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To note.  
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The Planning For and Timing of the Argentine Decision to Invade  
The Falkland Islands

--- The Joint Intelligence Committee have now completed an assessment of the intelligence and other information received since April up to 25 August which has a bearing on the planning for and timing of the Argentine decision to invade the Falkland Islands. I attach the assessment herewith. I am also sending copies of the assessment, with copies of this minute, to the Secretaries of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and for Defence.

2. All the significant intelligence covered by this assessment has been sent to Lord Franks, and I have thought it right to send him this assessment also, in the first instance on a personal basis and for him alone, and not as formal evidence to his Committee; but making it clear that copies are available, if he would like other members of his Committee to see it.

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ROBERT ARMSTRONG

28 September 1982