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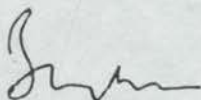
FALKLANDS - MEDIA INQUIRY

The Committee I have chaired each morning during the Falklands crisis to co-ordinate presentation agreed to wind up its operations today, subject to reactivation if there is any renewal of hostilities.

At our last meeting we noted the number of inquiries which are to be held into the Government's handling of the Falklands crisis, and more particularly those into the informational aspects. The engagement by the Defence Committee of Messrs. Pincher, Simon Jenkins and Henry James as advisers was also noted.

The MoD representative, said that guidance to Ministers and officials who might be invited to give evidence was under consideration. We saw the need for that guidance to go wider than the MoD. It seems likely for example, that I might well be invited to give evidence in view of my responsibilities for co-ordination which are well known to Messrs. Jenkins and James; and, of course, in view of the widely reported intervention by the Prime Minister, through me, at the outset of the crisis to send more journalists with the Task Force.

You may care to bear in mind my interest and that of my Falklands Group in any discussion of our approach to inquiries,



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