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From the Private Secretary

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The Prime Minister has seen Sir Robert Armstrong's minute of 6 August about the BBC's plans to do a Panorama programme on the handling of information by the Ministry of Defence and the media during the Falklands crisis, reference A09229. As I told you on the telephone, she stands by her earlier decision that neither Ministers nor officials should take part in such a programme. She feels that the programme organisers will be more concerned to justify the stance taken by the media than to portray both sides of the case, and that to involve Ministers and officials will only prolong the controversy.

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