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to Mr Nett

Mr Luce has seen Mr Fearn's submission of 15 February. As the talks with the Argentines on the Falkland Islands take place next week, Mr Luce thinks that it is right for us to delay commenting substantively on the problem. He will be in a better position to assess the strength of the Argentines' views when he returns from New York. We will then need to consider how to take this question further. He therefore agrees with the draft minute.

16 February 1982

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