



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Michael,

I enclose herewith a copy of the report of the Falkland Islands Review Committee.

The report will not be released to the press in advance of time of my statement tomorrow, and I would therefore ask you to treat it as sent to you on a personal and confidential basis.

I shall say in my statement that amendments to certain of the references to intelligence reports designed to minimise potential damage to British intelligence interests have been agreed with Lord Franks. Lord Franks agrees that:

- (1) all the references to intelligence reports included in the Committee's report as submitted have been retained in the report as presented to Parliament, most of them without amendment;
- (2) none of the amendments that have been made alters the sense, substance or emphasis of the reference to the intelligence report concerned, or removes anything of significance to the Committee's account of the matters

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referred to it or to its findings and conclusions;

- (3) apart from those agreed amendments, no other deletions or amendments have been made to the Committee's report as submitted.

I should be perfectly happy for you to see a copy of the report as submitted, so that you could satisfy yourself about the amendments, if you wished to do so. For obvious reasons the unamended copies of the report are being kept under strict control, but the Secretary of the Cabinet has a copy of the report as submitted, with the amendments marked in it, and he would be very happy to make the necessary arrangements for you to inspect it.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

The Rt. Hon. Michael Foot, M.P.