

Mr Office spoke to H of C who have no copies of the FICAZ Supp in their library. Mr Burns 12/2

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Mr Doherty
Action on 8/2 ppe & eventual reply to Mr Guinness.
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The use of the word 'nations' is not correct. It should be 'people'.

Government House
PORT STANLEY
Falkland Islands
20 January 1981

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P R Fearn Esq
South America Dept
FCO

Mr Smith
Mr Balfour

I have not read the article.

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Dear Sir,

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MOTIONS OF URGENCY, 7 JANUARY 1981

1. With reference to the Governor's telegram number 008 of 8 January 1981 I now enclose the verbatim records of the debates on the motions concerning Mr Ridley's proposals and the granting of full British Citizenship to Falkland Islanders. A copy of the Governor's address to the Legislative Council is also enclosed. A full record of Legislative Council proceedings will follow in due course.

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2. During the Citizenship debate the Governor assured Councillors that records of motions debated in Legislative Council were available to both UK Houses of Parliament. These records are published as supplements to the Falkland Islands Gazette. We should be grateful for your confirmation that MPs in the UK do have access to a copy of the record.

3. The motion on Mr Ridley's proposals was probably the best that could be hoped for, particularly after Adrian Monk's speech to the nation which caused not a few supporters of 'talking about leaseback' to retract in favour of 'talking about a freeze'. Robin Pitaluga's measured response repaired some of the damage but the subsequent motion has satisfied most Islanders as a good compromise.

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4. The views expressed by Councillors in the Legislative Council are, of course, the ones which we are bound by. Joint Councils' meetings have no constitutional basis and views expressed therein, whilst useful as an indication of Councillors' thinking, cannot be taken as authoritative statements of preferred policy. For this reason it would be wrong to try to prepare a negotiating stance on the basis of Councillors' attitudes as indicated in

Mr Burns
Please copy pg 2 of your speech for Population

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paragraph 4 of the Governor's telegram number 007 of 7 January 1981, although at this end we can and will use this information in our efforts to persuade Councillors to agree to including the leaseback option in any future negotiations.

Yours ever

Michael

M W Growcott