABOUR MPS' CRITICISM OF THE VISIT AND QUOTES BOB CRYER AS SAYING SHE WAS TRYING TO STEAL THE LIMELIGHT IN PREPARATIONS FOR THE CRITICISM WHICH IS ALMOST CERTAIN TO BE CONTAINED IN THE FRANKS REPORT. THIS, HE SAID, WAS TO HELP HER RIDE OUT THE STORM. THE EXPRESS SPLASH DESCRIBED MRS THATCHER AS HAVING AN EMOTIONAL ENCOUNTER WITH THE ISLANDERS AND QUOTES ASSISTANT CIVIL COMMISSIONER REG WILLIAMS AS SAYING SHE WAS FINDING THE VISIT A THRILLING AND EMOTIONAL EXPERIENCE.

THE EXPRESS CENTRE SPREAD IS COMPLETELY GIVEN OVER TO JOHN WARDEN'S REPORT UNDER THE HEADING: 'MAGGIE SHOWS THE FLAG', WITH THE MAIN PICTURE BEING OF THE PRIME MINISTER WITH HER HUSBAND, SIR REX AND LADY HUND. IT PINPOINTS HER COMMENT: 'IT WOULD BE VERY STRANGE IF I DID NOT COME TO THE FALKLANDS'. WARDEN ALSO WRITES THAT THERE WILL BE NO GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE DURING HER STAY AS THE BIG DECISIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN TAKEN. THE MIRROR, ALSO WITH PICTURES, USES PAGE TWO AND THREE TO SAY THAT THERE IS A STORM OVER THE FLYING VISIT TO THE FALKLANDS IN WHICH THE MPS ALREADY QUOTED AGAIN HAVE THEIR SAY. THE FOREIGN SECRETARY QUOTES ARE AGAIN USED. THE GUARDIAN SPLASHES THE VISIT UNDER HEADING: 'ISLANDERS PUT THEIR CASE TO THATCHER', AND QUOTES A FALKLANDS COUNCILLORETTERRY PECK, WHO WAS AWARDED A CBE FOR HIS BRAVERY IN HELPING BRITISH TROOPS, AS SAYING THAT WHILE THE VISIT WAS A GREAT MORALE BOOSTER HE HOPED IT WOULD NOT BE USED AS JUST A GENERAL ELECTION PLATFORM. PAUL KEEL WRITES ON THE BACK PAGE THAT WARY FALKLANDERS DEMAND A CLEARER COMMITMENT AND THAT THE VISIT TOOK PLACE AGAINST A BACKGROUND OF SEVERE CONCERN AMONG THE MORE VOCAL OF THE ISLANDERS ABOUT THE STRENGTH OF BRITAIN'S COMMITMENT. EVEN THE RECENT DECISION TO START A POUNDSTERLING 31 MILLION DEVELOPMENT AID PROGRAMME APPEARED TO HAVE DONE LITTLE TO ALLAY THE WISH FOR A FORMAL STATEMENT BY THE MOTHER COUNTRY FOR LONG TERM COMMITMENT.





DINNER PARTY: BRITANNIA HOUSE: SUNDAY 9.1.23.

Prime Minister and her party

Major General D C Thorne, CBF (*Commander British Forces*)

Captain D Dobson RN, SNOFI (*Senior Naval Officer*)

Group Captain R A F Wilson, SRAFOFI (*Senior RAF Officer*)

Colonel P Symes, DCOS (*Deputy Chief of Staff*)

Colonel A Black, CRE (*Commander Royal Engineers*)

Captain R DalGLISH, ADC

Major P Farrelly, ADC Ops

Lt Col P Ievers, 37 Engr Regt

Wing Commander Q Oswell, SO1 G3 Air Ops

Commander M Sizeland RN, DSNOFI (*Deputy Senior Naval Officer*)

Mr J Morgan, Command Secretary

Civil Commissioner & Lady Hunt



GUEST LIST FOR DINNER IN BRITANNIA HOUSE - SUNDAY 9 JANUARY

*Prime Minister & Mr. D. Thatcher + party*

Maj Gen D C Thorne CBE (David) (late R Anglian) - Military Commissioner

Sir Rex Hunt - Civil Commissioner

Lady Hunt

Capt D S Dobson RN (David) - Senior Naval Officer

Gp Capt R A F Wilson (Sandy) - Senior RAF Officer

Col P W Symes (Paul) (late RAOC) - Deputy Chief of Staff

Col A E N Black (Tony) (late RE) - Commander Royal Engineers

Mr J Morgan (Jack) - Command Secretary

Lt Col P R Ievers RE (Patrick) - Commanding Officer 37 Engineer Regiment

Cdr M D Sizeland RN (Mike) - Deputy Senior Naval Officer

Wg Cdr Q M B Oswell RAF ('Q') - Air Operations Staff Officer

Maj P E Farrelly RMP (Patrick) - Staff Officer

Capt R D Dalglish R Anglian (Robin) - ADC

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SEATING PLAN FOR DINNER AT BRITANNIA HOUSE

SUNDAY 9 JANUARY

Maj P E Farrelly

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Gp Capt R A F Wilson

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GUEST LIST FOR BUFFET LUNCH AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE SUNDAY 9 JANUARY 1.00PM

The Prime Minister

Mr Denis Thatcher

Admiral Sir John Fieldhouse GCB

Major General D C Thorne CBE (David)

Mr F E R Butler

Mr A J Coles

Mr B Ingham

Legislative Councillors

The Hon F E Baker OBE & Mrs Baker (Dick and Connie)

The Hon H T Rowlands OBE (Harold)

The Hon W H Goss MBE & Mrs Goss (Bill and Grace)

The Hon L G Blake OBE & Mrs Blake (Tim and Sally)

The Hon R E Binnie & Mrs Binnie (Ron and Linda)

The Hon J E Cheek & Mrs Cheek (John and Jan)

The Hon A T Blake & Mrs Blake (Tony and Lynn)

Executive Councillor

The Hon W R Luxton & Mrs Luxton (Bill and Pat)

Attorney General

Mr M C Ll Gaiger (Michael)

Clerk of Councils

Mr R Browning (Rex)

Assistant Civil Commissioner

Mr R D Williams (Reg)

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The Hon W H (Bill) Goss MBE JP

Aged 69. Married (wife: Grace, Falkland Islander) with six children. Served for some 25 years on the Falkland Islands Company's vessels, retiring in 1961 as First Officer of RMS 'Darwin'. Manager, Port Stephens 1962-70. Member of Executive Council 1976-77 and 1979-80. Member of Legislative Council since 1977. Overseer, Green Patch since 1980. Mr and Mrs Goss remained in Stanley throughout the Argentine occupation. Mr Goss recently took the mv 'Monsunen' to Montevideo for repairs arriving back without incident just before Christmas.

The Hon L G (Tim) Blake OBE JP

Age 47. Born in Somerset, England and has been in the Colony 23 years. Married (wife: Sally) with two sons. Manager, Hill Cove (Holmsted & Blake) since 1959. Local CPA delegate to New Delhi (1975), Mauritius (1976) and Fiji (1981). Member of the Legislative Council 1964-68, 1972-77 and 1981. Elected member of the Executive Council 1972-77, and 1981. Mr and Mrs Blake remained at Hill Cove throughout the Argentine occupation and were undisturbed.

The Hon R E (Ron) Binnie

Age 41. Married (wife: Linda), two daughters. Manager of Fitzroy (FICo) since 1976, previously Foreman of the farm. Worked also in Stanley (FICo) and Pebble Island. Keen horesman. Elected to Legislative Council as representative for the East Falklands 1981. Mr and Mrs Binnie remained at Fitzroy throughout the Argentine occupation.

The Hon J E (John) Cheek

Age 43. Married (Wife: Jan, qualified teacher). Two daughters. Branch Engineer, Cable & Wireless Limited. Previous service with Falkland Islands Government (Wireless Station) and BAS. Elected to Legislative Council as representative for West Stanley, 1981. Formerly Chairman of the (local) Falkland Islands Committee. Went to New York with Mr A T Blake to address the Decolonisation Committee, U N, August 1982. Mr and Mrs Cheek were in the United Kingdom during the Argentine occupation. He was on a course with Cable and Wireless Limited but spent much of his time putting the Falklands case in the news media in the UK and the USA. He returned to New York with Mr A T Blake to address the Fourth Committee in November 1982.

The Hon A T (Tony) Blake

Age 42. Born in Britain. Married (wife: Lynn), two children. Manager, North Arm (FICo) since 1972. The family were recruited from New Zealand by the Falkland Islands Company. Elected to Legislative Council as representative for the Camp Division 1981. Went to New York with Mr J E Cheek to address the Decolonisation Committee, UN, August 1982 and to address the Fourth Committee in November 1982. Mr and Mrs Blake remained at North Arm throughout the Argentine invasion and were undisturbed.



The Hon W R (Bill) Luxton

Age 41. Manager, Chartres (Chartres Sheep Farming Company, formerly Luxton & Anson). Married (wife: Pat, English) with three sons (two by previous marriage). Holds pilot's licence and operates a small private aircraft. Nominated Independent Member of the Legislative Council since 1977. Went to Rio de Janeiro with HE the Governor, Mr S B Wallace, Mr D S Evans, Mr T J D Miller, Mr A B Monk to meet Mr Ted Rowlands in 1977. Mr and Mrs Luxton were removed from the Falkland Islands by the Argentines in the early days of the Occupation. He campaigned strongly for the Falkland Islands in the United Kingdom and addressed the European Parliament at Strasbourg.

Mr M C Ll Gaiger (Michael)

Mr Gaiger took up the new appointment of Attorney General in October 1982. He has previously served in Uganda and the Pacific. Married but unaccompanied at the present.

Mr R (Rex) Browning

Age 48. Assistant Secretary and Clerk of Councils 1972-76, when a separate post of Clerk of Councils was established. Resumed as Clerk of Councils 1979. Entered Government Service 1951. Served in the Legal Department 1951-60, Secretariat 1960-64, Agricultural Department 1964-65, Treasury 1965-68 and in the Secretariat since 1968. Acted as Deputy Chief Secretary on several occasions and as Chief Secretary June - September 1974. Secretary to the local branch of the CPA. Remained in Stanley throughout the Argentine Occupation.

Mr R D (Reg) Williams

Took up the new appointment of Assistant Civil Commissioner in September 1982. Joined Commonwealth Relations Office in 1961 and has previously served in Ghana, Lesotho, Australia and the Diplomatic Service Inspectorate. Married but unaccompanied at the present.



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TELEGRAM NUMBER 14 OF 9 JANUARY

FOLLOWING FOR CHRISTOPHERSON, NO 10  
FROM DUTY CLERK, PM: PARTY

INRESPONSE TO YOUR REQUEST FOR DETAILS OF LUNCH TODAY AND DINNER  
TAKING PLACE THIS EVENING, AS FOLLOWS:-

1. LUNCH WITH MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
AND WIVES AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.
2. DINNER AT BRITANIA HOUSE GUEST LIST AS FOLLOWS:-

PRIME MINISTER AND HER PARTY

MAJOR GENERAL D C THORNE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES

CAPTAIN D DOBSON RN, SENIOR NAVAL OFFICER FALKLAND ISLANDS

GROUP CAPTAIN R A F WILSON, SENIOR R A F OFFICER FALKLAND IS

COLONEL P SYMES, DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF

COLONEL A BLACK, COMMANDER ROYAL ENGINEERS

CAPTAIN R DALGLISH, ADC

MAJOR P FARRELLY, ADC OPS

LT COL P IEVERS, 37 ENGR REGT

WING COMMANDER Q OSWELL, SO1 G3 AIR OPS

COMMANDER M SIZELAND RN, DEPUTY SENIOR NAVAL OFFICER FALKLAND IS

MR J MORGAN, COMMAND SECRETARY

CIVIL COMMISSIONER AND LADY HUNT

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FOR INGHAM, PRIME MINISTERS PARTY  
FROM CHRISTOPHERSON, NUMBER 10.

MEDIAWISE EXPECT TWO-MAN ITN CREW SEBASTIAN RICH CAMERA ROGER  
LORENZ SOUND IN ADDITION TO MONCRIEFF WARDEN WALTER AND BBC  
ENGINEER SINGLETON. I PASSED YOUR MESSAGE TO WOON BBC BUT  
HIS INSTRUCTIONS TO CREW OUT THERE ARE TO LET ITN HAVE ONLY TWO  
MINUTES NEWS ACCESS INCLUDING THIRTY SECONDS TO CAMERA FROM  
WALTER. ITN WILL ACCEPT POOLING PROVIDED BBC DONT STEAL A MARCH  
BEFORE THEY ARRIVE AND IF BOTH CREWS ARE OPERATING POOLING IS  
IRRELEVANT. I UNDERSTAND ASCENSION ENG FACILITY BELONGS BBC  
AND THE BBC ENGINEER IS BEING FLOWN OUT TO ACTIVATE IT. YOU  
MAY THEREFORE CONSIDER INSISTING ON ACCEPTANCE OF POOLING AS A  
CONDITION OF LETTING MATERIAL REACH ASCENSION. LOOK FORWARD  
NEWS. LOVE TO PENGUINS.  
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FROM CHRISTOPHERSON NUMBER 10

PASSED YOUR MESSAGE TO PROTHEROE AS FOLLOWS

YOU REGARD BBC BEHAVIOUR AS CHILDISH AND STUPID IN THE EXTREME AND THEREFORE INEVITABLY DEEPLY OFFENSIVE. YOU HAVE GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS NO FURTHER FILM WILL BE CARRIED OUT OF FALKLANDS UNLESS BBC GUARANTEE FULL POOLING WHICH WAS PRECISELY BASIS ON WHICH WE INTENDED TO OPERATE. COULD NOT TAKE THEM INTO CONFIDENCE FOR REASONS OF SECURITY. PROTHEROE RESPONSE BBC NOT PARTICIPATING IN POOL COVERAGE. POOL COVERAGE ARRANGED BEFORE EVENT DOWNING STREET PRESS OFFICE KNOW THIS. AT 1645 HOURS GMT ITN WAS INFORMED BBC WOULD MAKE AVAILABLE ALL OUR PICTURE MATERIAL TO THEM BUT SCREEN CREDIT. ITN TOLD AND AGREED THIS IS NOT A POOL SITUATION AND THAT BBC GIVING ACCESS TO OUR PICTURES BECAUSE NATURE OF EVENT. END BBC RESPONSE. PROTHEROE HAS CALL IN TO YOU. LOBBY MOST APPRECIATIVE BRIEFING TODAY HOPE MORE TOMORROW ASKED HOW AND WHEN POOL MATERIAL WOULD REACH. UNDERSTAND MATERIAL FROM COMMUNICATIONS SHIP COMES IN MOD FOR ONPASS.  
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BEGINS  
FOR INGHAM

FROM CHRISTOPHERSON, NUMBER 10

PASSED YOUR MESSAGE FOR BBC DG TO DAVID HOLMES. RESPONSE PROTHEROE ON BEHALF DG INITIALLY NO CHANGE IN POSITION BUT LATER CAME BACK TO SAY MOVING TOWARDS MAKING ENTIRE PICTURE COVERAGE PLUS NATURAL SOUND LESS WITCHELL COMMENTARY AVAILABLE ITN BUT NOT ON POOL BASIS INSISTENT BBC SCREEN CREDIT AND SUGGESTION MOVEMENT DEPENDS NUMBER TEN PULLING BACK FROM QUOTE OFFENSIVE MESSAGE FROM YOU AND THROWOUT THREAT. ITN NICHOLAS SAYS BBC WILL MAKE AVAILABLE AND IS MUCH AGGRIEVED HAS HAD TO GROVEL AND GIVE SCREEN CREDIT NO OPTION. NICHOLAS FEELS BADLY LET DOWN TREATED SECOND CLASS CITIZEN WONT LET IT REST. FURIOUS BBC ENGINEER SENT AND MATERIAL NOT BLOCKED BY US TO FORCE BBC INTO LINE. INTENDS GOING PUBLIC ON YOUR MESSAGE DG BBC. UNDERSTAND NO MOD POWER TO BLOCK FILM AT ASCENSION. FILM DUE OUT BBC EARLY EVENING NEWS SEVEN MINUTES AND EXTENDED MAIN NEWS. BBC INSIST THEIR ENGINEER ON ASCENSION NOT POOL. UNDERSTAND NEXT FLIGHT LEAVING FALKLANDS 2300 GMT TONIGHT. TELEPHONE LINES DREADFUL RECOMMEND TELEGRAMS. LOBBY COMING IN 1800 HOURS GMT TONIGHT HOPING FOR NEWS. ENDS.  
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CCN AS TELNO MISC 007 OF 9 JAN

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THATS ALL ANY FOR ME ?? K  
JUST TWO SHORTISH ONES



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TELEGRAM NUMBER 9 OF 9 JANUARY

FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM CABINET OFFICE AS TELEGRAM NUMBER MISC. 6.  
FOLLOWING FOR INGHAM (PM'S CHIEF PRESS SECRETARY)  
FROM KYDD, 10 DOWNING STREET

1. IN CASE YOU WISH TO RECOMMEND PRESS COVERAGE OF PM'S RETURN AT BRIZE NORTON I TOOK ADVANTAGE OF MY PRESENCE AT STATION THIS MORNING TO DISCUSS WITH STATION COMMANDER AND PRO WHAT WOULD BE POSSIBLE.

2. ALL ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE IMPLEMENTED FROM SCRATCH WITH ONLY FEW HOURS NOTICE E.G. AFTER YOUR ARRIVAL AT ASCENSION. ALL FACILITIES WOULD BE WITHIN RAF STATION AND THEREFORE FULLY POLICED AND TOTALLY WITHIN OUR CONTROL.

(A) PICTURE FACILITY: THIS WOULD INVOLVE CAMERA MEN ON TARMAC BEHIND RAILINGS FROM WHERE THEY WOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO PHOTOGRAPH AND TELEVISION PM LEAVING AIRCRAFT AND GETTING INTO CAR OR WALKING VERY SHORT DISTANCE TO VIP SUITE IN TERMINAL BUILDING.

(B) PRESS CONFERENCE: AS WITH RETURN OF ELEMENTS OF TASK FORCE THIS WOULD TAKE PLACE WITHIN GATEWAY HOUSE (THE RAF HOTEL TWO MINUTES CAR JOURNEY FROM VIP LOUNGE AND STILL WITHIN STATION). THERE IS A VERY LARGE GROUND FLOOR LOUNGE WHICH COULD EASILY ACCOMMODATE 150 REPORTERS PLUS TV TEAMS.

(C) INTERVIEWS: SUITABLE ROOMS ADJOIN LOUNGE IN GATEWAY HOUSE.

3. QUITE APART FROM ABOVE STATION COMMANDER ASKED IF THERE WOULD BE OBJECTION IF HIS PERSONNEL WHO PREPARED VC 10 COULD BE ASSEMBLED CLOSE TO WHERE PM DISEMBARKS. IT WOULD BE NICE GESTURE IF PM COULD THANK THEM PERSONALLY.

4. IN RESPECT OF ALL ABOVE SUGGESTIONS I STRESS THAT NOTHING (REPEAT NOTHING) NEED BE SET IN MOTION UNTIL AFTER YOU REACH ASCENSION.

5. PLEASE ADVISE REQUIREMENTS.

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THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE MUST REACH SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG BY 0930Z  
IF IN DOUBT HOW YOU WILL ACHIEVE THIS CONSULT THE DUTY CLERK AT  
NO 10 WHO HAS A DUTY DRIVER AVAILABLE IF YOU HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE  
MEANS.

BEGINS: FOLLOWING PERSONAL FOR SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG FROM COLES

1 YOU WILL RECALL SENDING ME SOME DAYS AGO A SECRET REPORT FOR  
THE PRIME MINISTER'S ATTENTION. I MINUTED TO YOU THE NEXT DAY  
CONVEYING THE PRIME MINISTER'S WISH THAT THE REPORT BE BROUGHT TO  
THE ATTENTION OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF AND THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

2 THE PRIME MINISTER WAS CONCERNED TO FIND ON ARRIVAL HERE THAT  
ALTHOUGH THE MILITARY COMMISSIONER HAD RECEIVED A JIC ASSESSMENT

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BASED ON THE REPORT HE HAD NOT SEEN THE REPORT ITSELF, WHICH CONTAINED A GOOD DEAL OF DETAIL OF WHICH HE REMAINS UNAWARE.

UNLESS THERE ARE VERY POWERFUL REASONS TO THE CONTRARY I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF THE TEXT OF THE REPORT COULD BE TELEGRAPHED IMMEDIATELY EITHER TO THE MILITARY COMMISSIONER OR TO ME.  
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SECRET and PERSONAL.

IMMEDIATE.

Following personal for Sir Robert Armstrong  
from COLES.

You will recall sending me some days ago  
a secret report to the Prime Minister's attention.  
I intimated to you the next day conveying the  
Prime Minister's wish that the report be brought to  
the attention of the Chief of Staff and the  
Attorney-General.

2. The Prime Minister was concerned to find  
on arrival here that although the Military  
Commissioner had received a TIC assessment  
based on the report he had not seen the report  
itself, which contained a good deal of detail of  
which he remains unaware. Unless there are very  
powerful reasons to the contrary ~~that~~ I should  
be grateful if the text of the report could be  
interpreted immediately either to the Military Commissioner  
or to me.



Mr Ingham

The following is an account of the two telephone conversations which took place on Sunday 9 January 1983 between yourself and:

1) Mr A Protheroe of the BBC at 1840 (approx) local time Port Stanley, 2140 GMT and UK time; and

2) Mr David Nicholas of ITN at 1900 (approx) local time Port Stanley, 2200 GMT and UK time,

during both of which I was present.

1 Mr Protheroe began the conversation to which you responded vehemently on the basis that you had provided them with a signal service, by detaining the BBC crew on the Falkland Islands at very considerable risk to the Prime Minister and her party in order that the media and public would be able to have an account of the Prime Minister's arrival and visit to the Islands. You could easily, and justifiably, have let the BBC crew return to the UK but you did not. On that basis you felt deeply hurt that the BBC had adopted this childish attitude by not making the film and soundtrack of the Prime Minister's arrival etc freely available to other networks. He obviously tried to oppose this argument because you kept stressing the all important security aspect, but he was obviously totally disregarding your line of reasoning. You asked him what alternative course you could have taken to which he replied that you could have spoken to him privately about the matter. Again you repeated the security aspect and, therefore, could not have done as he suggested.

2 Furthermore, you felt that if the British public were to become aware of the way in which the BBC had dealt with this matter, they (the British public) would not believe it possible. You also stated that you had not informed the Prime Minister of this incredible situation but were certain of the reaction you would get from her.

3 You also stated that you felt you deserved some gratitude, which as yet had not been forthcoming, for the considerable risk which you had taken in detaining the BBC and, as a result of the BBC's attitude, had regrettably been forced into making the threat of not allowing the film/soundtrack to leave the Islands.

4 However, you were willing to release the material that evening only on his (Protheroe's) personal assurance that the material would be made freely available to the other networks as soon as it arrived in the UK. Mr Protheroe finally consented to do so which you confirmed twice before confirming the release of the material on that basis.

5 You then commented that you and he must have a meeting after you returned to the UK to discuss these problems as it was obviously not possible to continue in this fashion every time the PM makes a visit which is of a highly sensitive/secret nature. He agreed.

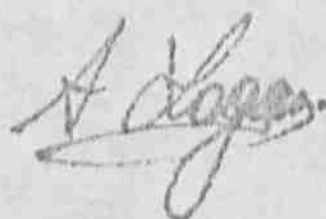


6 As a result of your conversation with Mr Protheroe you then spoke by telephone to Mr David Nicholas of ITN.

7 You informed him of your conversation with Mr Protheroe to the extent that you had expressed in the strongest possible terms that you had, on ITN's behalf, felt aggrieved by the way the BBC had handled this situation. You hoped that Nicholas did not feel badly towards yourself in this matter. After all, you had done this bearing their interests in mind. You informed him that you had stated to Protheroe that, on the basis that he had given you his personal assurance that the material would be made freely available to other networks upon arrival into the UK, you had allowed the material to leave the Islands that evening.

8 You then spoke briefly about the arrival of the ITN crew early in the following morning and gave him your best wishes.

9 January 1983



A Logan  
Duty Clerk



BRIEF ON FLIGHT NO 4783 FROM ASCENSION ISLAND TO PORT STANLEY ON 8 JANUARY 1983

Aircraft

1. A Hercules PLR2 will operate from Ascension Island to Port Stanley on 8 January 1983.

Crew

2. The crew from No 47 Sqn, RAF Lyneham is as follows:

Aircraft Commander	Wing Commander	Brian Warsap
Aircraft Captain	Flight Lieutenant	Graham Forbes
Co Pilot	Flight Lieutenant	Jim Emptage
First Navigator	Flight Lieutenant	Mike Limb
Second Navigator	Flight Lieutenant	Stuart Nussey
Engineer	Master Air Engineer	Nick Jones
Loadmaster	Sergeant	Brian Armour
Steward	Corporal	Tony Pridden

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Route

3. The route is the standard airbridge route which is direct to Port Stanley. The distance is 3,383 nms, and the flight time will be about 13 hrs 30 mins.

Air to Air Refuelling

4. Three air to air refuelling rendezvous are planned as follows:

RV1 At 4½ hrs/1150 nms into the flight the Hercules PLR2 will be refuelled by Hercules C130K Mk 1 when 25,000 lbs of fuel will be transferred.

RV2 At 1200 nms a Victor K Mk2 will replenish the Hercules C130 Tanker with 50,000 lbs of fuel the Victor will then return to Ascension.

RV3 At 9½ hrs/2450 nms the replenished Hercules Tanker will transfer 30,000 lbs more fuel. It will then return to Ascension.

Overhead Port Stanley

5. The aircraft will arrive overhead Port Stanley with some 57,000 lbs of fuel. This will be enough to return to Ascension Island in the unlikely event of being unable to land at Port Stanley.





GUEST LIST FOR DINNER AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE SATURDAY 8 JANUARY 8.30PM

The Prime Minister

Mr Denis Thatcher

Admiral Sir John Fieldhouse GCB

Major General D C Thorne CBE (David)

Mr F E R Butler

Mr A J Coles

Mr B Ingham

The Hon F E Baker OBE & Mrs Baker (Dick and Connie)

The Hon H T Rowlands (Harold)

Mr S Miller CBE & Mrs Miller (Syd and Betty)

Mr & Mrs J T Clement (Jim and Bunny)

Monsignor D Spraggon OBE

HOSTESS

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(Personality notes attached)



F. I. G. office



Police. (POSAS)

Talking contracts shoulder.

Better own bread, Cut down meat, - cut own seat.

Hours. - only 10 here (27 ordered)  
now another 27.



The Hon F E (Dick) Baker OBE: Chief Secretary

Aged 49. MA (Oxon), National Service in Royal Navy; Administrative service in the Western Pacific (Solomon Islands 1958-63, New Hebrides 1967-79), family farming business (Kent) 1963-67. Married (wife: Connie) with four children. Arrived in the Falkland Islands in March 1979. Was left in charge of the Administration of the Falkland Islands when the Governor was removed by the Argentines on 2 April 1982. Was himself removed ten days later and spent the rest of the Occupation working in the FCO.

The Hon H T (Harold) Rowlands OBE: Financial Secretary

Aged 51. Born in the Falkland Islands. Entered Government Service as a clerk in the Treasury in 1948. Promoted to Assistant Treasurer 1960 and appointed Financial Secretary in 1972. Ex-officio Member of the Executive and Legislative Councils. Awarded OBE in 1978 New Year's Honours List. Was the senior officer administering the Government of the Falkland Islands during the Argentine occupation after the removal of the Chief Secretary.

S (Sydney) Miller CBE JP

Born at Hill Cove and educated in Britain. Engaged in sheep farming from 1928 until his retirement in 1972. Manager of Roy Cove 1933-72. A pioneer of grasslands improvement. Chairman, Hydatids Eradication Committee since its formation in 1970. Elected member of the Legislative Council for West Falklands 1956-60 and 1964-71, and for Stanley 1971-76. Executive Council. Resigned from Executive Council 1976. Married (wife: Betty) with four sons. Awarded the CBE in the Birthday Honours List 1979. Both Mr and Mrs Miller remained in Stanley during the Argentine occupation.

J T (Jim) Clement JP

Executive Secretary Sheeponers' Association 1979. Engaged for many years in sheep farming. Retired as Manager, Fitzroy (FICo) 1971. Secretary, Green Patch Steering Committee. Married (wife: Dorothy (Bunny)). Three children. Mr and Mrs Clement were on leave in the UK during the Argentine occupation.

Rt Rev Monsignor D Spraggon OBE

Prefect Apostolic of Falkland Islands and Dependencies, St Mary's Church. Nine years in the Colony. Served as Chaplain in the Army and in the mission field in Nigeria. Born in Britain. Remained in Stanley during the Argentine occupation and received his OBE in the South Atlantic Honours List.



The Prime Minister speaking to the Executive/Legislative Councils in Government House this morning referred to three great experiences which she would always remember.

The first was on March 31st last year when she received intelligence that there was an invasion force on its way to Port Stanley. That, she said, was the worst week in her life.

"My second most moving experience was on June 14th when we received news - and I went to the House of Commons at 10 o'clock at night to make a statement - that white flags were flying over Port Stanley. That I will never forget."

"To come here is the third one" the Prime Minister said. "This is more than a visit it is a profoundly moving experience because we have all been through things we hope will never be repeated. But I think having come through them, as we have, we can take a little bit of pride in being of British stock."

The Prime Minister's purpose was to hear from the Executive and elected officers how they see the future, and especially the Islands' development. They stressed the importance of making early progress on internal air services, farm purchase and educational development.

The Prime Minister received many warm and moving tributes from the representatives, both for her leadership and for the support of the Task Force and the British people.

In the course of her remarks she paid tribute to the Civil Commissioner, saying that the Islanders had been very fortunate in their Governor at the time of the invasion.

/The Islanders ..



The Islanders, she said, went through a dramatic experience "and we at home went through an agonising experience".

"You know what we fought for - freedom and justice, which are two sides of the same coin. We had total faith in your wish to stand by everything we believe in and we also have total faith in the courage, bravery and skill of our Armed Forces. These things together brought us all a famous victory. In the end everyone knew you were British and wanted to remain British and throughout you remained totally loyal.



COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE P.M.'S PARTY

Put quite simply, communications are terrrrble. (As is my spelling).

SECURE SPEECH

1. Brahms is inoperative. Despite the Cabinet Office engineers spending much of Sunday afternoon round here trying to sort the problem out we are unable to make contact. Numerous tests have been made without luck.
2. D/SSS system is the alternative. Ask swithboard to get 'Gateway'. This will come through on X170. If operator at MOD asks - Logie is on no. 16. But by now MOD should be putting us through automatically.

PLAIN SPEECH

1. The GPO line takes a minimum of 10 minutes for call to get through, as the switchboard have to book the call. At times, on Sunday it was taking up to 1 hour so be warned if you choose this method. The advantages are that both parties can hear each other relatively easily whereas on secure speech the line is often distorted with much electronic interference. Therefore if nothing sensitive needs to be sent the GPO line may be the better choice.

However even this has its limitations. The link is not available between 2000 and 1100 hours GMT.

MESSAGES

/ see overleaf



## MESSAGES

If lengthy messages need to be sent, then obviously the telephone links are not the best way. Experience proved that the best way was in telegram form via the MOD/FCO. Many Press Office telegrams were sent via MOD.

## TLEGRAMS

1. Tels via the FCO are restricted to 0800 - 1700 hours London time.
2. Tels via MOD can be sent 24 hours and was the method adopted. To do this all telegrams must be sent via the Cabinet Office Communications people - usual procedure of meeting someone at the connecting door.

Using this method, all tels have been sent 'Immediate' and have reached Logie within 1½ - 2 hours. It is useful to warn Logie that a telegram is coming through so that he can be on hand.

Returning to question of secure speech, there is one other option not tested. There is a secure link to the MOD (HQ) in Port Stanley which is separate to Logie's base. To use this link up which is both secure and also a better line, it is necessary to first call Logie on the open line or D/SSS so that he can call us back on this special link up. It will take him some 15 mins to get to this phone, provided there are no problems. (Press Office have made frequent use of this line in contacting Bernard but have done so by going across to MOD initial contact at MOD is Commander Peter Voute 2L8 6081. From our point of view, there is little point in contemplating going across to MOD.)



Some useful points:

VC10

1. Departed Brize Norton at 2040 (20 mins, early)
2. Arrived at Ascension 0550 hours (5 mins <sup>early</sup>)
3. Hercules left Ascension at 0640 hours
4. Hercules arrived at Port Stanley at 1954 hours

Times quoted are GMT.

Micheal has copy of programme but have managed to obtain one via Press Office.

MOD Resident Clerk reported infringement of airspace which took place at 2045 hours Saturday. Party have been alerted through normal channels at Port Stanley. No further action taken at this end. Details are as follows:

HMS Liverpool identified infringement of protection zone and two phnatoms were scrambled.

P.'s intercepted, aircraft identified as an 'Electra' which is not a military plane. P's were forced to return to base, and plane continued for 15 - 20 miles <sup>into zone</sup> before the P's were able to return and intercept.

Action believed to be a deliberate infringement of the air zone, 'enemy' aircraft was aware of limitations of P's fuel. No further details.

\*\*\*\*\* Return flight \*\*\*\*\*

~~FCO have asked if consideration could be given to PM returning via Senegal in view of the close co operation they gave us during the Falklands Crisis. Have not committed myself to when PM will be returning. It was left that this would be considered on Monday. Amb. would require warning.~~



- Important point to note is that we are unable to contact Logie after 2300 GMT. Once he leaves office - urgent messages will need to be sent via MOD (HQ) for onward transmission.

- RACAL not tested. IF used, we are now on page 3.



*Cap Day list*

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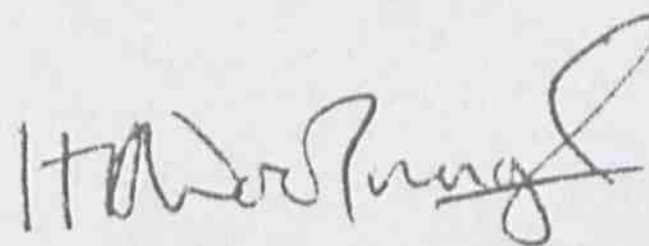
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VISIT OF A VIP TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

## References:

- A. COS/10/1 dated 7 January 1983.
  - B. HQ BFFI signal ACA/VZX 081947Z Jan 83.
1. The programme for Day 5 of the visit is attached at Annex A.
  2. Departure details will be notified in due course.

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Serial	From	To	Event	Remarks	Tpt
63	0905	0910	Military Commissioner & Service Chief to Triangle		Appx 1
64	0910	0915	Move to Triangle		
65	0915	1145	Battlefield tour to include visits to: a. Mt Longdon b. Tumbledown Mt c. Mt Kent	Accompanied by: Civil Commissioner Mr R Baker	Appx 2
66	1145	1215	Fly to Shag Cove		Appx 2
67	1215	1330	Visit Bn HQ 1 RHamps. To include lunch.	Met by: CO 1 RHamps - Lt Col D H Neville	
68	1330	1545	Tour of conservation areas on West Palkland to include visit to penguin colony & elephant seals	Accompanied by: Major J A Charteris Mr I Strange	Appx 2
69	1545	1645	Fly to Triangle		Appx 2
70	1645	1650	Move to Government House		
71	1715	1845	Discussions with Civil & Military Commissioners	Service Chief in attendance	
72	1845	1850	Military Commissioner & Service Chief to Britannia House		
73	1925	1930	Military Commissioner & Service Chief to Government House		
74	1930	2200	Private Dinner Party at Government House	Military Commissioner & Service Chief to attend.	
75	2200 approx		Military Commissioner & Service Chief to Britannia House		



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APPENDIX 1 TO  
ANNEX A TO  
COS/10/1 DATED  
10 JANUARY 1983

TRANSPORT MOVEMENT

Serial	Annex A Serial	RMP Escort	HE Car	HE LR	Mil Comm	SNOFI	SRAFOFI	OIC Tpt	Remarks
<u>DAY 5</u>									
1	63	-	-	-	Dvr Mil Comm Svc Ch ADC Radio Op	-	-	-	
2	71	-	-	-	"	-	-	-	
3	72	-	-	-	"	-	-	-	
4	74	-	-	-	"	-	-	-	

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APPENDIX 2 TO  
ANNEX A TO  
COS/10/1 DATED  
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HELICOPTER MOVEMENT

Serial	Day	Annex A Serial	Helicopter	Pax
1	5	64	a. 1 x SEA KING  b. 1 x SEA KING  c. 1 x CHINOCK  d. 1 x GAZELLE	a. 2 x VIP, Civil Comm, Mil Comm, Svc Chief, 3 x Personal Staff, ADC, BG, Radio Op, Mr Baker, Mr Strange, Maj Charteris.  b. Spare  c. Press & inf sect  d. Mil Comm standby 1 x Sigs pax
2	5	65	As Serial 1	As Serial 1
3	5	67	As Serial 1	As Serial 1
4	5	68	As Serial 1	As Serial 1

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PRESS ACCOMPANYING TOUR

Serial	From	To	Event	Remarks	Transport
63	0800	0815	Fly to Mt Longdon	Join VIP Party on hill	CHINOOK
64	0900	1145	Battlefield tour to include: 0915 - 1000 Tumbledown 1015 - 1145 Mt Kent		
65	1145	1215	Fly to Shag Cove		"
66	1215	1330	Visit 1 RHamps	To include lunch	
67	1330	1545	Tour of conservation areas on West Falkland	In attendance: Maj J A Charteris Mr I Strange	
68	1545	1645	Return to Triangle		



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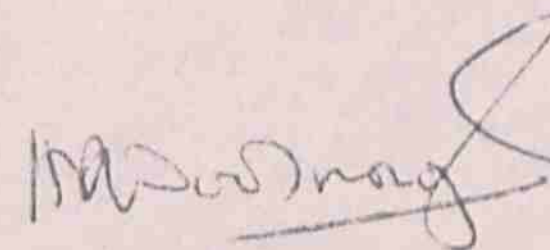
VIP VISIT

Reference:

A. COS/10/1 dated 7 January 1983.

1. The programme for Serial 63 to Annex A to Reference A is attached.
2. Arrangements for Press, including transport, are to be made by G5.

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ANNEX A TO  
COS/10/1 (A) DATED  
10 JANUARY 1983

Serial	From	To	Event	Remarks
1	0910	0915	Move to PWD Yard	
2	0915	0925	Visit PWD Yard: a. Carpenters Shop b. Metal Workers Shop	CRE and CRE(Works) in attendance (to use own tpt)
3	0925	0930	Move to New Housing Estate (Race Course Road extension)	
4	0930	0945	Visit New Housing Estate	
5	0945	0950	Move to Beaver Hanger	
6	0950	1000	Visit Beaver Hanger	In attendance: OC 657 Sqn AAC - Maj M J T Hewetson
7	1000	1005	Move to Power Station	
8	1005	1015	Visit Power Station	
9	1015	1020	Move to Senior School	
10	1020	1110	Visit Senior and Junior Schools	On call - Maj P R Thomas
11	1110	1115	Move to Hospital	
12	1115	1145	Visit Hospital	In attendance: DCOS - Col F W Symes OC Mil Hosp - Lt Col J S K Swanston
13	1145	1150	Return to Government House	

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CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR VISIT OF A VIP TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDSGENERAL

1. There is a possibility that a very senior Minister may visit the Falkland Islands at some time during the next 2 month period. The Civil and Military Commissioners have decided therefore that a contingency visit programme should be prepared which could be implemented at short notice.

AIM

2. The aim of this instruction is to detail an outline programme for a visit by a senior Minister. Additional instructions as necessary will of course be issued by this Headquarters once specific details are available.

ASSUMPTIONS

3. For planning purposes it is assumed that:

a. The VIP party will consist of the following personnel:

(1) VIP accompanied by wife/husband.

(2) Four personal staff one of whom will remain at Government House throughout the visit and will not accompany the VIP's on their tour of the Islands.

(3) A Service Chief.

b. The party would be accommodated at Government House throughout less the Service Chief who would stay at Britannia House.

c. The UK press will not be given any advance notice of a visit and therefore will arrive in the Falkland Islands at least 24 hours after the arrival of the VIP. However, members of the Press who are in the Falklands at the time of the VIP's arrival will be informed accordingly and will be afforded the normal facilities.

SECURITY

4. It is imperative that details of this contingency programme are kept on a strict need to know basis at all times. In the event of a visit taking place details of the programme are to be promulgated only to those personnel and units involved at the latest possible time commensurate with making sure that adequate preparations have been made. References to the programme should be by use of the Serial Number of each event detailed at Annex A.

DRESS / COMPLIMENTS

5. Throughout the visit the strictest attention is to be paid to dress and the paying of compliments. It would be appropriate also for 'Three Cheers' to be given when the VIP leaves respective locations.

OUTLINE PROGRAMME

6. An outline programme for a 4 day period is at Annex A. It is probable



that any visit would continue for at least a further day but the detailed programme for that day would very much reflect the VIPs personal wishes and may include either a battlefield tour or a visit to some of the conservation areas.

#### MOVEMENT

7. The road and air transport programmes are at Annexes B and C respectively and the coordination of these is to be carried out from the HQ BFFI Ops Room. In addition there is to be an OIC with each party provided as follows:

- a. OIC Vehs. Officer nominated by G3 Army HQ BFFI.
- b. OIC Hcls. Officer nominated by G3 Air HQ BFFI.

#### SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

8. Four social functions will be hosted by the Services during the visit. The broad details and responsibilities are set out at Annex D.

#### PR

9. G5 are to assume responsibility for Press coverage of the visit and coordinate the accommodation, movement, transport and briefing as necessary. In the event of the UK Press arriving 24 hours after the VIP, G5 is to ensure that this initial period is covered by making maximum use of Service PR facilities and also those Press who are in the Falkland Islands at the time. One CHINOOK helicopter is allocated for air movement. Further details are at Annex E.

#### PROTECTION

10. Personal Protection. Personal protection is to be provided for the VIP throughout the visit under arrangements of OC FIPU who will be briefed separately.

11. Area Protection. CO 1RHamps is to provide one inf pl from the coy based at Fox Bay for area protection duties. The deployment and operating procedures for this pl within Stanley are to be as detailed and coordinated by OC FIPU. A section of 10 men including an officer and 2 x BLOWPIPE Dets is to deploy with the VIP on visits outside Stanley sharing the helicopter facilities provided for the Press. The pl is to be fully equipped with rations and "with weapon" ammo scales and is to operate tactically while away from its base at the 1 RHamps Echelon.

12. Vehicle Escort. OC FIPU is to provide a vehicle escort for all visits carried out in the Stanley area.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

13. In general the normal communications systems will be used. In addition Comd JFSS is to provide and coordinate communications for:

- a. Personal escort for VIP.
- b. Inf protection pl.
- c. Military Commissioner - operator to be provided.
- d. Tpt party.
- e. Hcls.

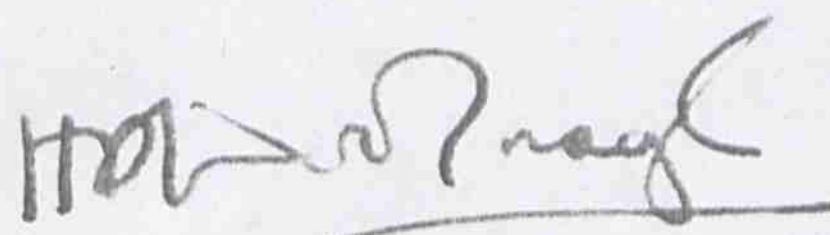
14. Comd JFSS is also to ensure that CBF is able to communicate with the HQ BFFI Ops Room at all times.



COMMAND AND CONTROL

15. Command and control of the visit will be exercised from the HQ BFFI Ops Room under the direction of COS. Any queries concerning the programme are to be directed to the Ops Room.
16. The dates for the visit will be passed to all addressees by secure means.
17. Ops Room briefings and manning levels will be as directed by COS.

7 January 1983



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OUTLINE PROGRAMME

ANNEX A TO  
CCS/10/1 DATED  
7 JANUARY

DAY 1  
SMA

Serial	From	To	Event	Remarks	Tpt
1	1600 approx	1700	Ac transits FIPZ	a. 2 PHANTOM to escort on order of SRAFOFI b. SAR support to be provided by RN	-
2	1600	1630	Tpt moves to RAF Stanley		Annex B
3	1700	1715	Arrive RAF Stanley	Met by: Civil Commissioner & Lady Hunt Military Commissioner Maj Gen D C Thorne CBE Chief Secretary & Mrs Baker SRAFOFI: Cp Capt RAF Wilson AFC RAF	
4	1715	1735	Move to Government House	Service Chief to move to Britannia House. Met by SNOFI - Capt D S Dobson RN	Annex B
5	1815	1820	Service Chief moves from Britannia House to HQ BFFI	Escorted by SNOFI	Annex B
6	1825	1830	Move from Government House to HQ BFFI	a. Escorted from Government House by Civil Commissioner. b. Met at HQ BFFI by Military Commissioner. c. Briefed by Military Commissioner. In attendance: SNOFI SRAFOFI On call : DCOS & CRE	Annex B
7	1915	1920	Move from HQ BFFI to Government House	Service Chief has separate briefing at HQ BFFI under arrangements SNOFI.	Annex B
8	1920	2000	Briefing at Government House	a. Briefed by Civil Commissioner. b. Military Commissioner in attendance. c. (2010 - 2025 - Present IS&CC - to be confirmed)	
9	2030	2300	Dinner at Government House	Military Commissioner and Service Chief to attend.	Annex B
10	2300 approx		Military Commissioner & Service Chief depart Government House		Annex B

*baggage - Tony had*

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DAY 2 Sun

Serial	From	To	Event	Remarks	Tpt
11	0905	0910	Military Commissioner and Service Chief to Triangle		Annex B
12	0910	0915	Move from Government House to Triangle		Walk
13	0915	0920	Fly from Triangle to RAF Stanley		Annex C
14	0925	1115	Visit RAF Stanley including engineer works a. 0930 - 0945 Briefing b. 0945 - 0950 View airfield from ATC c. 0950 - 1005 Drive through Admin/Engineering complex d. 1005 - 1010 Drive down runway e. 1010 - 1020 View HARRIER f. 1020 - 1030 View PHANTOM g. 1030 - 1035 Visit rock crusher h. 1035 - 1040 Drive past quarry to Coastel site i. 1040 - 1050 See Coastel j. 1100 - 1110 Visit FIADGE k. 1110 - Move to helicopter	Met by SRAFOFI In attendance: CRE - Col A E N Black OBE CO 37 Engr Regt - Lt Col P R Ievers	Annex B
15	1115	1120	Fly from RAF Stanley to Triangle	Visit ISO engineering complex and Spandrel See Vulcan crater, dispersal areas and extension Meet air and ground crews Meet air and ground crews	
16	1145	1245	Attend meeting of Executive & Legislative Councils at Government House	Meet RBs. See S600 radar and radar operators	Annex C
17	1245	1430	Lunch with Councillors at Government House	Move to Government House on arrival at Triangle	
18	1500	1510	Briefing on bomb disposal & mine clearance	a. To be given at Government House b. Briefing by: OC 69 Gurkha Fd Sqn - Maj J G Baker In attendance: CRE c. Briefing to be ready from 1430 onwards	
19	1510	1515	Move to Triangle		Walk
20	1515	1545	Fly to Rookery Bay - Visit minefield	OC 69 Gurkha Fd Sqn and CRE in attendance	Annex C. Vets to be repositioned 3 x LR to be repositioned
21	1545	1555	Fly to Navy Point		
22	1555	1600	Visit RAF Search & Rescue Detachment		
23	1605	1630	Visit 69 Gurkha Fd Sqn	OC 69 Gurkha Fd Sqn: Maj J G Baker	
24	1635	1645	Visit Camber Jetty area	SNOFI present	
25	1645	1655	Fly to Triangle	Civil Commissioner leaves party	Annex C
26	1700	1720	Visit Fort Sqn	Met by: CO FILG Bn - Lt Col L H Brown OC Port Sqn - Maj P J Peveringham In attendance: DCCS - Col P W Symes	Annex B



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Serial	From	To	Event	Remarks	Tpt
38	0820	0825	Military Commissioner & Service Chief to Triangle SNOFI to accompany		Annex B
39	0825	0830	Move to Triangle		Annex C
40	0830	0847	FLY to Fitzroy		3xLR to be avail
41	0847	0945	Visit Fitzroy a. 0847 - 0910 Visit Settlement b. 0915 - 0940 Visit 129 Fd Bty	Met by: Mr H Birnie Met by: OC 129 Fd Bty - Maj S Hamilton See guns firing and CHINOOK load.	Annex C
42	0945	1010	Fly to Goose Green	Fly over Darwin	Annex C
43	1010	1125	Visit Goose Green a. 1010 - 1020 Visit Cemetery b. 1025 - 1055 Visit Settlement c. 1055 - 1120 Visit Y Coy 1RHamps	a. Met by: Mr E M Goss Mr B Hardcastle CO 1RHamps - Lt Col D H Neville b. Wreath to be laid at cemetery by VIP. Wreath also required by Service Chief.	1RHamps to provide 3 vehs for mov from cemetery to settlement
44	1125	1145	Fly to Port San Carlos		Annex C
45	1145	1240	Visit Port San Carlos a. 1145 - 1155 HARRIER FOB b. 1155 - 1200 Pl 1RHamps c. 1205 - 1225 Settlement d. 1225 - 1240 CHINOOK	Met by: Mr A Miller 1 x HARRIER to scramble. Engis to be working on FOB. Met by: OC CHINOOK Detachment - Mg Cdr M Meyer Overfly RAPID detachment	CHINDET to provide 3 vehs
46	1240	1255	Fly to San Carlos		Annex C
47	1255	1305	Visit San Carlos a. 1255 - 1345 Lunch b. 1345 - 1405 Visit Cemetery	Met by: Mr P Short OC 14 AD Bty - Maj E C D Quarter VIP to lay wreath. Wreath also required for Service Chief.	3 x LR to be provided by 14 AD Bty for move to cemetery
48	1405	1415	Fly to Kellys Garden Camp	Service Chief - separate programme arranged by SNOFI	Annex C
49	1415	1430	Visit Kellys Garden Camp	Met by: OC 51 Fd Sqn - Maj D Stephenson	Annex C
50	1430	1452	Fly to Port Howard	Overfly Ajax Bay and Albatross Radar	Annex C
51	1452	1520	Visit Port Howard Settlement	Met by: Mr R Lee OC 1 RHamps - Lt Col D H Neville	Vehs to be provided by settlement
52	1520	1530	Fly to Cemetery		Annex C
53	1530	1545	Lay wreath & visit GR Coy		Annex C
54	1545	1612	Fly to Fox Bay East		Annex C
55	1612	1705	Visit Fox Bay East		Annex C



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Serial	From	To	Event	Remarks	Tpt
55 cont			a. 1612 - 1640 Visit Settlement b. 1640 - 1705 Visit A Coy 1RHamps	Met by: Mr R Cockwell Met by: <u>OC A Coy Maj P Hughes</u>	Annex C Annex B Annex B Annex B
56	1705	1810	Fly to Triangle	Service Chief returns to Britannia House	
57	1815	1820	Return to Government House		
58	1900	1905	Military-Commissioner to Town Hall		
59	1905	1910	Move from Government House to Town Hall	Service Chief separate programme	
50	1910	2030	Reception in Town Hall	Service Chief joins at 1950	
61	2030	2035	Move to Government House	Military Commissioner & Service Chief to Britannia House	Annex B
62	2100	2300	Dinner at Government House	Separate supper for Service Chief at Britannia House <i>(As organized by JMOF)</i>	Annex D



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Thurs

Serial	From	To	Event	Remarks	Tpt
63	0915	1145	Visit rehabilitation works in Stanley schools and hospital	Programme as arranged by Civil Commissioner. CRE and CRE(Works) to accompany. Military Commissioner on call.	Annex B
64	1220	1250	Fly from Triangle to Port San Carlos FOB	Separate programme to be arranged for Service Chief by SNOFT. Military Commissioner & DCOS to join at hospital.	Annex C
65	1250	1700	Visit RN Ships & Merchant Service. Outline programme: a. 1250 - 1300 Fly to HMS ANTRIM b. 1300 - 1430 Visit HMS ANTRIM c. 1430 - 1440 Fly to Port San Carlos d. 1440 - 1520 Fly to RFA Fort Grange e. 1520 - 1545 Visit RFA Fort Grange f. 1545 - 1555 Fly to STENA INSPECTOR g. 1555 - 1620 Visit STENA INSPECTOR h. 1620 - 1645 Visit HMS CHARYBDIS	a. Accompanied by Military Commissioner & SNOFT b. Ferried to HMS ANTRIM by RN helos c. Return to Port San Carlos by RN helo after visiting HMS ANTRIM	Annex C Annex C Press joins on board RFA FORT GRANGE
66	1650	1700	Return to Triangle		Annex C
67	1700	1700	Return to Government House	Service Chief to Britannia House	Annex B
68	1750	1755	Military Commissioner & Service Chief to Government House		Annex B
69	1800	1900	Press Conference & Interviews at Government House		
70	1915	2030	Drinks at Government House	Military Commissioner and Service Chief attend	Annex B
71	2030	2035	Military Commissioner & Service Chief to Britannia House		Annex B
72	2055	2100	Move to Britannia House	Escorted by Military Commissioner	Annex B
73	2100	2300	Dinner at Britannia House	Tri-Service Dinner	Annex D
74	2300 approx		Return to Government House		Annex B

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ROAD TRANSPORT

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1. Road transport is to be coordinated by an officer to be nominated by G3 Army.
2. In general, the VIPs will travel with HE Civil Commissioner in his staff car except when a military vehicle would be more appropriate.

STAR PLATES

3. OIC Tpt is to ensure that appropriate star plates are provided for senior service officers.

VEHICLE TASKING

4. The outline tasking is at Appendix 1 to this Annex. Details may be varied as necessary by OIC Tpt. In addition the following vehicles are required:
  - a. Tpt for Press. To be coordinated by G5.
  - b. Duty vehicle available at HQ BFFI under control of Ops Room throughout the visit with radio op.

DRIVERS

5. A military driver for the Civil Commissioner's LR is to be detailed by OIC Tpt.

LIAISON WITH GOVERNMENT HOUSE

6. OIC Tpt is to liaise with Government House over the timings for the Civil Commissioner's staff car and LR.



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Serial	Day	Annex A Serial	Vehicle and Occupants							Remarks
			RMP Escort	HE Car	HE LR	Mil Comm	SNOFI	SRAFOFI	OIC Tpt	
1	1	2	2xRMP	Dvr Civ Comm Lady Hunt BG	Dvr Comm Chief Secretary Mrs Baker	Dvr Mil Comm ADC Radio Op	-	-	Dvr OIC Tpt	2 x Baggage vehs - Tpt tp to provide
2	1	4	"	Dvr Civ Comm Lady Hunt 2xVIP BG	Dvr Comm Chief Secretary Mrs Baker 3xPers Staff	Dvr Mil Comm Service Chief Radio Op	-	-	" 1xPers Staff	1. ADC with baggage vehs. 2. Press veh to go ahead to Govt Ho
3	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	Dvr Service Chief SNOFI	
4	1	6	"	Dvr Civ Comm 2xVIP BG	Dvr 3xPers Staff	-	-	-	"	
5	1	7	"	"	"	Dvr Mil Comm ADC Radio Op	-	-	"	SNOFI veh aval to return Service Chi to Britannia House.
6	1	9	-	-	-	Dvr Mil Comm Service Chief Radio Op	-	-	"	
7	1	10	-	-	-	"	-	-	"	

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Serial	Day	Annex	Vehicle and Occupants						Remarks	
			RMP Escort	HE Car	HE LR	Mil Comm	SNOFI	SRAFOFI		OIC Tpt
8	2	11	-	-	-	-	Dvr Mil Comm Service Chief ADC Radio Op	-	"	All other vehs move to RAF Stanley by 0900
9	2	14	"	-	Dvr 3xPers Staff	Dvr Civ Comm Mil Comm ADC Radio Op	-	SRAFOFI 2xVIP Svc Ch CRE, BG	"	
10	2	20	"	-	Dvr 2xVIP Mil Comm CRE	Dvr Svc Ch OC69Sqn 2xPers Staff	-	-	Dvr OIC Tpt ADC Radio Op 1x Pers Staff	In position by 1445
11	2	22- 24	-	-	VEH 1 Dvr 2xVIP Civ Comm Mil Comm	VEH 2 Dvr Svc Ch CRE Radio Op	VEH 3 Dvr 3xPers Staff BG	-	-	3 x LR to be prepositioned by OIC Tpt
12	2	26- 28	"	-	Dvr 2xVIP Mil Comm BG	Dvr Svc Ch DCOS ADC Radio Op	-	-	Dvr OIC Tpt 3xPers Staff	CO PILOG to accompany in own vehicle
13	2	29	-	-	Dvr Mil Comm Svc Ch ADC Radio Op	-	-	-	Dvr OIC Tpt	To Britannia House

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Vehicle and Occupants

Serial	Day	Annex	RMP Escort	HE Car	HE LR	Mil Comm	SNOFI	SRAFOFI	OIC Tpt	Remarks
14	2	30	-	-	-	"	-	-	"	To Government House
15	2	31-32	"	DVR Civ Comm Lady Hunt 2xVIP B9	Mil DVR 3xPers Staff	"	-	-	"	
16	2	34	"	"	"	"	-	-	"	Mil Comm & Svc Ch to Britannia House
17	2	35	"	"	"	-	-	-	"	
18	2	37	"	"	"	-	-	-	"	
19	3	38	-	-	-	DVR Mil Comm Svc Ch ADC Radio Op	DVR Mil Comm SNOFI	-	"	
20	3	41,43 45,47 51	-	-	-	3xLR provided by Settlement / Army Unit				
				DVR 1xVIP Mil Comm Civ Comm Settlement manager		DVR LadyHunt 1xVIP Svc Ch ADC	DVR 3xPers Staff BG Radio Op	-	-	
21	3	57	"	-	-	DVR Mil Comm Svc Ch ADC Radio Op	-	-	"	
22	3	58	-	-	-	"	DVR Svc Ch SNOFI	-	-	

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Serial	Day	Annex A	Vehicle and Occupants							Remarks
			RMP Escort	HE Car	HE LR	Mil Comm	SNOFI	SRAFOFI	OIC Tpt	
23	3	"	Dvr Civ Comm Lady Hunt 2xVIP BG	Dvr Civ Comm 3xPers Staff	"	"	-	-	"	
24	3	"	"	"	"	"	-	-	"	Mil Comm & Svc Ch to Britannia House
25	4	"	"	"	"	"	Dvr Mil Comm DCOS ADC Radio Op	Dvr Svc Ch SNOFI	"	a. Mil Comm & DCOS to join at hospital. b. Svc Ch separate programme.
26	4	"	-	-	-	"	Dvr Mil Comm Svc Ch ADC Radio Op	Dvr SNOFI	"	To Britannia House
27	4	"	-	-	-	"	"	-	-	
28	4	"	-	-	-	"	"	-	-	
29	4	"	Dvr 2xVIP BG	Mil Dvr 3x Pers Staff	"	"	Dvr Mil Comm ADC Radio Op	"	"	
30	4	"	"	"	"	"	-	-	"	

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HELICOPTER MOVEMENT

GENERAL

1. The tasking of helicopters is to be carried out from the HQ BFFI Ops Room. In addition SRAFOFI may issue separate instructions concerning helicopter operations.
2. During the period of the visit G3 Air is to ensure that:
  - a. No other helicopters use the Triangle.
  - b. Fire equipment is available and manned at the Triangle.

ALLOCATION OF HELICOPTERS

3. The following helicopters are required throughout the visit:
  - a. 2 x SAR SEA KING - 1 for VIP party  
1 spare
  - b. 1 x CHINOOK - for Press and inf sect (Day 3).
  - c. 1 x GAZELLE - standby for Military Commissioner. To be avail on a 24 hour basis.

In addition further helicopters may be required for the Press and also for carriage of civilian personnel. These will be tasked as required.

TIMINGS

4. The CHINOOK carrying the Press/inf is normally to land 5 minutes ahead of the remaining helicopters in order to enable the inf sect to deploy before the VIP party lands.

TASKING

5. The outline tasking is as follow:

Serial	Day	Annex A Serial	Helicopter	PAX
1	1	-	2 x Lt hel	Standby for liaison duties
2	2	13	a. 1x SEA KING	a. 2 x VIP, Civil Comm, Mil Comm, Service Chief, 2 x Personal Staff, ADC, BG and Radio Op.
			b. 1x SEA KING	b. Spare
			c. 1x GAZELLE	c. Mil Comm standby. 1 x Sigs pax. ...../3.



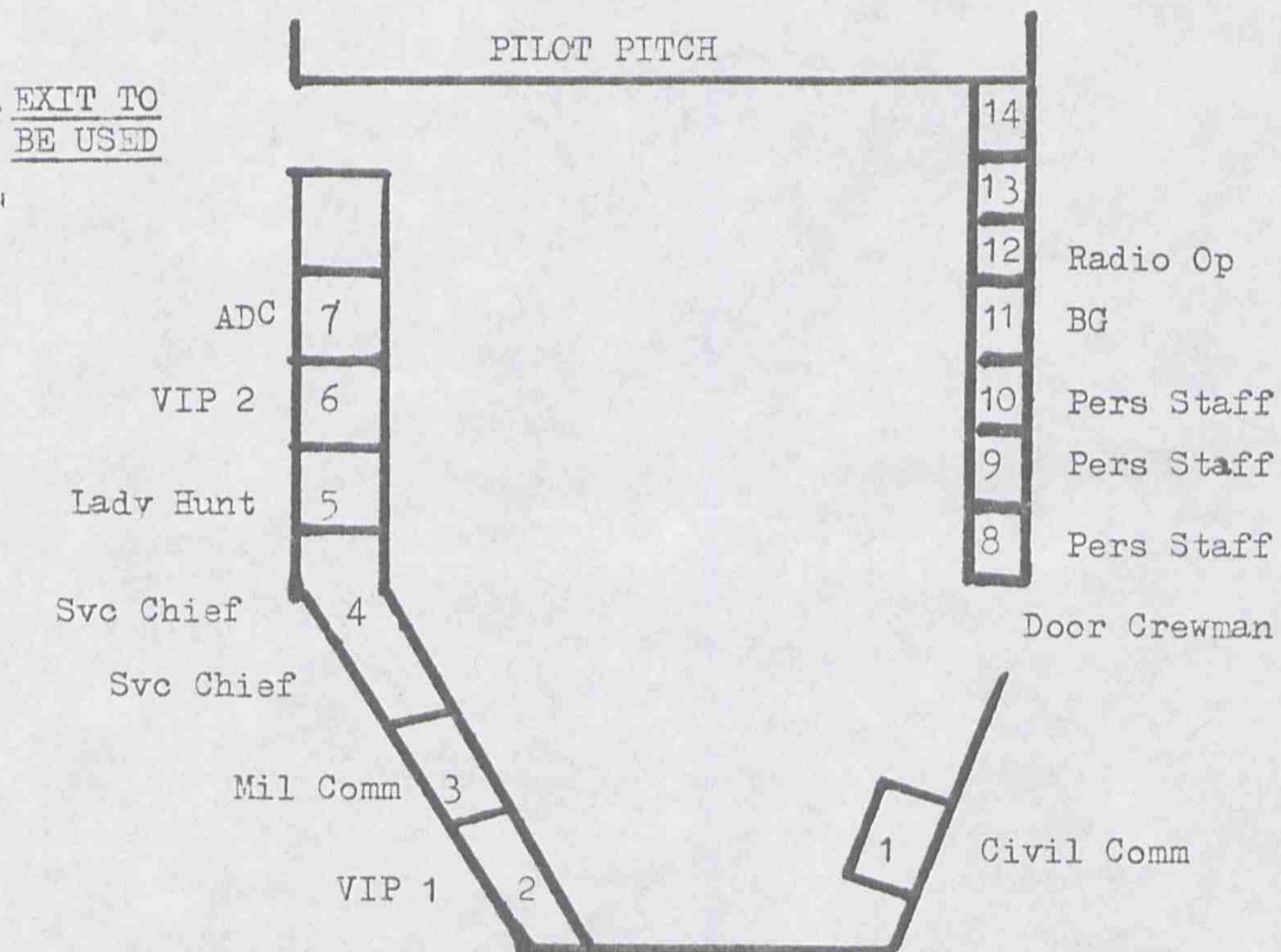
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Serial	Day	Annex A Serial	Helicopter	PAX
3	2	15	As Serial 2	As Serial 2
4	2	20	a. 1 x SEA KING	a. 2xVIP, Civil Comm, Mil Comm, Service Chief, 2xPersonal Staff, ADC, BG, Radio Op, CRE, OC 69 Gurkha Fd Sqn
			b. 1 x SEA KING	b. Spare
			c. 1 x GAZELLE	e. Mil Comm standby. 1 x Sigs pax.
5	2	21	As Serial 4	As Serial 4
6	2	25	As Serial 4	As Serial 4
7	3	40	a. 1 x SEA KING	a. 2 x VIP, Civil Comm, Lady Hunt, Mil Comm, Service Chief, 2 x Personal Staff, SNOFI, ADC, BG, Radio Op.
			b. 1 x SEA KING	b. Spare.
			c. 1 x CHINOOK	c. Press and inf sect.
			d. 1 x GAZELLE	d. Mil Comm standby.
8	3	42	As Serial 7	As Serial 7
9	3	44	As Serial 7	As Serial 7
10	3	46	As Serial 7	As Serial 7
11	3	48	As Serial 7	As Serial 7
12	3	50	As Serial 7	As Serial 7
13	3	52	As Serial 7	As Serial 7
14	3	54	As Serial 7	As Serial 7
15	3	56	As Serial 7	As Serial 7
16	4	64	a. 1 x SEA KING	a. 2 x VIP, Service Chief, 2 x Personal Staff, SNOFI, ADC, BG, Radio Op
			b. 1 x SEA KING	b. Spare
			c. 1 x GAZELLE	c. Mil Comm standby. 1 x Sigs pax.
17	4	65a	RN LYNX/WX	RN LYNX to ferry pax to HMS ANTRIM from Port San Carlos
18	4	65c	As Serial 17	As Serial 17.
19	4	65d	As Serial 16	As Serial 16. <u>NOTE</u> - Press flown from
20	4	65f	As Serial 16	As Serial 16. Triangle. Leave by hel



HELICOPTER SEATING PLAN

6. The seating plan for the VIP SEA KING will be as follows:





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SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

Sun

1. DAY 2 - EVENING

- a. Format: Dinner at Britannia House for 16.
- b. Timings. 2030 to 2300. However, all preparations are to be complete and service guests present by 2005 in the event that VIP moves directly to Britannia House on completion of Evensong at Stanley Cathedral.
- c. Attendance.
- (1) VIP Party. 2 x VIP, Civil Commissioner and Lady Hunt, 3 x Personal Staff and Service Chief.
- (2) Hosts. Military Commissioner, SNOFI, SRAFOFI, DCOS and CRE.
- (3) Service Guests. 3.
- d. Coordination/Seating Plan/Invitations. ADC.

Mon

2. DAY 3 - EVENING

(30) (2 x Rn JAs + 1 x Rn Cook, Buffet supper.)

- a. Format. Dinner for Service Chief at Britannia House.
- b. Attendance. As arranged by SNOFI.
- c. Coordination/Invitations. ADC.

Tues

3. DAY 4 - MIDDAY

- a. Format. Lunch on board HMS ANTRIM.
- b. Timings. Approx 1315 - 1415.
- c. Attendance. As arranged by SNOA. To include 2 x VIPs, Military Commissioner, Service Chief, SNOFI and 2 x Personal Staff.
- d. Coordination. SNOFI in conjunction with SNOA.

Thurs

4. DAY 4 - EVENING

- a. Format. Tri Service Dinner at Britannia House. Band of 1 RHamps to play.
- b. Timings. 2100 - 2300.
- c. Attendance.
- (1) VIP's Party. 2 VIPs, Service Chief and 3 Personal Staff.
- (2) Service Personnel.
- (a) Military Commissioner, COS, SRAFOFI, DCOS, CRE and ADC.



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- (b) 8 x RN guests (offrs/WOs). SMH ✓
- (c) 8 x Army guests (offrs/WOs). CBT ?
- (d) 10 x RAF guests (offrs/WOs). SLAFOH ✓
- (e) 5 x Merchant Service. SMH ✓

d. Coordination/Seating Plan/Invitations. ADC.

5. Dress. Dress for social functions will be pullover order.



PRESS ACCOMPANYING TOUR

Annex A Serial	From	To	Event	Remarks	Tpt
<u>DAY 1</u>					
3	1700	1715	Arrive RAF Stanley	BBC TV and Local Press (5) + PRO's to depart ahead of party for Government House	BBC LR G5 LR
<u>DAY 2</u>					
13	0925	1115	Visit RAF Stanley	"	BBC LR G5 LR
20	1545	1555	Visit Minefield	"	BBC LR G5 LR
-	1700	1730	Main Press Party (16) arrive RAF Stanley. Met by Maj MELLOR		PWD Bus 1 x 4 tonne
26	1700	1720	Visit Port Sqm	"	BBC LR G5 LR
27	1725	1735	Visit Bakery	"	BBC LR G5 LR
28	1740	1755	Visit Fd Post Office and Philatelic Bureau	"	BBC LR G5 LR
33	1900	2000	Attend Evensong	"	Walk to Church
<u>DAY 3</u>					
40	0830	0847	Fly to Fitzroy	Full Press Party 25	PWD Bus CHINOOK (Share with Inf Sect 10)
42	0945	1010	Fly to Goose Green	"	"
44	1125	1145	Fly to Port San Carlos	"	"
46	1240	1255	Fly to San Carlos	"	"



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Annex A Serial	From	To	Event	Remarks	Tpt
AY 3 (Cont)					
47	1255	1425	Visit San Carlos	"	"
48	1405	1415	Fly to Kellys Garden Camp	"	"
50	1430	1452	Fly to Port Howard	"	"
51	1452	1520	Visit Port Howard	"	"
52	1520	1530	Fly to Cemetery	Full Press Party 25	CHINOOK
54	1545	1612	Fly to Fox Bay East	"	"
56	1705	1810	Fly to Triangle	"	"
	1815	1830	Move to Upland Goose	"	"
60	1910	2030	Reception in Town Hall	Full Press Party 25	Walk from Upland Goose
AY 4					
	1400	1415	Move to Triangle from UGH		PWD Bus
65	1430	1545	Visit RFA Fort Grange & 826 Sqn	Full Press Party 25	2 x SEA KING (RN?)
66	1630	1645	Return to Triangle	"	"
69	1800	1900	Press Conference at Govt House	"	BBC LR G5 LR

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VISIT TO THE FALKLANDS

This note sets out the line to be taken on inquiries about the Prime Minister's projected visit to the Falklands.

The objective of the exercise is to get the Prime Minister to the Falklands before the news of the visit breaks. Similarly, it will be necessary to leave open the question of precisely when she is to leave to fly home.

No information must be given of the Prime Minister's flight or visit until her arrival has been confirmed in No 10.

1. In response to questions before the Prime Minister leaves the UK press officers should say:

What's the Prime Minister's programme?

- The Prime Minister is down to spend the weekend at Chequers. She has a number of engagements next week; and (only to the Lobby) is due to see the Lobby next Thursday.

Is she going to the Falklands?

- The Prime Minister does of course intend to visit the Falklands some time, but we cannot help you when.

Will you tell us when the Prime Minister is going?

- Probably not, given the security considerations.

Will the Prime Minister be taking a media party with her?

- Almost certainly not, given the security considerations, the transport difficulties and the accommodation problems.

2. Miss Christopherson will arrange with the Duty Clerk to be informed of when confirmation of arrival has been received. She will then inform MoD and FCO News Departments.

When did the Prime Minister fly to the Falklands?

- She left the UK on Friday night (10 pm from Brize Norton) in a VC10 for



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Ascension. She then transferred to a Hercules transport. The total flying time was ....., with a one hour break in Ascension.

Who is travelling with her?

- Mr Thatcher; Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral Fieldhouse; 2 private secretaries (Mr Butler and Mr Coles); Chief Press Secretary (Mr Ingham); and a duty clerk (Alan Logie).

Why no detectives?

- The Prime Minister will be in the care of the military throughout. She was also anxious to keep her party to the absolute minimum. She is not, for example, taking any secretary.

How long has the visit been in the planning machine?

- A long time. Months on a contingency basis.

Why no media party?

- A BBC team is in the Falklands. The BBC is being asked to make its output generally available. Three other journalists, who will work on a pool basis, are on their way there - one from PA; one representing the Lobby; and an ITN reporter who will share BBC facilities. Problems of security, transport and accommodation place the severest limit on the facilities which can be accorded the media. We wish it were otherwise.

Why those three? - Was any effort made to get a larger party?

- The choice is entirely ours. Some hard decisions have to be made when numbers are limited. Yes, we examined the possibility but eventually decided for a number of reasons that only a very limited facility could be provided. To

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repeat, we wish it had been possible to take more.

Is there any possibility of getting there?

- No. There is no point in trying. If we had intended you or others to go you would be on your way there. You will I fear simply have to grin and bear it.

Why has the Prime Minister gone (since she doesn't seem to be all that concerned about being seen there)?

- She has not gone for the benefit of the media. She has gone to see the Falklands for herself; to meet Islanders in their own communities; and of course to support the Islanders and the British Forces protecting them.

How long will she be there and what will she see?

- The visit will last for only a few days. We do not intend to be more precise about how long. In the course of the visit she will tour the Islands from her base with the Civil Commissioner in Port Stanley. You can assume she will visit most of the historic places.

Will she lay wreaths?

- Of course.

Is she taking any promises, initiatives, projects?

- No. The purpose is to meet the people. A lot of the decisions about the development of the Islands have already been taken.

Presumably the Prime Minister is going quite deliberately before the publication of the Franks Report.

- No. Publication of the Franks Report has got absolutely nothing to do with the timing of the visit. The timing is entirely due to the fact that this is a Recess, and it is at the height of the Falklands' summer when, theoretically at least, the weather should be better. You should not read anything into the visit in relation to Franks. My advice about Franks - to

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repeat what we have consistently said about it - is to wait until it is published and not join the frenzy of speculation.

3. The proposed itinerary is attached. But it must be emphasised that it is not final. It should only be used illustratively and the precise period of the visit should not be disclosed.

4. Other questions which might arise are:

- How will TV pictures get back? - Via Ascension from which it may be possible to satellite TV film. Still pictures will be satellited as now from the Falklands.
- So no special communications arrangements have been laid on? - The BBC may be arranging for TV film to be satellited from Ascension, having been flown from the Falklands by normal service. The media communications will be via satellite from a ship in Port Stanley.
- Isn't the Prime Minister at risk all the time she is there and couldn't the Argentinians bottle her up there indefinitely? - You can assume that the Prime Minister took the decision to make the visit in the light of advice about all the circumstances surrounding life in the islands.
- Did any members of the Prime Minister's Cabinet know she was going? - Very few indeed.
- Was The Queen informed? - Of course.
- What is the cost of the visit? - Not known at this stage. The Prime Minister flew to Ascension by an aircraft which had other passengers on it. She had a specially prepared Hercules from Ascension to the Falklands.

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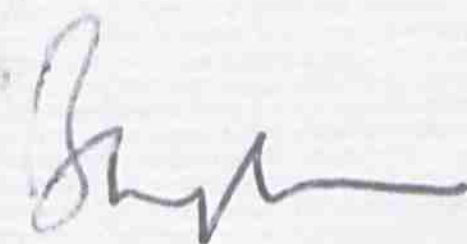


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What was special about the Hercules?

- The aircraft contained a porter cabin providing the Prime Minister with private sleeping and working headquarters.



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PS to PM

Ascension Island is a dependency of the colony of St Helena. It has no indigenous population but is used by Cable and Wireless PLC, the BBC and the Composite Signals Organisation (GCHQ) as well as the United States Air Force (USAF), the National Aeronautic and Space Administration (NASA) and the South African Cable Company (SACC) all of whom provide employment for people from St Helena.

Because of the strategic position of Ascension Island and the presence on it of Wideawake Airfield, which was built and is managed by the Americans under a lease agreement, Ascension played a vital part in the Falkland Islands campaign. The role of the United States Base and the people of the island in that campaign has already been recognised.

In view of this it would be very much appreciated if the Prime Minister would, despite the late hour and short stop over at Ascension, be kind enough to meet representatives of all sections of the community on her return through Ascension from the Falkland Islands. The meeting could take place at a small reception at CBFASI's Headquarters at Wideawake Airfield which is close to the air terminal. This will have to be in a Portakabin. A suggested guest list of people who were or will be involved with the Falkland Islands operations is attached. On route to this reception she could meet some of the servicemen if she so wishes.

Also attached are short notes on Ascension Island.

I G THOW  
Administrator  
Ascension Island

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PROPOSED GUEST LIST

Civilian

Mr & Mrs Ian G Thow  
Mr B D Wood  
Mr N Shacklady  
Mr C R Lee (1)  
Inspector W Clingham  
Mr W Maggott  
Mr Brian Joshua (1)

Administrator  
General Manager Cable and Wireless PLC  
Resident Engineer BBC  
Officer in Charge CSO JP  
Chief of Police Ascension  
Administrators Office  
St Helenian Employee of US Base

American

Lt Col & Mrs W D Bryden (1)  
Mr Don Coffey (1)

USAF Base Commander  
US Base Manager

CBFASI

Group Captain R C Parker  
Wing Commander A J Schollar  
Wing Commander D W Hiller  
Squadron Leader P J G E McC Cullum  
Lieutenant Commander A L Jackson RN  
Major P J Holtorp RAOC

CBFASI  
OC Administrative Wing  
Senior RAF Engineering Officer  
Squadron Leader Operations  
Senior Naval Officer  
Army Liaison Officer

Note:

1. The US Base Commander, Lt Col W D Bryden and the US Base Manager, Mr Don Coffey received Commander CTF 317's Commendations in respect of the part they played in the Falkland Islands campaign. Mr Brian Joshua, a St Helenian, received the BEM. Mr C R Lee was awarded an MBE in the New Year Honours List.



## ASCENSION ISLAND

The island of Ascension lies in the South Atlantic close to the equator at 7°56'S and 14°22'W. It is an island of purely volcanic origin and is only 34sq miles in area. Its nearest neighbour is the island of St. Helena some 700 miles to the southeast. The nearest land fall in Africa is at a distance of 900 miles.

Ascension is a young island in geological terms and the most recent volcanic eruptions may have taken place as little as 5-700 years ago. The oldest part of the island is Green Mountain 2,817 feet. The island is devoid of vegetation except for the upper slopes of Green Mountain. Land on the peak has been farmed since the mid 19th century and to-day supplies the small population with vegetables and meat mainly lamb and pork. The Wideawake or sooty Tern visit the island every tenth month in large numbers to breed. Green Turtles also use the sandy beaches of the island to lay their eggs between December and May each year.

Ascension is said to have been first discovered by Juan de Nova on Ascension Day 1501. It was uninhabited until 1815 when following the arrival of Napoleon in St. Helena it was decided to establish a small British naval garrison on Ascension. The island remained under the supervision of the Admiralty until 1922 when it was made a dependency of St. Helena by Royal Letters patent.

In that year the Eastern Telegram Company (to become Cable and Wireless Ltd in 1934) who had established a submarine cable link between Ascension and St. Helena in 1899 to facilitate growing need for communications between England and South Africa, were granted permission to continue to operate from the island and to assume certain executive and administrative functions on behalf of the Governor of St. Helena.

In 1942 the British government leased an area in the southwest corner of the island to the United States to enable them to build Wideawake Airfield for strategic purposes. The U.S. Military withdrew in 1945 but returned in 1956 under a new agreement providing additional sites for the extension of the U.S. Long Range Proving ground for guided missiles. A further agreement was signed in 1965 to allow the United States to develop tracking facilities on the island in support of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Apollo Space programme.

By 1965 other users had arrived on Ascension with the result that an Administrator was appointed by the Government of St. Helena to look after its interests on the island. Agreement was reached between the Users then Cable & Wireless, the B.B.C. and the Composite Signals Organisation and, later in 1967, the South Atlantic Cable Company, to provide and share the cost of certain services to the community. The Property Services Agency, a department of the British Department of the Environment was brought in to carry out public works including the provision of power and water. P.S.A. withdrew in 1978 and the Users assumed their responsibilities. The Users and the U.S. Base have traditionally looked to St. Helena for the provision of labour with the result that the population of the island at the end of 1981 consisted of U.S.A. (143), Saint Helenians (617), British (194) and others (17). Figures include women/children.



The British Forces returned to the island in April 1982 in support of the situation which had developed in the Falkland Islands.

Additional information on Organisations represented on the island are as follows:

#### ASCENSION AUXILIARY AIRFIELD

Ascension Auxiliary Airfield maintained by the United States is the southernmost Tracking Station on the U.S. Air Force's Eastern Test Range. Its business involves tracking, via two radar stations, and passing information to and from, via its Telemetry Station, all missiles and spacecraft launched out of Cape Canaveral on the east coast of Florida. It also has an extensive transmitter and receiver field to assist in communications Up Range, and a missile impact location system which can accurately locate missiles landing in the target area west of Ascension.

Ascension A.A.F. operates Wideawake Airfield. Normal Air Traffic averages 25 aircraft arrivals per month. The management and operation of the base is currently under contract to Pan American Airways with Radio Corp. of America (R.C.A.) their sub-contractor for operating all radios and radars (Instrumentation). The Base also feeds and houses the N.A.S.A. contractors personnel.

The current Base was constructed in 1956 adjacent to the WW II Air field which was built in 1942.

#### CABLE & WIRELESS P.L.C.

The Eastern Telegraph Company first came to Ascension in 1899. The E.T.C. became Imperial and International Communications Ltd. (1929), subsequent to the introduction of radio communication and in 1934 the Company adopted its present title of Cable & Wireless.

The Company built its first satellite Earth Station in Ascension in 1966 to support the N.A.S.A. Apollo programme and together with a second Earth Station introduced in October 1980 still provides the major route for international telecommunications to and from the island.

Cable & Wireless, from its office in Georgetown provides international telephone, telegram and telex services.

Cable & Wireless also operates and manages the common services for the British Organisations in Ascension:-

- Building and road maintenance,
- Sewage,
- Medical and dental,
- Port facilities,
- School,
- Georgetown and Two Boats shops (sub-contracted),
- Farm and slaughterhouse,
- Public Health, and
- Certain recreational facilities.



B.B.C. ATLANTIC RELAY STATION

The B.B.C.'s Atlantic Relay Station was established in 1966 to improve the coverage of B.B.C. short wave broadcasts to Africa and South America. It relays programmes from London in the World service and the vernacular services for each of those areas. The B.B.C. is responsible for the power station, which as well as supplying power for the Relay Station, also provides the power and fresh water for the British sector of the island.

COMPOSITE SIGNALS ORGANISATION

The Composite Signals Organisation (C.S.O.) Station in Ascension provides facilities for research and development in the field of communications and certain communications facilities for Government departments including the Defence Services. A C.S.O. presence has been on the Island continuously since 1966 except for a short break in 1978.

SOUTH ATLANTIC CABLE COMPANY

The South Atlantic Cable Co. (Pty) Ltd., (S.A.C.C.), established a co-axial submarine telecommunications cable station on Ascension during the latter part of 1967.

It is basically a repeater station which picks up a few telephone and telegraph circuits from Cable & Wireless P.L.C., and extends them to London and Cape Town.

October 1982.



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PLAN PM'S VISIT TO FARLANDS FRIDAY 4 JAN - THURS 13 JAN 1983  
OUTWARD JOURNEY ETA BRIZE NORTON 2100 hours.

CAR 1 Prime Minister Depart No.10 1900 hours.  
(Ken Godwin) Mr. Thatcher  
Detective

CAR 2 Mr. Butler Depart No.10 1900 hours  
(Joe Beattie) Mr. Poles (via Cabinet Office entrance Whitehall 1855 hours)  
Mr. Ingham

CAR 3 Mr. Logan to travel in advance of party to  
(Tom Savage) RAF Brize Norton departing No.10 at 1730 hours.

RETURN JOURNEY ETA BRIZE NORTON Thursday 13 Jan 0900

CAR 1 Prime Minister To No.10.  
Mr. Thatcher  
Detective

CAR 2 Mr. Butler To No.10.  
Mr. Poles  
Mr. Ingham

CAR 3 Mr. Logan to travel with luggage to No.10.

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## OUTLINE PROGRAMME

ANNEX A TO  
DCS/19/1 DATED  
7 JANUARY 1983

DAY 1 8 Jan 1983

Serial	From	To	Event	Remarks	Tpt
1	1600 approx	1700	Ac transits FIPZ	a. 2 PHANTOM to escort on order of SPAFOFI b. SAR support to be provided by RN	-
2	1600	1630	Tpt moves to RAF Stanley	Met by: Civil Commissioner & Lady Hunt Military Commissioner Maj Gen D C Thorne CBE Chief Secretary & Mrs Baker SPAFOFI: Sp Capt RAF Wilson AFC RAF	Annex B
3	1700	1715	Arrive RAF Stanley		
4	1715	1735	Move to Government House	Service Chief to move to Britannia House. Met by SMOFI - Capt D S Dobson RN	Annex B
5	1815	1820	Service Chief moves from Britannia House to HQ BPTI	Escorted by SMOFI	Annex B
6	1925	1830	Move from Government House to HQ BPTI	a. Escorted from Government House by Civil Commissioner. b. Met at HQ BPTI by Military Commissioner. c. Briefed by Military Commissioner. In attendance: SMOFI On call : 1365 & 035	Annex B
7	1915	1920	Move from HQ BPTI to Government House	Service Chief has separate briefing at HQ BPTI under arrangements SMOFI.	Annex B
8	1920	2000	Briefing at Government House	a. Briefed by Civil Commissioner. b. Military Commissioner in attendance. c. (2010 - 2025 - Present ISAC - to be confirmed)	Annex B
9	2030	2100	Dinner at Government House	Military Commissioner and Service Chief to attend.	Annex B
10	2300 approx		Military Commissioner & Service Chief depart Government House		Annex B

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Serial	From	To	Event	Remarks	Tpt
11	0905	0910	Military Commissioner and Service Chief to Triangle		Annex B
12	0910	0915	Move from Government House to Triangle		Walk
13	0915	0920	Ply from Triangle to RAF Stanley		Annex C
14	0925	1115	Visit RAF Stanley including engineer works a. 0930 - 0945 Briefing b. 0945 - 0950 View airfield from ATC c. 0950 - 1005 Drive through Admin/Engineering complex d. 1005 - 1010 Drive down runway e. 1010 - 1020 View BARRIER f. 1020 - 1030 View PLANTON g. 1030 - 1035 Visit rock crusher h. 1035 - 1040 Drive past quarry to Coastal site i. 1040 - 1050 See Coastal j. 1100 - 1110 Visit PLADGE k. 1110 - Move to helicopter	Met by BEAUFORT In attendance: CME - Col A E N Black OBE CO 17 Empt Regt - Lt Col P R Ievers	Annex B
15	1115	1120	FLY from RAF Stanley to Triangle		
16	1145	1245	Attend meeting of Executive & Legislative Councils at Government House	Visit ISC engineering complex and Sparabel See Vulcan crater, dispersed areas and extension Meet air and ground crews Meet air and ground crews	
17	1245	1430	Lunch with Councillors at Government House	Meet Rls. See STOU radar and radar operators	
18	1500	1510	Briefing on bomb disposal & mine clearance	Move to Government House on arrival at Triangle	Annex C
19	1510	1515	Move to Triangle		
20	1515	1545	FLY to Rockery Bay - Visit minefield	a. To be given at Government House b. Briefing by: OC 69 Gurkha Fd Sqn - Maj J G Baker In attendance: CRE c. Briefing to be ready from 1430 onwards.	Walk Annex C. Vehs to be repositioned
21	1545	1555	FLY to Navy Point	OC 69 Gurkha Fd Sqn and CRE in attendance	3 x IR to be repositioned
22	1555	1600	Visit RAF Search & Rescue Detachment		
23	1605	1630	Visit 69 Gurkha Fd Sqn	OC 69 Gurkha Fd Sqn: Maj J G Baker	
24	1635	1645	Visit Camber Jetty area	SNCFI present	
25	1645	1655	FLY to Triangle	Civil Commissioner leaves party	Annex C
26	1700	1720	Visit Port Sqn	Met by: OC F100 Fd - Lt Col I E Brown CC Port Sqn - Maj P J Everingham In attendance: COC - Col F V Symes	Annex B



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Serial	From	To	Event	Remarks	Pgt
27	1725	1735	Visit Bakery		Annex B
28	1740	1755	Visit RA Post Office and Philatelic Bureau		Annex B
29	1755	1800	Move to Government House	Service Chief moves to Britannia House	Annex B
30	1835	1840	Military Commissioner & Service Chief move to Government House		Annex B
31	1845	1855	Move to Cemetery and lay wreath		Annex B
32	1855	1900	Move to Cathedral		Annex B
33	1900	2000	Attend Evensong		
34	2000	2005	Return to Government House	a. Military Commissioner & Service Chief move direct to Britannia House	Annex B
35	2005	2030	Move to Britannia House		Annex B
36	2030	2300	Dinner at Britannia House		Details at Annex C
37	2300 approx		Depart Britannia House		Annex B



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Serial	From	To	Event	Remarks	Tpt
38	0820	0825	Military Commissioner & Service Chief to Triangle SMOFI to accompany		Annex B
39	0825	0830	Move to Triangle		Annex C
40	0830	0847	FLY to Fiteroy		3xLR to be avail
41	0847	0945	Visit Fiteroy a. 0847 - 0910 Visit Settlement b. 0915 - 0940 Visit 128 Fd Bty	Met by: Mr B Bunnie Met by: OC 129 Fd Bty - Maj S Hamilton See guns firing and CHINCOCK load.	Annex C
42	0945	1010	FLY to Goose Green	Fly over Darwin	Annex C
43	1010	1125	Visit Goose Green a. 1010 - 1020 Visit Semetary b. 1025 - 1055 Visit Settlement c. 1055 - 1120 Visit Y Coy 1RHamps	a. Met by: Mr E M Goss Mr B Hardcastle CO 1RHamps - Lt Col D H Neville b. Wreath to be laid at cemetery by VIP. Wreath also required by Service Chief.	1RHamps to provide 3 vehs for mov from cemetery to settlement
44	1125	1145	FLY to Port San Carlos		Annex C
45	1145	1240	Visit Port San Carlos a. 1145 - 1155 HARRIER FOB b. 1155 - 1200 Pl 1RHamps c. 1205 - 1225 Settlement d. 1225 - 1240 CHINCOCK	Met by: Mr A Miller 1 x HARRIER to scramble. Engas to be working on PCB. Met by: OC CHINCOCK Detachment - Sgt Cnr M Meyer	CHINCOCK to provide 3 vehs
46	1240	1255	FLY to San Carlos	Overfly HARRIER detachment	Annex C
47	1255	1405	Visit San Carlos a. 1255 - 1345 Lunch b. 1345 - 1405 Visit Semetary	Met by: Mr P Short OC 14 AD Bty - Maj E C D Carter VIP to lay wreath. Wreath also required for Service Chief.	3 x LR to be provided by 14 AD Bty for move to cemetery
48	1405	1415	FLY to Kellys Garden Camp	Service Chief - separate programme arranged by SMOFI	Annex C
49	1415	1430	Visit Kellys Garden Camp	Met by: OC 51 Fd Sqn - Maj D Stephenson	Annex C
50	1430	1452	FLY to Port Howard	Overfly Ajax Bay and Albatross Radar	Annex C
51	1452	1520	Visit Port Howard Settlement	Met by: Mr R Lee CO 1 RHamps - Lt Col D H Neville	3 x LR to be provided by 14 AD Bty for move to cemetery
52	1520	1530	FLY to Cemetery		Annex C
53	1530	1545	Lay wreath & visit GR Coy		Annex C
54	1545	1612	FLY to Fox Bay East		Annex C
55	1612	1705	Visit Fox Bay East		Annex C



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Serial	From	To	Event	Remarks	Tpt
55	cont				
56	1705	1810	a. 1512 - 1640 Visit Settlement b. 1640 - 1705 Visit A Coy 1RHamps Fly to Triangle	Met by: Mr R Cockwell Met by: CC A Coy Maj P Hughes	Annex C
57	1815	1820	Return to Government House	Service Chief returns to Britannia House	Annex B
58	1900	1905	Military Commissioner to Town Hall		Annex B
59	1905	1910	Move from Government House to Town Hall	Service Chief separate programme	Annex B
60	1910	2030	Reception in Town Hall	Service Chief joins at 1950	
61	2030	2035	Move to Government House	Military Commissioner & Service Chief to Britannia House	Annex B
62	2100	2300	Dinner at Government House	Separate supper for Service Chief at Britannia House	Annex D



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Serial	From	To	Event	Remarks	Ppt
63	0915	1145	Visit rehabilitation works in Stanley schools and hospital	a. Programme as arranged by Civil Commissioner. CRE and CRE(Works) to accompany. b. Military Commissioner on call. c. Separate programme to be arranged for Service Chief by SNOPI. d. Military Commissioner & DCOG to join at hospital.	Annex B
64	1220	1250	Fly from Triangle to Port San Carlos FOB	a. Accompanied by Military Commissioner & SNOPI	Annex C
65	1250	1700	Visit RN Ships & Merchant Service. Outline programme: a. 1250 - 1300 Fly to HMS ANTRIM b. 1300 - 1430 Visit HMS ANTRIM c. 1430 - 1440 Fly to Port San Carlos d. 1440 - 1520 Fly to RFA Port Grange e. 1520 - 1545 Visit RFA Port Grange f. 1545 - 1555 Fly to STEMA INSPECTOR g. 1555 - 1620 Visit STEMA INSPECTOR h. 1620 - 1645 Visit HMS CHARVÉDIS	b. Ferried to HMS ANTRIM by RN helos c. Return to Port San Carlos by RN helo after visiting HMS ANTRIM	Annex C Annex C Press Joins on board RFA FORT GRANGE
66	1650	1700	Return to Triangle		Annex C
67	1700	1730	Return to Government House	Service Chief to Britannia House	Annex B
68	1750	1755	Military Commissioner & Service Chief to Government House		Annex B
69	1800	1900	Press Conference & Interviews at Government House		
70	1915	2030	Drinks at Government House	Military Commissioner and Service Chief attend	Annex B
71	2030	2035	Military Commissioner & Service Chief to Britannia House		Annex B
72	2055	2100	Move to Britannia House	Recorded by Military Commissioner	Annex D
73	2100	2300	Dinner at Britannia House	Tri-Service Dinner	Annex B
74	2300 approx		Return to Government House		Annex B

DAY 5 12 JAN 1983

Visit to Tumbledown Hill and to Penguin Colony

Return to Gov. House for Breakfast

Depart Gov. House

Depart Port Stanley

Arrive Ascension Island

Reception for representative group concerned with operation of Airfield

Depart Ascension Island for UK

Arrive RAF Brize Norton  
Return to No.10

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0900



Serial	From	To	Event	Remarks	Tpt
<del>63</del>	<del>0905</del>	<del>0910</del>	<del>Military Commissioner &amp; Service Chief to Triangle</del>		<del>Appx 1</del>
<del>64</del>	<del>0910</del>	<del>0915</del>	<del>Move to Triangle</del>		
<del>65</del>	<del>0915</del>	<del>1145</del>	<del>Battlefield tour to include visits to:</del> <del>a. Mt Longdon</del> <del>b. Tumbledown Mt</del> <del>c. Mt Kent</del>	<del>Accompanied by: Civil Commissioner</del> <del>Mr R Baker</del>	<del>Appx 2</del>
<del>66</del>	<del>1145</del>	<del>1215</del>	<del>Fly to Shag Cove</del>		<del>Appx 2</del>
<del>67</del>	<del>1215</del>	<del>1330</del>	<del>Visit Bn HQ 1 RHamps.. To include lunch.</del>	<del>Met by: CO 1 RHamps - Lt Col D H Neville</del>	
<del>68</del>	<del>1330</del>	<del>1545</del>	<del>Tour of conservation areas on West Falkland to include visit to penguin colony &amp; elephant seals</del>	<del>Accompanied by: Major J A Charteris</del> <del>Mr I Strange</del>	<del>Appx 2</del>
<del>69</del>	<del>1545</del>	<del>1645</del>	<del>Fly to Triangle</del>		<del>Appx 2</del>
<del>70</del>	<del>1645</del>	<del>1650</del>	<del>Move to Government House</del>		
<del>71</del>	<del>1715</del>	<del>1845</del>	<del>Discussions with Civil &amp; Military Commissioners</del>	<del>Service Chief in attendance</del>	
<del>72</del>	<del>1845</del>	<del>1850</del>	<del>Military Commissioner &amp; Service Chief to Britannia House</del>		
<del>73</del>	<del>1925</del>	<del>1930</del>	<del>Military Commissioner &amp; Service Chief to Government House</del>		
<del>74</del>	<del>1930</del>	<del>2200</del>	<del>Private Dinner Party at Government House</del>	<del>Military Commissioner &amp; Service Chief to attend.</del>	
<del>75</del>	<del>2200 approx</del>		<del>Military Commissioner &amp; Service Chief to Britannia House</del>		



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ANNEX A TO  
COS/10/1 (A) DATED  
10 JANUARY 1983

Serial	From	To	Event	Remarks
1	0910	0915	Move to PWD Yard	
2	0915	0925	Visit PWD Yard: a. Carpenters Shop b. Metal Workers Shop	CRE and CRE(Works) in attendance (to use own tpt)
3	0925	0930	Move to New Housing Estate (Race Course Road extension)	
4	0930	0945	Visit New Housing Estate	
5	0945	0950	Move to Beaver Hanger	
6	0950	1000	Visit Beaver Hanger	In attendance: CC 657 Sqn AAC - Maj M J T Hewetson
7	1000	1005	Move to Power Station	
8	1005	1015	Visit Power Station	
9	1015	1020	Move to Senior School	
10	1020	1110	Visit Senior and Junior Schools	On call - Maj P R Thomas
11	1110	1115	Move to Hospital	
12	1115	1145	Visit Hospital	In attendance: DCOS - Col P W Symes OC Mil Hosp - Lt Col J S K Swanston
13	1145	1150	Return to Government House	

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE FALKLANDS

	<u>GMT</u>	
<u>Friday 7 January</u>	2100	Depart Brize Norton
<u>Saturday 8 January</u>	0600	Arrive Ascension
	0700	Depart Ascension
	<u>Falklands Time</u>	
	1700	Arrive Stanley Go to Government House
	1830-1915	Military briefing at HQ, BFFI
	1920-2000	Civil briefing, Government House
	2030	Dinner, Government House
<u>Sunday 9 January</u>	0915-1115	Visit RAF, Stanley (helicopter)
	1145-1245	Meet Joint Councils, Government Hse
	1245-1430	Lunch with Councillors, Government House
	1500-1800	Bomb disposal briefing; Visit Army Logistics Unit, RAF SAR helicopters, and Navy Point area
	1900-2000	Evensong, Christ Church Cathedral Lay wreath en route
	2030	Dinner, Britannia House with Military Commissioner
<u>Monday 10 January</u>	0830-1730	Visit to Camp By helicopter to Fitzroy Darwin and Goose Green Lay wreath Port San Carlos San Carlos - lay wreath Port Howard - lay wreath Fox Bay East Return to Stanley
	1900-2030	Reception, Town Hall, Stanley
	2100	Dinner, Government House

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Tuesday 11 January

Falklands  
Time

0915-1145

Visit rehabilitation works in  
Stanley,  
Schools and hospitals

1230-1700

Royal Navy

1800-1900

Press Conference and local radio  
interview

1915-2030

Drinks party, Government House

2100

Dinner, Britannia House

Wednesday 12 January

0800

Depart Stanley

GMT

2300

Arrive Ascension

Thursday 13 January

1200

Depart Ascension

0900

Arrive Brize Norton

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Secret and Personal



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Press Secretary

NA CORPS

I have had a meeting with the NoD today. The outlook is now clearer and brighter, subject to one crucial proviso on security.

FACTS

- 1- A BBC TV reporter and film crew will be down there immediately before a visit and can easily be kept there
- 2- Some journalists will arrive during the visit - BBC UleW Radio and a TV South team - and a Cambridge Evening News reporter could be there at the start.
- 3- NoD will make sure - but we need to confirm this has been done - that there is a dedicated ship available to send back words and still photos
- 4- There will be no problem about numbers re flights to Falklands or back, or for helicopter lifts during the tow; one possible problem about helicopter lifts during the Naval visits could be resolved on a restricted pool basis in the Tetlands.

Secret and Personal



Secret and Personal



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Press Secretary

5 - TV film will have to be flown back to Ascension; while ITN think they are on the verge of a TV communications breakthrough. I think it would be wrong presentationaly to try to rush in the equipment for a home & personal visit.

### CHOICE

Thus the question is whether we take a small (8) or large party of 15-16.

First, there is no opinion that a press party should travel separately and later with the objective of getting the Prime Minister either through Ascension or on to the Falklands before there is a chance of a leak.

Both MoD and myself agree we should take a large rather than smaller party. Assuming I travel with the Prime Minister - which I think I should - we should need one official to accompany the press party. That should be Ian Kydd.

I set out possible representation for small and large parties at Annexes I & II

The crucial security questions are:

Secret and Personal



Secret and Personal



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Press Secretary

- 1) Such as be possible for me to line up those chosen to travel - on a strictly personal and confidential basis - to stay close to a telephone during a specified period?
- 2) If not, how much time will we be allowed to marshal the chosen party?

We were not able to resolve these issues today and it may not be possible to do so until much nearer the time.

Obviously it will be easier to marshal a smaller rather than large party - though the latter is much easier to defend - against the possibility of absence without notice.

Accommodation will be rudimentary, but that is inevitable. It is doubtful whether this will be an objection by those chosen to travel.

Finally, I should add that Sir John Jones has advised if he would travel with the Prime Minister. I must advise against his being invited.



Secret and Personal



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Press Secretary

Annex I

My provisional nominations for a small party are:

- 1 - Glyn Patthras ITN - using BBC camera team three
- 2 - Peter Allen IRN (since BBC would have team three)
- 3 - Press Association - either Chris Tomcneff or David Healy
- 4 - Jack Warden, Daily Express - representing popular newspapers
- 5 - Jim Wightman, D Telegraph, or Ian Aitken, Guardian, representing quality newspapers
- 6 - Gordon Jackson, Thomson Regional Newspapers representing English and Welsh newspapers
- 7 - Stephen Parkhouse, Glasgow Herald, representing Scottish newspapers
- 8 - Martin Cleaver, PA photographer who won the MBE for his coverage of the war.



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Annex II

10 DOWNING STREET

From the Press Secretary

My provisional nominations for a large party are:

- 1 - Glyn Patheas IRN
- 2 - Camwaman
- 3 - Soundman
- 4 - Peter Allen IRN
- 5 - Gordon Austin BBC External Services
- 6 - Jack Warden Express
- 7 - Jim Wightman Telegraph (or Ian Aitken Sunday)
- 8 - Gordon Jackson Thomson Regional
- 9 - Stephen Parkhouse, Glasgow Herald
- 10 - Press Association (Moncreiff or Healy)
- 11 - Associated Press (American) - David Mason
- 12 - Austin Cleaver, Press Association Photographer
- 13 - Frank Nelville (Time)
- 14 - William Tuohy (Los Angeles Times)
- 15 - Ian Kydd Do To.

Possible reserve Herbert Knott, freelance photographer who has covered a number of the Prime Minister's tours.

In an ideal world I would like to take on the Prime Minister's 'plane a PA reporter to ensure visit is fully chronicled from start to finish. But this is not essential.



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CABINET OFFICE

70 Whitehall, London SW1A 2AS Telephone 01-233 8319

From the Secretary of the Cabinet: Sir Robert Armstrong KCB, CVO

23 December 1982

My dear Hunt,

Thank you very much for your letter of 14 December.

2. I have now had an opportunity of getting the Prime Minister's comments on the programme. We have in effect to

compress it a little, to fit in with the journey schedules and other pressures.

I have done that in the revised programme which I attach. I think that by

slightly shortening certain of the visits proposed and by reducing the amount

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of spare time — the Prime Minister is not a great one for spare time in such visits — we have fitted in all the events for which you had allowed.

5 At any rate the Prime Minister would be content with the programme now attached. Clearly, however, it is not possible to be sure, at 8,000 miles remove, that this makes sense.

10 at your end, and you must be free to make such adjustments as you and the Military Commissioner see fit.

3. The party will consist of the

15 following:



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1. The Prime Minister
2. Mr. Denis Thatcher
3. Admiral Sir John Fieldhouse, GCB, GBE  
Chief of the Naval Staff
- 5 4. Mr. F. E. R. Butler,  
Principal Private Secretary to the Prime Minister
5. Mr. A. J. Coles, Private Secretary to the Prime Minister
6. Mr. B. Ingham, Press Secretary to the Prime Minister
7. Mr. A. Logan, Duty Clerk, 10 Downing Street

10 4. Provided that Admiral Fieldhouse can be  
suitably accommodated at Britannia House —  
or conceivably in one of Her Majesty's Ships? —

I suggest that nos. 1, 2, 4 and 5 should  
stay with you. If you conclude that Admiral

15 Fieldhouse should stay at Government House,

Mr Butler or Mr Coles can be put elsewhere

(or in less comfort at Government House).

5. Mr. Ingham will arrange to bring a  
press party of 16; and he may well

20 travel separately from the Prime Minister

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and with the new party. The members of that party will not be contacted until well after the Prime Minister has left, and they will not arrive in the Falkland Islands until some 24 hours after her. Arrangements for this party will be made direct with the Ministry of Defence.

6. You will see that on the programme attached a "Reception" at the Town Hall has been the place of what your programme described as a "Public Meeting".

The Prime Minister would be happy to attend a gathering in the Town Hall, to speak for 10 minutes or so, and to hear one speech in reply; but

she would like as much time as possible



to be available for talking informally with as many people as possible.

5 7. The Prime Minister's party will come equipped with vehicles for laying at the points indicated in the programme.

8. If the size of the party — especially the press — would create severe accommodation problems, you are please to say so, and we will think again.

10 9. Finally, you will see that the Prime Minister's party does not include any of her personal protection officers. Thus the Military Commissioner and you will be entirely responsible for the  
15 Prime Minister's personal protection



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and security from the time of her arrival  
at Stanley airport on 8 January until  
the time of her departure on 12 January.

5 10. We want for obvious reasons to  
preserve absolute security on this visit  
and all the arrangements connected  
with it. I hope that you will not  
need to communicate again in the  
light of this letter; but, if you do,  
10 and the exigencies of time oblige  
you to do so by telegram, I hope  
that you will be able to do so  
in ways that protect the subject  
matter. In the hope of making  
15 this possible, I am numbering

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the pages, paragraphs and lines of this  
letter and the annex, of which I  
have made a copy for my own  
purposes.

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With best wishes to you,  
belatedly I fear for Christmas,  
and for the New Year.

Yours sincerely

Robert Armstrong

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1983	Day	GMT	
January	Friday 7	<del>2200</del> 2100	Depart from Brize Norton
	Saturday 8	0600	Arrive Ascension
		0700	Depart Ascension
		<u>Falklands Time</u>	(GMT-3)
5		1700	Arrive Stanley Go to Government House
		1830	Military briefing
		- 1915	HQ, BFFI
		1920	Civil briefing,
		- 2000	Government House
10		2030	Dinner, Government House
	Sunday 9	0915	Visit RAF, Stanley
		- 1115	(helicopter)
		1145	Meet Joint Councils,
		- 1245	Government House
15		1245	Lunch with Councilors,
		- 1430	Government House
		1500	Bomb disposal briefing;
		- 1800	visit Army Logistics Unit, RAF SAR helicopters, and Navy Point area

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1983  
January

Day  
Sunday 9  
(continued)

Falklands Time

1900  
- 2000

Evening  
Aunt Anna's Cabaret  
(lay wreck en route)

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2030

Dinner, Britannia House  
(with Military Commission)

Monday 10

0830  
- 1730

Visit to Camp  
By helicopter to  
Pitmy  
Aurora and Goose (see  
(lay wreck)  
Port San Carlos  
San Carlos (lay wreck)  
Port Howard (lay wreck)  
Fox Bay East  
Return to Stanley

10

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1900  
- 2030

Reception  
Town Hall, Stanley

2100

Dinner,  
Government House

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Tuesday 11

0915  
- 1145

Visit rehabilitation  
works in Stanley,  
schools and hospitals

1230

Royal Navy

- 1700

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1983	Day	Falklands Time	
January	Tuesday 11 (continued)	1800 - 1900	Press conference and local radio interview
		1915 - 2030	Drinks party Government House
5		2100	Dinner Britannia House
	Wednesday 12	0800 <u>GMT</u> 2400	Depart from Stanley  Arrive Ascension
10	Thursday 13	0100 <u>0900</u>	Depart Ascension Arrive Brize Norton

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M. J. 11.  
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10 DOWNING STREET

Prime Minister

Visit to Falklands

- 1) Agree the attached programme? Yes
- 2) Would you be prepared to lay artificial foggy wreaths of the type prepared by the British Legion? I doubt if anything else will arrive in reasonable condition. Will consider
- 3) You wanted to take some food. Would you like to give a good stiller call to the Civil and Military Commissioners? On reflection - unnecessary.  
- or take some smoked salmon to one of the drinks parties?
- 4) We shall need to discuss with you separately one or two matters, especially the press party (I think we have worked out a way of taking a reasonably large one). M.J. A.J.C. 20. 12.



MR. COLES

We have now had proposals from the Civil and Military Commissioners for the schedule for the Prime Minister's visit to the Falkland Islands.

2. As received, the proposals are spread out over too long a period (one day too long); but they include a generous amount of spare time, and in discussion we have been able to produce united schedules which include all the events proposed by the Commissioners in a programme which is consistent with the time which the Prime Minister has available.



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3. I attach revised schedules accordingly.
4. If the Prime Minister is broadly content, I will send the revised schedules by safe hand to the Civil Commissioner, making it clear that he and the Military Commissioner are free to make marginal variations in the schedules without further reference back, but that the programme has to fit in between the arrival and departure dates and times indicated.
5. The Prime Minister is asked to indicate whether, on the journey home, she would like to break her journey and sleep overnight at Alassandria, or stop over here for one hour only and be back in her country

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on the morning rather than the evening of  
Thursday 13 January.

6. I have authorized the Chief of the  
Air Staff to go ahead with the

preparations ~~of~~ and positioning of the

VC10 and Hercules aircraft that

will be involved. We have a suitable

cover story, and this action could not

have been longer delayed.

7. It would no doubt help the Civil

Commissioner if I could let him know

the number and composition of the

Prime Minister's party. As you

know, only four can stay in any

comfort at Government House; but

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we could suggest that the First Sea Lord  
should put up at Britannia House,  
or be quartered in one of  
Her Majesty's Ships.

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I must ask you and the Prime Minister  
to forgive the manuscript: done in  
the interests of security.

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1983	Day	<u>Falklands Time</u>	
January	Sunday 9 (continual)	1900 - 2000	Evening, Guest Luncheon (atresid) (lay weather or more)
		2030	Dinner, Britannia House (with Military Commissioner)
	Monday 10	0830 - 1730	Visit to Camp. By helicopter to Fitzroy Darwin and boose been (lay weather) Port San Carlos San Carlos (lay weather) Port Howard (lay weather) Fox Bay East Return to Stanley
		1900 - 2030	Public meeting, Town Hall, Stanley
		2100	Dinner, Government House
	Tuesday 11	0915 - 1145	Visit rehabilitation works in Stanley; schools and hospital
		1230 - 1700	Royal Navy

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		2100	Dinner, Britannia House	
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	Thursday 13	<u>Either</u> 0100 0900	<u>Or</u> 1000 1800	Depart Ascension Arrive Brize Norton.

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13. London and ASI are GMT  
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7th

(Approx 8hrs)

Depart Brize Norton - Overnight flight VC10 - Arrive ASI

2100

0600

(London time  
if different)

8th

(Approx 13hrs)

Dep ASI - Daytime flight Hercules - Arrive FI

0700

1700

(2000)

Overnight in FI.  
(No. engagements)

3 day programme

9th

11th

12th

13th

(Approx 13hrs)

Dep FI - Daytime flight Hercules - Arr ASI EITHER Overnight at ASI

0500

(1100)

2400

(Approx 8hrs)

Dep ASI - Daytime VC10 flight - Arr Brize Norton

1000  
(say)

1800

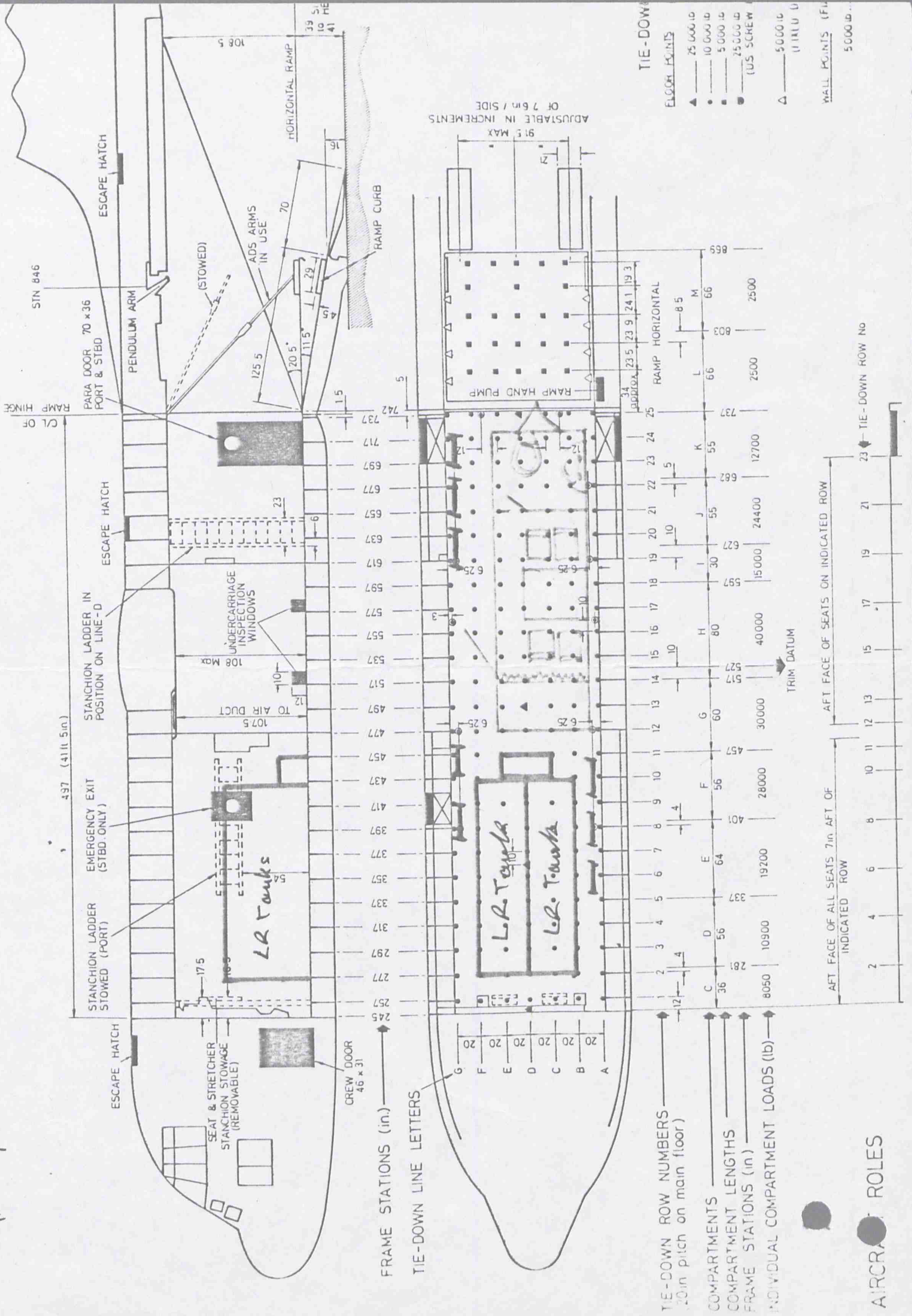
OR Dep ASI - Overnight flight VC10 - Arr Brize Norton

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0900



Private Office Report



AIRCRAFT ROLES





14 December '82

Dear Sir Robert,

I give below a suggested programme  
which I have drawn up in consultation with  
the Military Commissioners.

Day 1 (8th)

1700

1600 (approx)

Arrive Stanley Airport

Met by Civil and Military Commissioners

Drive to Government House

(If the news has broken, there will be  
a crowd of Islanders at the entrance  
to Government House to welcome the  
Prime Minister. She may wish to  
chat to them for five or ten minutes).

1710-1800

Military briefing HQ, BFFI

1810-1900

Civil briefing, Government House

~~1900-1930~~

~~Press conference and local radio interviews,  
Government House~~





2100

Dinner with <sup>at Govt. House</sup> ~~Military Commission,~~  
~~Britannia House.~~

Day 2 (9th)

0915 - 1115

~~0900 - 1130~~

RAF Stanley (by helicopter)

1145 - 1245

Meet Joint Councils, Government House

1245 - 1430

Lunch with Councilors,

1500 - ~~1700~~

1800

[EOD (bomb disposal) briefing and tour  
of minefields?]  
Visit Army Logistic Units, RAF SAR  
helicopters and Navy Port

1900 - 2000

Evening, Christ Church Cathedral

2030

Dinner, <sup>Britannia</sup> Government House

<sup>4</sup>  
Day 3 (10th) - substitute camp day for day 4.

15 - 1145  
~~0900 - 1200~~

Rehabilitation works in Stanley,  
Schools and Hospital

1230 - 1700

With the Royal Navy

~~1800 - 2000~~

1845

<sup>then up home</sup>  
~~Drinks party, Government House~~

1930 + 2030

drinks pub

Government House

~~2015~~

2100

~~Dinner~~  
Dinner

~~Britannia House~~  
Britannia House.





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Day 4 (104)

Who will  
be wreath?

0830 - 1730 By helicopter to Fitzroy,  
Darrin / from Green (lay wreath),  
Port San Carlos, San Carlos (lay  
wreath), Port Howard (lay  
wreath), Fox Bay East, return  
Stanley.

1900 - 2030 Public Meeting, Town Hall  
~~1830 - 1915 Press Conference~~  
2100 Dinner Government House

Day 5

0800 <sup>depart</sup>  
~~0900 - 1200 Visit Army Logistic Units, RAF  
SAR helicopters and Navy Point  
area  
1230 - 1400 Lunch, Government House  
1430 - 1530 Press Conference and local radio  
interview  
1700 Depart Stanley Airport.~~

Note: The Prime Minister could lay a wreath in Stanley  
on her way to or from church on Day 2.





Neville Taylor

Guest lists for the meals and  
personality notes will follow.

The Military Commissioner will  
escort the Prime Minister on her military  
visits and I shall accompany her on her  
civilian visits. We shall both accompany  
her on Day 4 around Camp, where she  
will meet civilian and military personnel.

I can accommodate 4 people  
only in Government House, in any degree of  
comfort.

The Military Commissioner and I are  
delighted at the prospect of the Prime Minister's  
visit.

Yours sincerely,

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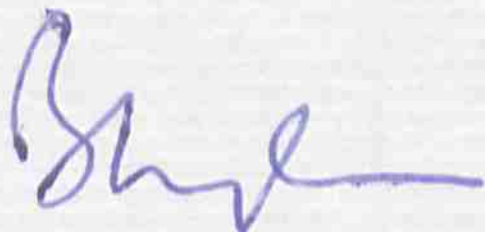
POSSIBLE VISIT TO FALKLANDS

Depending on decisions yet to be taken, I would be grateful if you would establish the following points with MoD:

1. will an MoD television camera crew include (a) a soundman working with the cameraman; and (b) an editor?
2. do/will any facilities exist for getting film back from Falklands by satellite?
3. if not, what is the quickest way of getting film back and can we be sure film will be on our screens on the day the Prime Minister arrives in the Falklands?
4. can an MoD television crew work with a professional TV reporter and record on film his story line?
5. can I have answers to questions 2 and 3 above in relation to a still cameraman, on the assumption that the MoD have one there operating up to newspaper standard?
6. what is the capacity of the transport aircraft, over and above the official party? In other words could I if we got security clearance take:
  - TV reporters (BBC and ITN);
  - radio reporter;
  - agency reporter;
  - still photographer;
  - national rota writer;
  - provincial rota writer;
  - US writer?

(NB: I fully acknowledge that such a party is unlikely to be allowed but we need to know what is possible).

7. where would plane fly from in UK?



B. INGHAM  
6 December 1982



*Mr. Jones*

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PS/MR ONSLOW  
PS/MR RIFKIND  
PS/PUS  
SIR J BULLARD  
SIR I SINCLAIR  
MR GIFFARD  
MR WRIGHT  
MR ADAMS  
LORD N G LENNOX  
MR EVANS  
MR URE  
MR GILLMORE



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MR J STEWART AUSD STAFF MOD  
PS/CHANCELLOR )  
MR ILETT ) TREASURY  
MR LITTLER )  
SIR R ARMSTRONG )  
MR A D S GOODALL ) CABINET OFFICE  
DIO )

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FROM LEIPER  
PRESS REPORT OF PROPOSED VISIT BY PRIME MINISTER

1. THE "JORNAL DE BRASILIA" OF 3 DECEMBER CARRIES SHORT ANONYMOUS ARTICLE SAYING THAT MRS THATCHER IS TO VISIT THE FALKLAND ISLANDS AT THE BEGINNING OF JANUARY TO REAFFIRM BRITISH SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE ISLANDS. IT GOES ON TO SAY:  
"THE DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN GETTING MRS THATCHER TO MAKE AN OFFICIAL STOP-OVER IN BRASILIA, IN THE WAKE OF FAVOURABLE CLIMATE LEFT BY THE VISIT OF PRESIDENT REAGAN. SO FAR BRAZIL IS NOT SHOWING MUCH INTEREST IN THE VISIT, GIVEN THE POSSIBILITY OF OFFENDING ARGENTINA".
2. THE INTERNATIONAL EDITOR OF THE NEWSPAPER, ROMARIO SCETTINO, FOLLOWING HIS COI VISIT TO LONDON (20-27 NOVEMBER) CALLED ON HM AMBASSADOR ON 1 DECEMBER AND MENTIONED THAT HE HAD HEARD IN LONDON THAT "A BRITISH MINISTER" WOULD BE VISITING THE FALKLANDS IN JANUARY FOR THE 150 YEARS' CELEBRATIONS AND THAT CONSIDERATION WAS BEING GIVEN TO A STOP-OVER IN BRAZIL. THE AMBASSADOR SAID HE KNEW NOTHING OF A PROPOSED VISIT BY A MINISTER TO THE FALKLANDS EARLY NEXT YEAR. IF ONE DID TAKE PLACE, THE POSSIBILITY OF THE MINISTER IN QUESTION VISITING BRAZIL EN ROUTE COULD BE ENTIRELY RULED OUT.

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*PM Tours Abroad*

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9	YOUR TELNO 395: POSSIBLE VISIT BY PRIME MINISTER
10	1. The position remains that while the Prime Minister has
11	said that she hopes to visit the Falklands at some stage,
12	no decisions have been taken. You should continue to take
13	this line if asked about the prospects.
14	2. In any case the problem over the Prime Minister's
15	diary has cleared so there is no need to postpone the planned
16	dates for the anniversary celebrations. As regards
17	Ministerial attendance for them you should say that no
18	decision has yet been made but we are hopeful that there
19	will be some Ministerial presence during the week.
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MR COLES

ANY PRIME MINISTERIAL VISIT TO FALKLANDS

You should have the following considerations in mind in planning any visit by the Prime Minister to the Falklands:

1. It will be virtually impossible to prevent publicity before the Prime Minister's arrival given the preparations that will have to be made in the Falklands.
2. It may be possible to get the Prime Minister en route from London without publicity, but we cannot count on this. It would be easier to accomplish this if she travelled during a Recess or a weekend but it would only be a matter of time before the news got out, almost certainly before she arrived.
3. Notwithstanding the enormous demand for places I would defend travelling without a media party on grounds of security, but it would be vital to have an MoD TV crew and stills photographer there with facilities for rapid transmission of film back to the UK; and to ensure that we had a sound, reliable writer in the Falklands to cover the entire visit from touchdown to departure. If this situation arose I would like to advise on the choice.
4. The above is the minimalist approach. It will probably satisfy no-one, including the Prime Minister.
5. An alternative approach would be for MoD to offer a facility visit to a group covering TV, radio, agencies, populars, qualities, regional and foreign newspapers which miraculously coincided with a Prime Ministerial visit; again I would like to advise on the choice and would wish to take responsibility for that choice when the inevitable complaints started to flow in. This ploy would of course run the risk of stimulating speculation that the Prime Minister was to visit; that would be lessened if there were an earlier dummy run by a reserve party .



6. Another alternative would be to grasp the nettle - for me to select the media "pool" or "rota" party we wish to travel with us; to call the editors in individually, swear them to secrecy, and take them into our confidence to the extent that I reveal a Prime Ministerial visit is on (but not when) and that we propose to take X with us at short notice; X should not be told yet but should be kept close to the ranch. (I should preface all this by saying that circumstances dictate our chosen method of proceeding and there is no room for alteration).

7. For obvious reasons I would prefer the approach in Paragraph 6 if security allows.

To assist you in considering the alternatives I would advocate taking the following party of 10 for reasons which I explain below:

- |                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| BBC/ITN TV                    | - Glyn Mathias (ITN) with 2 crew preferably those who travelled with us to Far East; we know each other and get on. And I can deal with David Nicholas, Editor, ITN, who was by far the most helpful media man throughout the Falklands conflict.    |
| BBC/IRN/BBC Overseas Services | - Gordon Martin, BBC External Services, who has been on several Prime Ministerial tours; a serious, first-class extremely hard working and sympathetic journalist; he would do for <u>all</u> radio, assuming that numbers are severely constrained. |
| Popular Newspapers            | - Jack Warden, Political Editor, Daily Express, chairman of the Lobby and a very senior Lobby correspondent.                                                                                                                                         |
| Qualities                     | - Jim Wightman, Daily Telegraph political editor, another senior Lobby correspondent who is arguably the soundest and most objective reporter to the Lobby.                                                                                          |



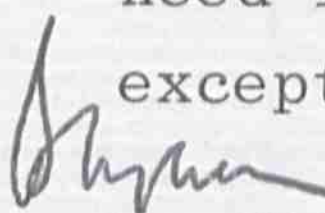
- Provincials - Gordon Jackson, Thomson Regional, experienced and capable.  
Geoffrey Parkhouse, Glasgow Herald, very experienced, statutory Scot.
- Agencies - Press Association/Reuter - Chris Moncrieff, PA Lobby Editor.  
AP - David Mason, an American, regular attender of No 10 briefings.
- Photographer - Martin Cleaver, PA - who was awarded MBE for his performance with the Task Force.
- International - Frank Melville (Time) or William Tuohy (Los Angeles Times) - both vastly experienced foreign correspondents and regular attenders at No 10 briefings.

Apart from Cleaver, the PA photographer, none of the journalists I recommend went with the Task Force. I see no particular reason in view of the behaviour of many of them to give those with the Task Force much consideration. Nor are my suggestions Defence experts. They are predominantly political journalists. I believe that the Prime Minister's visit should be covered principally by political correspondents. I have chosen the most reliable and experienced - and a group which would get on together. Newspapers may object that they want to send feature writers; so far as I am concerned we would be in a seller's market. It is take it or leave it.

Three further points:

- the list clearly indicates a minimum media party of 10 - and that leaves out of account a Welsh (Welsh Guards) representative;
- I need to be brought into the firm planning at the earliest opportunity;
- we must thoroughly investigate the transmission back of pictures, given that any visit is likely to be a short one.

Finally, you may care to see the attached minutes which underline the need for my taking control of the planning. I do not want MoD involved, except to the extent that it is necessary for them to issue our orders.

  
B. INGHAM  
25 November 1982



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MR INGHAM

FALKLAND ISLANDS PRESS ARRANGEMENTS

I attended a meeting at MoD on Friday, 19 November, chaired by Brigadier Ramsbotham (DPR Army) to discuss future arrangements for press visiting the Falklands and in particular any facilities that MoD should be considering for any visit by the Prime Minister. Also present were Alan George (MoD) and Peter Marshall (FCO).

At present MoD/FCO aim to send 8 journalists per week. This includes British and foreign correspondents. However press interest is rapidly falling off and Brigadier Ramsbotham has proposed that from 1 January the number should ... be reduced to four per week. I attach a paper prepared by MoD which shows the allocations up to the end of this year. You will note that after 19 December the only press on the Islands will be BBC TV News. Seats have still to be allocated from 1 January 1983. MoD have promised to send me a list of outstanding bids. There are no resident UK correspondents on the Islands and no stringers.

Brigadier Ramsbotham asked what the position was in respect of a visit by the Prime Minister. He told me that he had sent a personal signal to the Commander British Forces alerting him to an extremely busy first quarter next year. He said it would be very difficult, if not impossible, to achieve reasonable press coverage without adequate warning of a visit by the Prime Minister. Special communications arrangements for press copy, photographs and radio reports would be necessary; arrangements would have to be made to transport press from Stanley to any communications ship, and helicopter transport would also be necessary to get them around the Islands. MoD envisaged that the Prime Minister would probably carry a press party on her aircraft.

I told Brigadier Ramsbotham that in answer to any inquiries about a visit by the Prime Minister we took the line that no decisions had been made. I made it absolutely clear that MoD should make no arrangements involving the press which might suggest that a visit by the Prime Minister was imminent or likely. Nor should they encourage certain newspapers/broadcasters to think it would be in their interests to be in the Falklands at a certain time - this would be too obvious. I said that there was always a possibility the Prime Minister might visit with absolutely no advance notice or publicity in which case we would have to make do with whatever press/facilities happened to be on the Islands at that time. Nevertheless I said that in January and February MoD/FCO should, if possible, maintain eight journalists per week on the Islands and try to ensure a representative mix of British reporters.

Depending on the circumstances of any visit by the Prime Minister, we should not overlook the possibility of using MoD photographers and an MoD TV team. Apparently BBC and ITN are quite accustomed to using MoD material, particularly in the context of NATO. By using MoD staff, this would not necessarily involve alerting media organisations in advance but would ensure availability of pictures.

... I attach my minute to you of 18 November together with details of the 18 bids  
... we have received to accompany the Prime Minister. Also attached is a letter  
... from Neville Taylor and a copy of a signal from Brigadier Ramsbotham to the Commander British Forces in respect of the BBC TV Songs of Praise programme from the Falklands to be screened on 2 January.

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IAN KYDD  
PRESS OFFICE

23 November 1982

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Week Starting	Media Present in UK	Date of Leaving UK	Date of Leaving FI
Sun 21 Nov	Songs of Praise - 2 bodies	Thu 25 Nov	Approx 12 Dec
Sun 21 Nov	Radio London - David Carter, Reporter Nigel Cassidy Producer	Thu 25 Nov	Approx 5 Dec
Sun 21 Nov	Dutch TV - 3 bodies reporter cameraman sound recordist	Thu 25 Nov	Approx 30 Nov
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Sun 5 Dec	BBC Radio News - Robert Fox Adam Rapheal	Sun 5 Dec	Approx 19 Dec
	Songs of Praise - 5 bodies	Thu 9 Dec	Approx 19 Dec
	Daily Star - John Beattie, Reporter + photographer	Tue 7 Dec	Approx 19 Dec
	BBC TV News - Brian Hanrahan + cameraman + sound recordist	Thu 9 Dec	Approx 19 Dec
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D/DPR/112/3/6

Bernard Ingham  
Press Secretary  
10 Downing Street  
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22 November 1982

*Dear Bernard,*

Further to Neville Taylor's letter of 15 November (D/DPR/14/26) I thought it might be useful for you to see - and have a record of - the negotiations which are already under way with the TV world on the problem of transmitting pictures of the Prime Minister's visit to the Falklands.

As you can see the initiative came from BBC/ITN. I will keep you posted of further developments in case, as has happened, Editors do not accept technical arguments. The ball is firmly with the broadcasters.

*Yours sincerely*

*Ian Sutherland*



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D/DNOR/30/1/8

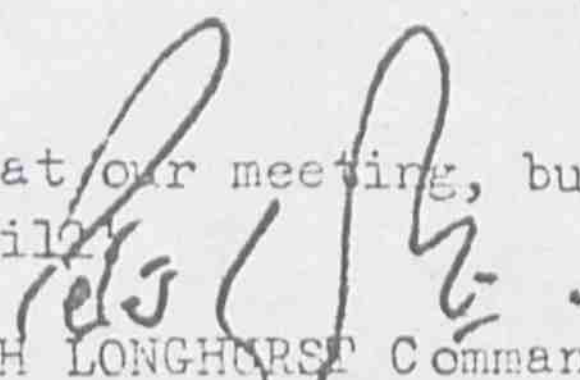
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TV PICTURES FROM THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. You may wish to know that I have been approached by Mr Mike Neuston of ITN and Mr Ken Oxley of BBC and asked to attend an informal exploratory meeting on Monday 8 November to look again at any assistance we may be able to give in sending TV back to UK from the FI. I have accepted on the condition that the meeting should be without prejudice and of a technical nature. You may recall that I was closely involved with the same 2 gentlemen when the subject was last raised! I will attempt to see you before the meeting, however in view of the short notice, I thought I had better let you have something in writing.
2. The object of BBC and ITN is to provide joint coverage of the Prime Minister's visit to the FI in Feb 83, and they want to start the detailed planning of this important event now. In view of the political nature and PR value that can be extracted from the visit, I have assumed that you would wish me to be as cooperative as possible.
3. It would seem that the following factors have changed since we last addressed the problem.
  - a. The SKYNET IIB footprint now covers the FI and should still do so in Feb83.
  - b. With the cessation of hostilities, it may be easier for CINCFLEET to find a SCOT fitted ship to assist.
  - c. The runway at Port Stanley could be used for flying in equipment, thus considerably shortening the logistic tail.
  - d. The US attitude to the use of DSCS has hardened.
4. The technical problems have not changed. We can still only offer a poor monochrome picture without sound from a SCOT ship over SKYNET IIB, although the ship could now access the satellite from Port Stanley. BBC and ITN have said that although black and white may have been acceptable during the war, they require colour for this venture. The military TSC 502 land terminal in the FI will not transmit TV via SKYNET IIB because its power rating is some 10dB EIRP less than SCOT. You may remember that the SCOT experiment showed a power margin of only 4dB, and thus you can see we are a long way short on power. We did demonstrate that the TSC 502 could transmit colour TV, if we had enough power in the satellite. The only available satellite with adequate power is the spot beam of AO DSCSII, but we would have to ask the US to re-configure the satellite at the expense of their own operational requirements. Since the conflict the US has become extremely awkward about our operational use of DSCS, and has refused to re-negotiate the MOU which expires next month. Any approach to mess around with satellite for TV would need extreme caution and a political judgement I am unqualified to make. The only sensible answer still seems to be a commercial land terminal and we may be able to help with logistics.
5. I will explain the problems to the BBC and ITN at our meeting, but my main intention is to avoid being accused of any lack of will.

  
PH LONGHORSE Commander RN



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LOOSE MINUTE

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CNSO

TV PICTURES FROM THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

Reference: RC3 loose minute D/DNOR/30/1/8 of 5 Nov 82

1. You will recall from the Reference that I attended a meeting yesterday with the BBC and ITN to investigate how we could send TV to the UK from the FI to cover the Prime Minister's visit in Feb 83. The purpose of this minute is to report the outcome of the meeting.
2. The meeting was very informal and conducted in a most friendly and pleasant atmosphere. I put the MOD position as outlined in the Reference, and apart from one aspect, had no need to stray from my brief. The BBC and ITN had discovered from an undisclosed source that MOD was planning to procure a NATO 7 metre earth station, and they asked whether this could be used to transmit TV via SKYNET IIB. I stated that it would probably be technically suitable, but since we did not anticipate delivery before Apr 83, it would not meet the timescale. Furthermore we were procuring the terminal to meet an important operational requirement in the UK and would be unwilling to release it for TV.
3. The BBC/ITN position is that they wish to cover this important event and the SCOT/SKYNET IIB mute monochrome solution is not suitable - they want colour. They are very limited for cash and cannot afford to lease a commercial terminal. Their own satellite terminals are designed to operate over the Orbital Test Satellite (OTS) system in the 11/14 GHz band, but the OTS footprint does not cover the South Atlantic. The INTELSAT satellites they use operate in the 4/6 GHz band, and although this system has the required coverage, the BBC/ITN do not own any terminals in this band, relying on fixed commercial links for their broadcasts. They stated that the INTELSAT V satellite which does have an 11/14 GHz capability is not yet operational. This fact is not strictly true, the satellite is operational but there does not appear to be a suitable (Standard C) earth station in the UK.
4. The BBC/ITN are following up 3 actions and will no doubt come back to me in due course.
  - a. The Secretary of State's recent visit was covered by flying material to a fixed commercial satellite terminal and accepting a delay of about 12 hours. This delay could be reduced by using facilities at Montevideo or Punta Arenas with a microwave link to Santiago, and we estimate that the minimum delay could come down to about 2 hours. The BBC/ITN are assessing the problem and in particular seeking advice on whether the very much cheaper delay option is acceptable against the very expensive real time solution.
  - b. BBC/ITN are going to approach industry to see if they can arrange a deal such that they borrow a 4/6GHz terminal in exchange for some free publicity. They may then ask MOD to transport it to the FI.

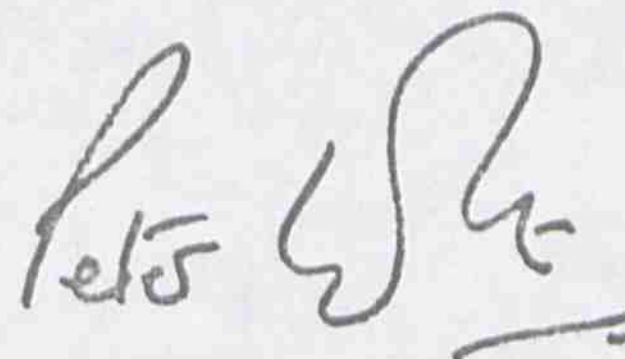
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c. We discussed a speculative solution which required a SCOT fitted ship alongside transmitting into a big dish on the jetty and then back to UK via SKYNET IIB. The practical problem here is that the TX/RX waveguide from SCOT to the dish must not exceed 12m, and even this length will give some attenuation. Thus it is really only an idea but the BBC/ITN will see if they can acquire a dish.

5. I enclose a copy of my bread and butter letter to ITN and I have taken the opportunity to amplify a couple of points in this brief. I will report any further developments.



9 Nov 82

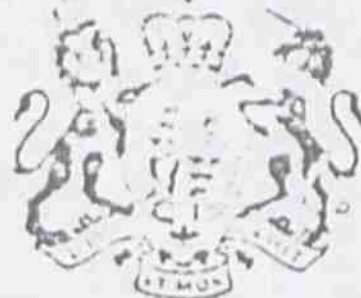
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DNOR/RC3 DO letter to ITN of 9 Nov 82



From: Commander PH LONGHURST Royal Navy



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9 November 1982

*Dear Mike*

TV PICTURES FROM THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

Thank you very much for a most pleasant lunch yesterday. I thought our meeting was very useful and I hope it helps to contribute to a satisfactory outcome to your venture.

Now that I am back in the office and have had time to think there are a couple of points that come to mind and I am copying this letter to Ken Oxley at the BBC to keep him in the picture.

Firstly you may recall that we discussed a possible solution using a large dish on the jetty working through a SCOT fitted ship alongside and operating over the SKYNET satellite. There is one practical problem I forgot to mention. There is a limit on the length of TX/RX waveguide between the terminal and the dish, and this must not exceed 12m, and even this length will give some attenuation. If you should find a suitable dish we would need to re-calculate our sums with RSRE, assuming we can overcome the physical problem.

Secondly you said that your own terminals operate in the 11/14 GHz band using the OTS system and that the INTELSAT capability in this band is not yet operational. Our information from COMSAT General is that the INTELSAT V satellites launched in 1981 do have a 11/14 GHz system and that a Standard C earth station was commissioned at West Virginia in the same year. However there does not appear to be a Standard C station in UK. Would it be possible to use one of your own terminals in the FI and double hop through the US? It might even be worth asking COMSAT General for their advice on the whole problem.

Thank you again for all your generous hospitality. I hope you will not hesitate to give me a call if there is anything more I can do.

Copy to:

K Oxley Esq  
BBC TV Centre  
Wood Lane  
London W12 7RJ

*Yours aye.*

*Peter*



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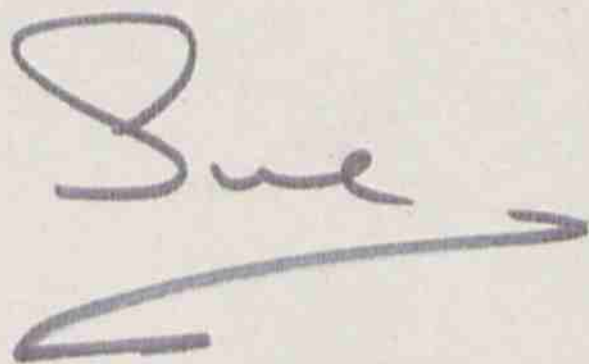
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Marine Superintendant of the Royal  
Fleet Auxiliary (Telephone No. 385 1244  
Ext. 2171)

rang to invite the Prime Minister  
to visit RFA Fort Grange (Captain is  
Captain Barry Rutterford) when she  
visits the South Atlantic.



19 November 1982

\* that if S.N. does go  
to the F.I. we will  
bear that invitation  
in mind.

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10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Private Secretary*

17 November, 1982

Following a meeting today with the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, the Defence Secretary, the Home Secretary, the Attorney General and Mr. Onslow, which discussed the possibility of a visit by the Prime Minister to the Falklands, Mrs. Thatcher directed that follow up action should be taken by the Secretary of the Cabinet. For security reasons, Mrs. Thatcher has asked that no action should be taken which has not been specifically authorised by either No. 10 or Sir Robert Armstrong. Nor should the possibility of her visit be discussed in correspondence.

Insofar as it is necessary to deal with press enquiries on this matter we should stick to the line that the Prime Minister naturally hopes to go to the Falklands but no decisions have been taken.

I am copying this letter to Richard Mottram (Ministry of Defence), John Halliday (Home Office) and Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

A. J. COLES

Brian Fall, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Private Secretary*

16 November 1982

POSSIBLE VISIT BY THE PRIME MINISTER  
TO THE FALKLANDS

The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, the Secretary of State for Defence, the Home Secretary and Sir Robert Armstrong have been invited to attend a meeting at 1615 hours on Wednesday, 17 November to discuss the above subject with the Prime Minister.

The principal papers before the meeting will be John Holmes' letter of 22 October to me and Richard Mottram's letter of 4 November. The JIC assessment of 4 November, which appears in part 3 of JIC(82)(WSI)44, is also relevant.

I am copying this letter to Richard Mottram (Ministry of Defence), John Halliday (Home Office) and Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

A. J. COLES

John Holmes, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Abroad  
Aug 82

MISS STEPHENS

Could you please arrange a meeting  
as soon as possible to discuss the  
Prime Minister's visit to the Falklands.  
This should be attended by:

Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary  
S/S for Defence  
Home Secretary  
Sir Robert Armstrong.

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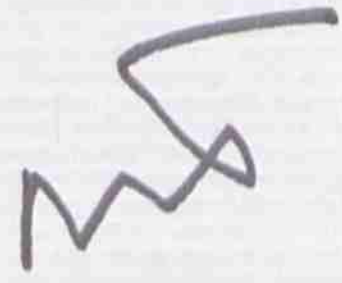
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15 November, 1982

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PRIME MINISTER

Your Visit to the Falklands

I have held up the attached papers until the weekend, because I think you need time to consider them carefully.

Sir Robert Armstrong's minute (Flag A) covers a JIC assessment on the risk of possible Argentine action to disrupt your visit or worse.

The Defence Secretary's letter at Flag B recognises that you should go but not at the time of the 150th anniversary celebrations. He recommends a surprise visit on the lines of those you have made to Northern Ireland.

Anything may happen between now and February but I think we have to face the fact that there is a real risk of Argentina trying to disrupt any visit you make in connection with the anniversary celebrations.

I do not think you can make a surprise visit quite on the lines of those you have made to Northern Ireland. A trip to the Falklands is a different proposition. But there is everything to be said for minimising advance knowledge of the visit, so that the Argentines have little opportunity to prepare. Other dates which you could consider are the Easter Recess (1-10 April) - but you should bear in mind that you will also be travelling in the Whitsun Recess for the Economic Summit; and 8-12 or 13 January (but you will be speaking to the Conservative Trade Unionists on 15 January).

I think it will be worth discussing this with your colleagues. We could perhaps invite the Defence Secretary, Foreign Secretary, Home Secretary and Sir Robert Armstrong. We need to take some kind of decision fairly soon because Rex Hunt will need to know whether the dates of the anniversary celebrations should be extended.



Agree that we should arrange such a meeting?

A. J. C.

12 November 1982



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MR COLES

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Argentine Threat to the 150th Anniversary Celebrations on the Falkland Islands, and to the Prime Minister's Proposed Visit

In response to your letter to Richard Mottram dated 26th October 1982 I attach the Prime Minister's copy of the JIC assessment on the above subject. It was approved by the Committee on Thursday 4th November and also appears in Part III of the Weekly Survey of Intelligence, JIC(82)(WSI)44.

2. If I may venture a personal opinion, I think that this assessment assumes a higher degree of rationality in Argentine thinking than experience entitles us to expect. I should rate the risk of some attempt, however "kamikaze" it was likely to be, as significant.

RA

ROBERT ARMSTRONG

5th November 1982





10 DOWNING STREET

1) Mr Butler

I agree with Mr. Fisher, and the PM could hardly disappear from the UK without it being known

2) Mr Cles

that she was going to the Falklands. But perhaps she

could & should go at a time known to be expected & prepared for like the time of the Anniversary celebrations.

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5-11.

She will wish to

see this before it is

put to the PM. I am

not sure that the concept of a surprise visit to

the Falklands is <sup>not</sup> a runner

given the amount of preparation needed.

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
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Telephone 01-~~938 7022~~ 218 2111/3

4th November 1982

*Dear John,*

POSSIBLE VISIT TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS BY THE  
PRIME MINISTER

Thank you for your letter of ~~26th~~ 22nd October commenting on one from John Holmes of 22nd October, which I have seen on my return from the Defence Secretary's visit to the Falkland Islands and Ascension Island.

The Defence Secretary considers that the Prime Minister should visit the Falkland Islands. He believes that the Prime Minister would find a visit valuable and enjoyable and it would of course be warmly welcomed by the Islanders themselves. He does however believe that there would be considerable drawbacks in a visit which was known in advance, as would inevitably be the case if the Prime Minister attends the 150th Anniversary celebrations. Although we have yet to see the JIC assessment commissioned in your letter of 26th October, the Defence Secretary considers that we could not rule out some form of Argentinian response to a visit linked to the Anniversary celebrations. The problems of protecting an aircraft with the Prime Minister on board on the long journey from Ascension Island to the Falkland Islands should not be underestimated; and the garrison itself could be put under strain in preparing to deal with possible Argentinian incursions linked to the visit. The Defence Secretary's strong preference would therefore be for the Prime Minister to pay a "surprise" visit to the Islands on the lines of those which she has made to Northern Ireland, the timing of which could be kept to a very small circle. The Argentinians would then have no opportunity to plan some form of military action in advance.

As to transport to the Islands there have been some changes in our planning since we provided you with earlier advice. The highest priority is now being given to constructing accommodation for our Servicemen and to building aircraft dispersal areas and it is now unlikely that the runway at Port Stanley will be lengthened

A J Coles Esq





to 7,100 ft before March or April next year. The present 6,100 ft runway is suitable for use by Nimrod aircraft only when military requirements dictate that the risks involved must be accepted. But the Prime Minister and her party (provided it was kept reasonably small) could certainly fly from Ascension Island to the Falkland Islands in a Hercules with some form of VIP fit. The flight is very slow and the aircraft is inevitably much noisier and less comfortable than a passenger plane. But the discomfort involved has been over-dramatised in the press.

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*Yours ever,*

*Richard Mottram*

(R C MOTTRAM)





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*Yours etc,*

*Richard Mottram*

(R C MOTTRAM)



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AP road

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MR COLES

Mr Thatcher would like to go  
to the Falklands with the  
Prime Minister. Please discuss.

CAROLINE STEPHENS

3 November, 1982



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MR. COLES

Possible Visit to the Falkland  
Islands by the Prime Minister

Thank you for copying to me your letter to Richard Mottram of 26th October.

2. Arrangements are now being made for a JIC assessment to be made within the next week of possible Argentine attitude and any consequent threat to a visit by the Prime Minister. The assessment will be considered by the Committee on 4th November and issued in final form on 5th November.

3. I am copying this minute to John Holmes and Richard Mottram.

*RH*

R.P. Hatfield

28th October 1982

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Falklands.





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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

26 October 1982

Possible Visit to the Falkland Islands by the Prime Minister

You will have seen John Holmes' letter of 22 October about the possibility of the Prime Minister visiting the Falkland Islands for the 150th anniversary celebrations.

I think that the Prime Minister will wish to make a decision about this visit in the next week or two. But it would be helpful if further advice could be provided.

In particular, I am sure that Mrs. Thatcher would welcome the views of your Secretary of State in the light of his own visit to the Islands. Does Mr Nott consider that a visit by the Prime Minister in February is desirable? Furthermore, does he wish to offer views on the question of transport, which is to some extent dealt with in John Holmes' letter?

At an earlier stage, reference was made to the Ministry of Defence mounting a reinforcement exercise at the time of the anniversary celebrations. Is this still planned, what would it involve and does it have any implications for a possible visit by the Prime Minister?

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Finally, we should give thought to the question of possible Argentine attitudes to a visit by the Prime Minister. It would be helpful if Richard Hatfield, to whom I am copying this letter, could arrange for a JIC assessment of any threat which might arise from that quarter during a visit by the Prime Minister.

It would be most helpful if advice on these various points could reach me by 5 November so that the Prime Minister can consider the matter over the weekend of 6/7 November.

I am copying this letter to John Holmes, in addition to Richard Hatfield.

A. J. COLES

Richard Mottram Esq  
Ministry of Defence.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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22 October 1982

*Dear John,*

Possible Visit to the Falkland Islands by the Prime Minister

In your letter of 11 October you asked whether we could obtain discreetly from the Civil Commissioner an indication of whether the dates for the 150th Anniversary celebrations on the Falkland Islands could be extended to allow for a possible visit by the Prime Minister.

You will now have seen Port Stanley telegram 395 (copy enclosed) in which the Civil Commissioner reports that there should be no problem about moving dates: planning is clearly not very far advanced. It may be unnecessary to delay the whole of the celebrations, but clearly if this would make the difference between attendance and non-attendance by the Prime Minister, Sir R Hunt is prepared to do this. Whatever is decided, however, the Civil Commissioner will presumably have to tell the organising committee why he is proposing a change of dates. When the Prime Minister has taken a final decision we shall have to give careful consideration to the timing of an announcement: it would be better, if possible, to avoid any coincidence with the UN Falklands debate (now likely to be the first week of November).

On the question of possible transport, you may be interested in Mr Onslow's views in the light of his recent trip. He is not convinced that it is necessary for the Prime Minister and her party to be flown from Ascension to Port Stanley by Nimrod and believes that this option should be looked at again. In particular he believes that if the Hercules is still the standard means of air transport to the Falkland Islands at the time of the celebrations, it could be psychologically important for the Prime Minister to travel by this means as well.

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Having himself just returned from the Falklands by Hercules, Mr Onslow does not think the difficulties and discomforts of travelling by this means should be over dramatised. On the face of it, and subject to MOD views, there would seem to be no insuperable obstacle to putting a 'VIP fit' into an ordinary Hercules, which would give the Prime Minister the privacy that she would need, and which could be combined with the installation of sufficient standard airline seats to enable her party to travel with her in reasonable comfort. The one possible drawback would be the noise level, but this could perhaps be minimised by making use of the more modern, and quieter version of the aircraft. Whatever aircraft is used, there remains the inevitable risk of political embarrassment if it is obliged to divert to an airport on mainland South America: that is not in our view a sufficient argument to rule out a visit, but security aspects will obviously need to be very carefully considered. Mr Nott will no doubt have views on all this when he has returned from his own visit to the Falklands.

Attendance by other Ministers at the celebrations will depend upon whether the Prime Minister is able to be present herself. If she is not able to go, Mr Pym would be ready to represent the Government. Mr Marten has in any case been invited separately to visit the Islands. If the Prime Minister goes, he would be happy to accompany her if she wishes. Otherwise, he would propose to pay a separate visit to the Islands either in January or independently for the celebrations.

On a separate point, we know that the Islanders wish to invite Prince Andrew to return for the celebrations. Mr Pym sees no reason to discourage this, although the celebrations will in some ways inevitably be a highly political occasion.

Finally, you may wish to be aware that, if the Prime Minister decides to accept the invitation to the Falklands, we may wish to recommend that - if time permits - she should make very brief stop-overs in Dakar and Freetown on her way to and from the Falklands. Both Senegal and Sierra Leone provided invaluable assistance in support of the Task Force. We would expect that both would warmly welcome such stop-overs, despite reservations about our Falklands policy elsewhere in the non-aligned movement.

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I am copying this letter to Nick Evans (MOD).

*Yours ever*

*J E Holmes*

(J E Holmes)  
Private Secretary

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FROM PORT STANLEY 161050Z OCT

TO PRIORITY FCO TELNO 395 OF 16 OCTOBER

YOUR TELNO PERSONAL 32 : POSSIBLE VISIT BY THE PRIME MINISTER.

1. I AM SURE THAT THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE FOR THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS WOULD HAPPILY CHANGE THE PROGRAMME TO SUIT THE PRIME MINISTER. IT THEY KNEW THAT SHE COULD NOT ARRIVE HERE BEFORE LATE ON 25 FEBRUARY, THEY WOULD CERTAINLY REARRANGE THE PROGRAMME TO ACCOMMODATE HER.

2. IF IT WOULD HELP, I COULD STILL SUGGEST A POSTPONEMENT OF THE WHOLE PROGRAMME BY A WEEK, IE FROM 20-26 FEBRUARY TO 27 FEBRUARY - 5 MARCH, BUT I SHOULD, OF COURSE, HAVE TO EXPLAIN THE REASON.

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From the Private Secretary

11 October, 1982

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Possible Visit to the Falkland Islands by  
the Prime Minister

As you know, the Prime Minister has not taken a firm decision as to whether she should visit the Falkland Islands at the time of the Anniversary celebrations next February. Mrs. Thatcher is aware of the logistic problems (see Nick Evans' letter of 1 October) and will wish to receive further advice on these in due course. Meanwhile, you should know that the Prime Minister intends to carry out an engagement at the Institute of Directors on Wednesday, 23 February. If she goes to the Falklands, she will need to leave London after this event. In that connection, the Prime Minister has enquired whether there is any possibility of the celebrations in the Falklands being extended to, say, 27 or 28 February.

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Unless you see objection, could you please make a discreet enquiry of the Civil Commissioner. Rex Hunt could be told that the Prime Minister is unlikely to be able to take a firm decision on the visit until a good deal later in the year but that, if she attends the celebrations, she is more likely to do so at the end than at the beginning. She has, in any case, an engagement in London on 23 February. In carrying out a further examination of the possibility of a visit, it would be helpful to know whether the celebrations could be extended to 27 or 28 February.

I am copying this letter to Richard Mottram (Ministry of Defence) and Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

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MY TELNO 286: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT

1. FOR YOUR OWN INFORMATION, THE PRIME MINISTER VERY MUCH WANTS TO VISIT THE FALKLAND ISLANDS FOR THE CELEBRATIONS BUT CANNOT TAKE A FINAL DECISION UNTIL ALL THE LOGISTICAL COMPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN FULLY CONSIDERED. SHE ALSO WISHES TO BE CERTAIN THAT HER OWN PLANS AND TIMETABLE, WHICH ARE NOT YET CLEAR, WILL FIT IN WITH THOSE OF YOURSELF AND THE ISLANDERS.

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POSSIBLE VISIT BY THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

As you know, the press and the BBC have told everybody that the Prime Minister will be visiting the Falkland Islands in February. This is not necessarily the case. The Prime Minister would like the following line to be used but only in answer to questions (we do not want the press to announce a reversal of plans): "The Prime Minister very much wants to visit the Falklands on the occasion of the 150th Anniversary but a final decision cannot be taken until the logistics have been worked out and until we are sure that the plans fit in with those which the Islanders have worked out for the celebrations."

For your own information, I think it could well be late in the year before a final decision can be taken.

A. J. COLES

5 October, 1982



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PRIME MINISTER

YOUR VISIT TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

Is it possible for the celebrations to be extended beyond Feb 26 - 28. It is possible to do this with the help of the 28th. It would help with the timing.

As you know, the Institute of Directors are hoping that you will address them on 23 February (and Walter Goldsmith has written a strong letter urging that you keep this date). The celebrations in the Falkland Islands of the 150th Anniversary are from 20 - 26 February on present plans.

Providing all the difficulties (see below) can be solved, you could just about give your speech to the Institute, take off immediately afterwards, fly to Ascension by VC10 (11 hours), rest for a few hours and then proceed by Nimrod to Port Stanley (9 hours). You would then be able to attend the end of the celebrations on 25 and 26 February.

In theory you could alternatively attend the beginning of the celebrations and return for your speech on 23 February. But in practice things could well go wrong. Bad weather or bad luck could well mean that you missed your date with the Institute on 23 February.

Would you like us to tell Walter Goldsmith in answer to his letter that you will keep your engagement with him?

Yes  
no

Can we also tell Rex Hunt that you are more likely to come at the end of than at the beginning of the celebrations?

Yes  
no

The difficulties that still have to be resolved are as follows:-

(a) When the extension to the runway has been completed (in the next couple of weeks or so) Nimrod trials will begin. The MOD say that we shall not know until mid-December whether the trials have been successful and Nimrod can land safely, though they are fairly optimistic. If the trials fail, we shall be able to use Hercules though this would be slow (12 hours from Ascension to Port Stanley) and uncomfortable.

(b) The Nimrod would need inflight re-fuelling. Certain risks are involved in this operation though the probability of anything going wrong is very low. The operation could, however, be uncomfortable for passengers since the Nimrod has to dive during re-fuelling.

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(c) At present 1 in 4 Hercules flights is unable to land and has to return to Ascension. Nimrod is expected to do better than this and February should be better than October. But we shall have to wait to see.

(d) We shall have to consider whether the Argentine Government, or more probably an unauthorised Argentine officer, is likely to attempt any action against the Falkland Islands while you are there. We cannot make that assessment now.

I am sure that all these problems can be surmounted. But I think there is good reason for not making public now a firm decision to go to the Falkland Islands. (With your agreement I have told Rex Hunt and Bernard Ingham that a final decision cannot be taken until the logistics have been worked out).

A.J.C.

5 October, 1982

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PRIME MINISTER

Your Visit to the Falklands

The BBC Overseas Service announced on 29 September that you would be visiting the Falklands. Mr. Hunt has now asked for confirmation and authority to issue an announcement locally to this effect.

May we tell him that you very much want to do this but that you cannot take a final decision until the logistics have been worked out and ~~that~~ you are sure your plans fit in with those which the islanders have worked out for the celebrations?

I think it better not to state baldly now that you will go because there are some genuine difficulties about getting you there which I have not yet been able to resolve with the MOD. I hope to be able to let you have some suggested timings in the next 48 hours or so. I think you may also want to have some advice from Cranley Onslow, who is on the Islands now.

Agree that we can give Rex Hunt guidance as in paragraph 2 above?

*Yes*

A.F.C.

4 October, 1982



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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
MAIN BUILDING WHITEHALL LONDON SW1  
Telephone 01-~~930 7022~~ 218 2111/3

MO 25/3/4

1st October 1982

*Dear Jim,*

VISIT OF THE PRIME MINISTER  
TO THE FALKLANDS

It has been agreed that we should advise on transport arrangements and security implications of the Prime Minister's proposed visit for the Falkland Islands 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. I gather that John Holmes will be writing to you about other aspects of the visit.

The Prime Minister and party would be flown from the UK to Ascension Island in an RAF VC10 under the normal VIP arrangements. From Ascension Island to Port Stanley the RAF would plan to use a Nimrod long-range maritime patrol aircraft. This leg is too far for a VC10 which cannot be refuelled in flight. The Nimrod has not yet been used on this journey but with the extension of the temporary runway at Port Stanley the flight should be possible by next February. *how long?*

The Nimrod will be substantially quicker and more comfortable than the Hercules, which is the only alternative, but it has no VIP fit. Space will be limited by refuelling lines etc; and it should be assumed that at the maximum 15 passengers could be carried. It would not be possible to use a civilian aircraft. The airfield at Port Stanley even when extended will not take a long haul aircraft and aircraft with shorter range would need in-flight refuelling or an assured diversion airfield en route, neither of which is possible.

The Prime Minister will be fully aware of the difficulties of travel to the Falklands but there are one or two points which I should draw to your attention. First, should future experience show there are difficulties with operating Nimrods on this route, a Hercules would have to be used instead. In this event the flight will be slow (12 hours each way as opposed to 9 for the Nimrod), uncomfortable and exhausting for the party. Second, whichever aircraft

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is used, inflight refuelling, which always carries a certain risk and is uncomfortable for those on board, would be necessary. Finally, diversion airfields in the event of an emergency or failure to land at Port Stanley would have to be on the South American mainland.

Whichever aircraft is used, security for the flights should present no major problems. On board the aircraft an Air Transport Security Squad of 1 Officer and 2 RAF Policemen would accompany the flight. Air defence cover in the Falklands area will be provided by RAF fighter aircraft; and should the threat warrant it, cover could also be provided in the area of Ascension Island.

For completeness we have considered the possibility of sea travel. Assuming we cannot use a South American port a RN ship or Royal Fleet Auxiliary could be used from Ascension Island to the Falklands. However, the journey would take 7/10 days each way, and I assume that this would not be acceptable.

I am copying this letter to John Holmes (FCO) and Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

*Your ever*

*Rich Evans*

(N H R EVANS)

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

1 October, 1982

*Dear John,*

Falkland Islands Anniversary

We spoke this morning about the celebrations being held in the Falkland Islands to mark the 150th anniversary of continuous British occupation, the actual date of which is 3 January.

I understand that MOD are writing separately today with details of the logistics for a Nimrod flight for the Prime Minister plus a total party of ten others.

The celebrations are due to be held between 20-26 February. There has not been time to consult Port Stanley today but in our view it is not possible at this stage to change the dates further. I do not know what else is in the Prime Minister's diary but I know that you wished to know whether she could be in London on 23 February. Subject to the logistic details being supplied by the MOD, and to Port Stanley's views, it might be possible for the Prime Minister to travel to the Falklands during 19 February, spend the first two days of the celebrations with them, and return on 22 February (although this would of course be a very tight and no doubt exhausting timetable). Alternatively the Prime Minister might be able to leave on 24 February and be present for the last two days of the celebrations, subject to the reservations above.

I am sorry that this is not a very conclusive steer. We can of course seek views urgently from Port Stanley in the light of the logistic details supplied by the MOD and the Prime Minister's wishes.

As you know, Cranley Onslow is visiting the Islands next week. I hope that any final decision/announcement can be delayed until he has had a chance to assess the situation at first hand.

*Yours ever*

*John Holmes*

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20 August 1982

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Dear Tim,

You may already have seen a copy of telegram number 209 from Port Stanley (copy attached) about plans for the 150th Anniversary celebrations. You will see that the dates have slipped and that the Islanders have reverted to the possibility of a Royal visit. They are also proposing to invite the Prime Minister, Mr Pym and others.

We were already giving thought to the possibility of a visit by the Prime Minister following your letter of 10 August to Stephen Lamport. The Ministry of Defence are looking at possible transport arrangements and the security implications. When this work is complete we shall be able to make firm proposals although, as we noted in our letter of 10 August, logistical and security problems are likely to rule out a visit by a member of the Royal Family.

I am copying this letter to Richard Mottram (Ministry of Defence).

*Yours ever*

*John Holmes*

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Private Secretary

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FROM PORT STANLEY 161332Z AUG  
TO ROUTINE FCO TELNO 209 OF 16 AUGUST  
150 TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS.

1. THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE DECIDED TO GO AHEAD WITH THE CELEBRATIONS BUT TO POSTPONE THE DATES FROM THE FIRST WEEK IN JANUARY TO THE LAST WEEK IN FEBRUARY, IE 20 TO 26 FEBRUARY. THIS DECISION WAS TAKEN TO GIVE MORE TIME FOR THE STANLEY RACECOURSE TO RECUPERATE AND TO EASE ACCOMMODATION AND COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS.
2. THE COMMITTEE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT PRINCE ANDREW, THE PRIME MINISTER AND YOU OR ONE OF YOUR MINISTERS WOULD BE ABLE TO GRACE THE CELEBRATIONS WITH YOUR PRESENCE. THEY WOULD ALSO LIKE TO INVITE SIR JOHN FIELDHOUSE, ADMIRAL WOODWARD, GENERAL MOORE, PETER KING, (FROM CALLING THE FALKLANDS) AND HAROLD BRILEY, (BBC LATIN AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT).
3. IF YOU SEE NO OBJECTION, I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF THE DEPARTMENT WOULD NOTIFY THE ABOVE NAMED OF THE CHANGE OF DATES AND SAY THAT INVITATIONS WILL FOLLOW AS SOON AS OUTWARD MAIL LINKS ARE RESUMED.

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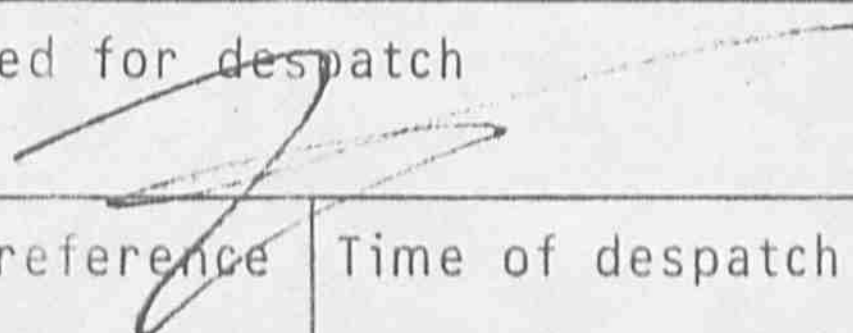
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	9	YOUR TELNO 209: 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS
	10	1. We are grateful for early notice that the celebrations are
	11	to be postponed.
	12	2. Given the logistical problems involved, we shall need to
	13	consider carefully who might attend the celebrations and to
	14	consult Ministers. While, therefore, we have no objection to
	15	the invitations being despatched, the Committee should be aware
	16	that it is likely to be some time before replies can be
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*From the Private Secretary*

10 August 1982

Thank you for your letter of 10 August about the possibility that the Prime Minister might visit the Falkland Islands. I can confirm that it would be useful for you to undertake the detailed investigation necessary before making a final recommendation on such a visit. No suggestion should however be made at any point in the investigation that the Prime Minister is contemplating a visit to the Falkland Islands at any time.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Richard Mottram (Ministry of Defence).

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S.M.J. Lamport, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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10 August 1982

Tim Flesher Esq  
10 Downing Street  
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*Dear Tim,*

The Prime Minister is, I believe, aware that Mr Onslow is planning a visit to the Falkland Islands in the autumn. We have put this proposal to the Civil Commissioner, seeking his views on a week's visit from 31 October.

I understand that the Prime Minister has indicated that should would like to visit the Island possibly next January when the Islanders will be celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the establishment of permanent British settlement.

The Islanders would certainly welcome a visit by the Prime Minister at that time, particularly as logistical and security problems will probably rule out a visit by a member of the Royal Family.

But we shall have to make detailed investigation of a number of points, especially on transport and security, before making a recommendation on the point. I should be grateful for confirmation that the Prime Minister would like us to set this in hand.

I am sending a copy to David Omand at the MOD.

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*Yours ever,*  
*S M J Lampert*  
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