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From the Private Secretary

15 September 1982

The Prime Minister, who leaves for a visit to the Far East tomorrow, has asked me to thank you for your letter of 14 September.

Mrs Thatcher would indeed be prepared to appear before the Falkland Islands Review Committee. With regard to your suggestion of Friday 22 October, the Prime Minister, in view of her other engagements that day, would find it more convenient to appear before the Committee either from 9 o'clock to 10.30 a.m. or from 4 o'clock to 6 o'clock. Unfortunately, the Prime Minister has a longstanding engagement to receive an important delegation from overseas in the later half of the morning and also has a longstanding engagement in her constituency at lunchtime. If neither of the times I have suggested is convenient to the Committee, I am sure that the Prime Minister would be prepared to consider alternatives.

A. J. COLES

The Rt. Hon. The Lord Franks, O.M., G.C.M.G., K.C.B., C.B.E.

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