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PS/Mr Ridley

1. You asked me this morning for a note on the costs of the Falkland Islands' garrison and HMS Endurance. I give below a breakdown of the annual costs:

Existing Force on Full Costs Basis

£2.3m p.a. HMS Endurance

£0.7m p.a. Garrison


(ie. nearer £3m p.a. than the £3.5m p.a. estimated last year).
If the basis were extra costs, these would be negligible.

2. The costs on a full costs basis of sending in reinforcements provided for in the appropriate contingency plan are:

Balanced naval force: £3.65m per month

Royal Marines Commando Group and Blowpipe Air Defence Group:
£0.65m per month.

Field Force: (without transport) £1.95m per month. If extra costs only were charged the cost for all 3 forces for one month would be £0.5m .



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