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Dear Andrew,

Falklands: Briefing for Versailles Summit

This letter is simply to confirm Robert Wade Gery's telephone conversation with you this morning.

Contrary to earlier indications No. 10 have today told us that they would like briefing provided for the Prime Minister's use at Versailles covering the attitude of each of our six Versailles partners to the Falklands crisis. This should be supported by relevant documents, eg the text of Security Council resolutions, Haig proposals, etc. There is no need to cast it in the normal form of a brief, and a Line to Take will not be necessary. To save time it should not be processed through our numbered briefing series here but might conveniently take the form of a private secretary letter from the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary's office to No. 10, with copies to the Ministry of Defence and Cabinet Office.

Such a letter will of course need clearance in advance with the Ministry of Defence and should, for the Prime Minister's convenience, include material which is primarily on their side of the house, eg facts about United States military and logistic assistance and about French and other help with countering Argentine efforts on arms procurement.

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