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From the Private Secretary

18 November, 1982.

The Argentine threat to the Falkland Islands

The Prime Minister has seen JIC(82)(N)115 of 16 November.

Mrs. Thatcher has noted:-

"We should consider how we should react to the several possibilities of military adventures described in this assessment. Their shipping and bases are now vulnerable, as we have considerable forces in or near the Falklands."

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I should be grateful if you would arrange for the Prime Minister to receive advice as soon as possible on how we should react to the various military options open to Argentina.

I am sending copies of this letter to Brian Fall (Foreign and Commonwealth Office) and Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

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JOINT INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

THE ARGENTINE THREAT TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

The attached Note was approved out of Committee on MONDAY 15 NOVEMBER 1982.

Signed A H R YORK
for Secretary
Joint Intelligence Committee

Cabinet Office

16 November 1982

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