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From the Principal Private Secretary

8 June 1982

For Andy

Dear John,

FALKLANDS : SITREPS

I should be grateful if we could make arrangements for the transmission of sitreps about the Falklands to Bonn where the Prime Minister will be attending the NATO Summit tomorrow and Thursday on similar lines to those which we made for the Economic Summit last weekend.

Could we please have diplomatic and military sitreps at the following times:-

- Wednesday 9 June : 2100 hours
- Thursday 10 June : 0900 hours
- 1630 hours (this so that the Prime Minister has an up to date report before her press conference)

All the above times are Bonn time. It is essential that the timings are strictly adhered to since they have been chosen to fit in with the Prime Minister's movements: I am afraid that at Versailles the sitreps were frequently late. The telegrams should be addressed to me personally.

I am sending a copy of this letter to David Omand (Ministry of Defence).

Yours sincerely,

John Holmes

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FCO AND MOD SITREPS

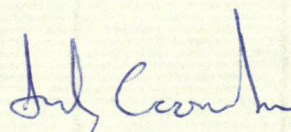
You asked about possible times to receive situation reports. I have looked at the programme for the Summit and I would suggest that the above reports are available at the times shown below:

MOD INT SUM: Wednesday 9 June - 2100 hours (Bonn time)
(Available to Prime Minister at the Residence
after her dinner)

FCO SITREP
& INT SUM: Thursday 10 June - 0900 hours (Bonn time)
(Available to Prime Minister at the German
Bundestag before Opening Ceremony)

I understand from Alan Logan that, in Versailles, the deadline for the morning sitrep was difficult to achieve. I have therefore suggested an extra hour be given to the time stated in John Coles' letter of 3 June to John Holmes (copy attached).

The Cabinet Office despatched JIC Assessments (on the Falklands) to Versailles and I presume you would also want this repeated while in Bonn.


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From the Private Secretary

3 June 1982

FALKLANDS: SITREPS

I write to confirm the arrangements which I discussed with you and David Omand today on the telephone.

We agreed that you would provide a diplomatic SITREP and the Ministry of Defence would supply a military SITREP to reach me in Versailles at the following times (Paris time):

Friday: 10 p.m.
Saturday: 8 a.m. and 10 p.m.
Sunday: 8 a.m.

These timings have been selected to fit in with the Prime Minister's programme in Versailles. I should be grateful if they could be closely observed and if the telegrams could be addressed to me personally.

Should there be urgent developments which cannot await the above SITREPS, you will doubtless get in touch with me at Versailles by telephone or urgent telegram.

I am copying this letter to David Omand (Ministry of Defence).

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