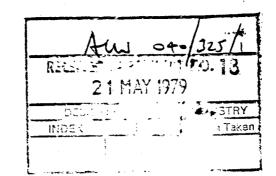
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Mr Ure

FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. Mr Ridley has read with great interest the note attached to your submission of 10 May on the Falkland Islands, and Mr Hall's minute of 11 May. He has minuted as follows:

"The fourth option is the only possible one - but we must put most emphasis on the fish and oil aspects of Antarctica. I would hope to preserve the Falklands as British - maybe its not possible - in return for helping Argentina to carve up the Antarctic with us as a partner. I do think its important for me to go

- a) to the Falklands
- b) to Argentina

as soon as possible.

I think we should go further with UK commercial fish and oil interests to see what we can in fact do in the Antarctic. Is not BP interested? Could we get some trawler fleets to take an interest?

NR."

2. I should be grateful for your advice on these two questions.

K D Temple 14 May 1979

cc: (With Mr Ure's submission, Mr Hall's minute and paper) to:
PS
PS/Lord Privy Seal

(Without papers) to:
Sir A Parsons
Mr Hall