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Dear Tim,

The Prime Minister is, I believe, aware that Mr Onslow is planning a visit to the Falkland Islands in the autumn. We have put this proposal to the Civil Commissioner, seeking his views on a week's visit from 31 October.

I understand that the Prime Minister has indicated that should would like to visit the Island possibly next January when the Islanders will be celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the establishment of permanent British settlement.

The Islanders would certainly welcome a visit by the Prime Minister at that time, particularly as logistical and security problems will probably rule out a visit by a member of the Royal Family.

But we shall have to make detailed investigation of a number of points, especially on transport and security, before making a recommendation on the point. I should be grateful for confirmation that the Prime Minister would like us to set this in hand.

I am sending a copy to David Omand at the MOD.

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Yours ever,
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