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FALKLAND ISLANDS REVIEW COMMITTEE

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Dear Prime Minister,

The Committee is now preparing its programme of oral evidence, and I am writing to ask whether you would be prepared to appear before it.

We have provisionally set aside the morning of Friday 22 October, starting at 11.00 am, but if this is difficult for you we shall of course find a more convenient time.

9.30 to 11.00
9.10 to 10.30
4.30 to 6.00

In accordance with its terms of reference, the Committee's main focus of attention is on events leading up to the invasion, for which the accession of General Galtieri on 22 December 1981 provides a convenient starting point. This is the period to which the Committee is likely to devote much of the discussion, but it does not wish to limit in any way the points that you may wish to make, either on this or on the earlier period.

I attach a copy of some notes for guidance which the Committee has prepared for those giving oral evidence.

Yours sincerely

Franks

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Notes of guidance for those giving oral evidence

The Committee's interviews will be held in Room 1/99, Old Admiralty Building, Whitehall, SW1. The main entrance is in The Mall at the side of Admiralty Arch.

2. The interviews will be held in private.
3. The Committee's proceedings are confidential, and those giving evidence are asked not to disclose the content of their interviews.
4. They will be recorded verbatim, and a copy of the transcript will be sent to each witness for perusal and return. It will be open to any witness at this stage to amplify or amend in writing points made in his oral evidence.
5. In its report the Committee will not comment adversely on the performance or judgment of an individual without having given him in advance specific details of the proposed criticism and an opportunity to rebut it before the Committee.
6. Questions about the arrangements for taking oral evidence may be addressed to the Secretariat (Mr A R Rawsthorne, telephone number 01-273 5106, or Mr P G Moulson, telephone number 01-273 4569).
7. The Committee's terms of reference, which were announced by the Prime Minister on 6 July 1982, are set out overleaf. The decision to set up a Falkland Islands Review was debated and approved by the House of Commons on 8 July.

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Terms of reference

To review the way in which the responsibilities of Government in relation to the Falkland Islands and their dependencies were discharged in the period leading up to the Argentine invasion of the Falkland Islands on 2 April 1982, taking account of all such factors in previous years as are relevant; and to report.