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The Prime Minister

The large majority of the Parliamentary Party will support you in any settlement which eventually emerges. However, within the Party there are views which vary very widely indeed. Perhaps I can give examples of the variety of views being taken with sample names in each group. It must be understood that some of these names spread over more than one group.

1. The "no surrender" group. They want us to return to the status quo with no compromises of any sort:

A Clark	Townend	Beaumont-Dark	G Morgan
T Taylor	Dickens	Braine	Aitken
R Shepherd	Bonsor	J Browne	Nelson
Stokes	Brotherton		Churchill
Trotter			

2. Those who say "be prepared to fight the Argentinians if necessary and then try to negotiate a lasting settlement. This group is the largest group in the Party as a whole:

Winterton	Fox	Spence	Amery
Gray	Monro	Cranborne	Brown
Fraser	Rippon	Macmillan	

3. This is a group which basically agrees with 2. above but is concerned about the military problems and fears the consequences of a military disaster. They say we must be aware and start to prepare the public in case things go wrong:

Warren	Peyton	Grant	Kaberry
Speed	Critchley	Mates	Emery
Skeet			



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4. This group does not want bloodshed except as a very last resort. We must be prepared to try the United Nations or anyone else to mediate before firing a shot:

Dykes	Faith	K Carlisle	Hordern
C Morrison	Lyell	Fisher	Dean
Lee	Parris	Kimball	Mawhinney
Lennox-Boyd			

5. The Falkland Islands are not worth all this effort. It is very dangerous for us to get hooked on describing the Islanders' views as paramount:

Crouch	Knox	A Hamilton	Kimball
Van Straubenzee	Dean	Gilmour	

6. Do not fire a shot in anger.

Crouch	Dorrell	Meyer	Gilmour
Whitney			

I am sending a copy of this minute to all members of OD(SA) and to Sir Robert Armstrong which I shall deliver personally.



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