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Private Secretary

cc: Mr Mallaby, Planning Staff
Mr Coles, 10 Downing St

FALKLANDS: PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH

Sir Michael Palliser telephone me just before lunch to say that he had been unable to speak to anyone at No 10 about the latest version of the Prime Minister's speech. He made two points to me:-

(a) He thought that it would be a mistake for the Prime Minister to say that our own proposal was 'withdrawn' today, though she need not specifically say that they remained on the table.

(b) He also thought that if the Prime Minister did not say something about the latest UN suggestions the Prime Minister could be accused later of having misled the House.

20 May 1982

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. A. Burns".

R A Burns
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