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Prime Minister.

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Agree XI below ?

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MR. WHITMORE

Falkland Islands Review

You minuted David Wright on 21st July that the Prime Minister wondered whether, in view of the extreme sensitivity of the record of Mr. Ridley's meeting in September 1980 with the Argentine Deputy Foreign Minister, it might be shown in the first instance only to Lord Franks himself.

2. Although the record was not submitted to the Review Committee by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office as part of their primary contribution, the fact that the meeting took place was clearly revealed in that material. In addition, the substance of what passed at Mr. Ridley's meeting appears in the records of the OD meetings on 2nd July and 7th November 1980 (including the Most Confidential Record of the latter) which were included in the material submitted to the Review Committee by the Cabinet Office.

3. I do not think that it would be possible - or sensible to try - to withhold the record from the full Committee if they decide that they need to see it. But I will, if the Prime Minister is content, send it personally to Lord Franks, with a covering letter explaining that it is an especially sensitive document, that I am therefore sending it to him and that we are content to leave it to his discretion to decide whether it should be seen by other members of the Committee.

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*But its sensit-  
nature must be  
honoured  
HW*

Robert Armstrong

28th July 1982