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*From the Principal Private Secretary*

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

FALKLAND ISLANDS INQUIRY

The Prime Minister had a brief word with you this morning about your minute A08614 of 9 June 1982 about the Falkland Islands inquiry.

She told you that it had been suggested to her that Lord Elwyn-Jones would be a better Labour member of the committee of inquiry than Lord Cledwyn. You said that you would make some discreet inquiries to ensure that Lord Elwyn-Jones would be able to make a full contribution to the review, if he were invited to be a member.

The Prime Minister also said that, on reflection, she was concerned that the proposed terms of reference of the inquiry were too restrictive. She feared that the reference to "the period leading up to the Argentine invasion" might lead the committee to concentrate its review almost exclusively on the weeks immediately before the invasion and not, as she thought was necessary, go back a number of years to identify the underlying causes of the problem and the way successive governments had dealt with them. You undertook to see how the terms of reference could be amended to take account of the Prime Minister's point.

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