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Dear Robin,

we appear to have fallen between 2  
stools - Islander participation. It  
underlines the need for careful  
handling of the matter w/ N.I. [unclear]

ANGLO-ARGENTINE TALKS

1. You may like a little background to the Joint Councils' decision to send a representative to these talks.
2. Bill Goss, elected member for East Stanley, remained adamantly opposed to sending a representative. He was supported by Harold Bennett, who has been consistent in his opposition to participation in the talks. Willie Bowles, elected member for Stanley division, and Derek Evans, elected member for West Falkland, decided to support Goss and Bennett but I think they could have been persuaded to go the other way.
3. Stuart Wallace, elected member for West Stanley, wanted Councillors to insist that they send two representatives. He interpreted the invitation to send one representative only as an indication that the British Government did not really want Islander participation at all and this merely strengthened his resolve that they should be represented. Adrian Monk, elected member for East Falkland, Tim Miller, elected member for Camp division, Bill Luxton and Mary Jennings, Executive Council members, thought that the Islanders should be represented and, in the circumstances, were prepared to accept that



only one representative should go. Stuart Wallace somewhat reluctantly fell in with this: hence the majority of 5 to 4 in favour of sending one representative.

4. Adrian Monk's name was proposed by Stuart Wallace, no other nominations were made, Monk said he was willing to go and was unanimously elected.

5. I think the choice was a wise one and the outcome the best that we could hope for, although the whole episode has done nothing to allay the mistrust that several of the Councillors have for HMG. //x

*Your ever,*

*Ray.*

R M Hunt

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