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PRIME MINISTER

FALKLAND ISLANDS INQUIRY

I would like to support the proposal put forward by the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary in his minute to you of 5 May, that there should be an inquiry by a small group of Privy Councillors.

I also agree that the review must be quick and effective, both for its own sake and in order to meet Parliamentary and public opinion. As the Foreign Secretary points out, to be effective the inquiry will need full access to papers; but equally, to satisfy public opinion, I think it may be necessary to say something at the outset about publication of a version of the inquiry's conclusions. Generally speaking it seems to me wiser - and in line with our policy - to take the initiative in being as forthcoming as is prudent.

I am copying this minute to other OD colleagues and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

*Baroness Young*

BARONESS YOUNG

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