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Prime Minister

I have marked on the list the additions and deletions suggested to meet your comments on the Falklands dinner guest list and to get it down to size.

As we talked tonight you suggested Rex Hunt and Captain Rose. I suggest that we do not invite Rex Hunt - I do not think that we should ask him to fly back and we could give you a letter explaining that otherwise you would have liked him to be here - but if you agree I will ask Sir R. Armstrong to find me more deletion to make room for Captain Rose.

Would you be content on that basis for the invitations to go out?
FERB

Robert Armstrong

Prime Minister

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The list looks a bit long, since

I suggest that you ask from here

Mr. Whitmore

Mr. Coles

Mr. Ingham

plus yourself and DT. (I will

cede the Private Secretary role to Mr. Whitmore and Mr. Coles). That makes 69: shall I ask FCO

Falklands Campaign Dinner to leave out Mr. Onslow and the MOD and Cabinet Office which to reduce their list by 1 until we see if we get some more refusals?

MR. BUTLER

You wrote to Sir Frank Cooper (who is now on leave), inviting suggestions for a guest list for leading figures in the Falklands campaign on 11th October.

2. After consultation with the Ministry of Defence and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, I attach a list herewith. When allowance is made for those who are unlikely to be able to accept (but would like to think that they had not been forgotten) the list numbers 64. I have reserves in hand, if need be.

3. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office have suggested Mr. Cranley Onslow, and I have included him; but I realise that it may be thought invidious to pick out any Ministers other than the members of OD(SA).

4. I think that we might get Mr. McDonald to say grace - unless the first course is a souffle!

*No
This would
not be right.*

RTA

ROBERT ARMSTRONG

I now understand that the Ministry of Defence may still wish to make one or two changes; so I should be grateful

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for an opportunity to propose revisions before invitations are sent out.

*Am not happy with
this list.
Shelley?
Covens?
Anders?*

RTA

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DINNER ON 11th OCTOBER, 1982

The Lord Mayor of London

Sir Nicholas Henderson

Sir Michael Palliser

[In the US; probably unable to accept]

Sir Anthony Parsons

OD(SA)

Prime Minister	5
Home Secretary	
Foreign Secretary	
Defence Secretary	
Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster	
Attorney General	10

Ministry of Defence : Military

Chiefs of Staff

AF Sir Terence Lewin	CDS
Adm. Sir Henry Leach	CNS
FM Sir Edwin Bramall	Formerly CGS
ACM Sir Michael Beetham	CAS

MOD

ACM Sir David Evans	VCDS(P&L)	15
Lt.Gen. Sir James Glover	DCDS(I)	

Task Force

Adm Sir John Fieldhouse	CINCFLEET	
V-Adm P G M Herbert	FOSM	
Lt.Gen. R B Trant	Land Deputy	
A.Mshl. Sir John Curtiss	Air Deputy	20
R.Adm. J F Woodward	CTG	
Maj.Gen. J J Moore	CLF	
Cdre. M C Clapp	COMAW	

Brig. J H A Thompson

Comd 3 Cdo Bde RM

Brig. M J A Wilson

Comd 5 Inf Bde

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Capt. R. McQueen

CBFSU Ascension

Capt. L E Middleton

HERMES

Capt. J J Black

INVINCIBLE

~~Captain of SALT~~

SHEFFIELD

~~Cdr. G L Wreford-Brown~~

CONQUEROR

~~Captain of HART-DYKE~~

COVENTRY

~~Capt. E S J Larken~~

FEARLESS.

COMMANDER MORTON³⁰ HMS
YARMOOTH

Lt. Col. A F Whitehead

45 Cdo RM

Lt. Col. H W R Pike

3 Para

COLONEL ROSE LATELY 22 SAS

Lt. Col. M J Holroyd-Smith

29 Cdo Regt RA

COLONEL SCOTT 2nd Sate Guard

Gp. Capt. J S B Price

RAF Marham and RAF Ascension

LT. COL RICKETT "Nekh"

Wg. Cdr. P T Squire

No 1 Sqn

LT. COL GUARD 1/7 GUARDIA RIFES

MAJOR THOMPSON SBS

Ministry of Defence : Civilians

Sir Frank Cooper

PUS

CAPT RUNDLE SS. BRITISH WYG

Mr J M Stewart

AUS (Def Staff)

COMMANDER WREFORD-BROWN HMS CONQUEROR

~~Mr R T Jackling~~

~~Head of DS11~~

~~Mr N H Nicholls~~

~~Head of DS5~~

Mr I S McDonald

DCPR

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~~Mr K J Pritchard~~

~~DGST(N)~~

Support and Task Force Civilians

Capt. P J G Roberts

RFA (SIR GALAHAD)

Capt. D J Scott-Masson

Merchant Navy (SS CANBERRA)

Mr K F Slater

D/ASWE

Mr D F Whitwam

GM Portsmouth

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

~~Mr Cranley Onslow MP~~

Sir Antony Acland

Sir Ian Sinclair

Mr R Fearn

~~Mr G S R Giffard~~

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~~Mr D Gilmore~~

~~Mr C Mallaby~~

/now in Bonn; may not be able to accept/

Foreign and Commonwealth Office (Cont'd)

Mr J Ure

Mr J Weston

Mr Patrick Wright

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Cabinet Office

Sir Robert Armstrong

~~Sir Antony Duff~~

OD(SA) Secretariat

Mr R L Wade-Gery

/now in Delhi: unlikely to be able to accept/

~~Mr A D S Goodall~~

Mr R L L Facer

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Commander G Middleton

JIS

~~Mr R J O'Neill~~

~~Mr W Savage~~

Department of Trade

~~Mr M D M Franklin~~

Mr S S Holness

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Other Agencies

Mr C F Figgures

Sir Brian Tovey



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P1. ensure that these
papers come on the Far
East trip



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From the Principal Private Secretary

AND Y/ JEAN -
to remind -
see 'x'

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

FALKLANDS CAMPAIGN DINNER

The Prime Minister has seen your minute of 13 September, and is grateful for the work done in drawing together a list of guests for this dinner.

The list is at present a bit long, when it is borne in mind that five places will be needed for people from here, including the Prime Minister, Mr. Thatcher, Clive Whitmore, John Coles and Bernard Ingham: I am not proposing to ask the Prime Minister to include my name on the list. But it looks as if the list ought to be pruned by three names or so, or at least some names should be held back on a reserve list until we see if we get refusals from those expected to attend.

The Prime Minister is also not yet happy about the balance of the list. She has noted in particular that the Commanders of HMS SHEFFIELD, HMS COVENTRY and HMS ARDENT* are not included, and she wonders whether there is sufficient representation of the Merchant Marine. She agrees that it would be invidious, as you say, to include Mr. Cranley Onslow.

Since the Ministry of Defence are in any case reconsidering the list, could you please have these points considered also. In case it is not possible for you to let me have revisions before the Prime Minister leaves for the Far East, I will arrange to take the list with me, so that revisions to it could be cleared with us by telegram.

X
+ another of the ships that
wee sunk

F. E. R. BUTLER

14 September 1982