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FALKLANDS PAPERS

1. As requested, I attach key papers on the Falklands dispute which will give your successor a good idea of the way this issue has been played over the last couple of years:

- a) Terms of reference for negotiations
- b) Report to Number 10 on the Rome talks, July 1977
- c) Report to Number 10 on the New York talks, December 1977
- d) Report to Number 10 on meeting of working groups (at official level) in Lima, February 1978
- e) Secretary of State's DOP minute of 13 December, 1978 setting out tactics for negotiations resumed in Geneva (18/20 December)
- f) Secretary of State's DOP minute of 13 March, 1979 summarising results of Geneva meeting and outlining tactics for next negotiating round at official level in New York, 21/23 March, 1979
- g) South America Department's position paper on the Falkland Islands of 26 April, 1979
- h) South America Department's Falklands options paper of 10 May, 1979 (and accompanying minute by Mr Hall of 11 May, 1979)
- i) Steering Brief covering Mr Ridley's visit to the Falkland Islands/Argentina, July 1979
- j) Secretary of State's personal letter to Argentine Foreign Minister (delivered by Mr Ridley) with reference to possible meeting in New York during the UN General Assembly in September.

  
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