

PRIME MINISTER

FRANKS COMMITTEE

I attach the transcript of your discussion with the Committee. We are asked whether you wish to make any corrections or to add to the points you made.

If you agree, I will make three points in reply:

✓ a) Page 21 refers to you putting down a sentence in your "diary". To avoid a misunderstanding, the Committee should know that you had simply made a note of the sentence concerned on the extract from the diary ^{of events meetings} which you took to the meeting and which is referred to on pages 51 and 52 of the transcript.

No-one should imagine that you kept a personal diary and put things of such delicacy in it.

✓ b) On page 22 the comma in the fourth line from the bottom should be deleted - otherwise the meaning is obscured.

✓ c) On page 30, you did not wish to give the impression that you and Lord Carrington had telephoned the Ministry of Defence about an SSN, merely that you and Lord Carrington had discussed the matter and that, as page 30 of the transcript makes clear, a telephone call was later made to the MOD.

Agree that I may write in these terms?

A.J.C. *Ym* *mt*

2 November 1982



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29 October, 1982.

Dear John,

I attach a copy of the verbatim record of the discussion the Prime Minister had with the Committee on Monday, 25 October.

If the Prime Minister wishes to make any corrections of substance to the record, perhaps you could mark them on the transcript and return it to me as soon as is convenient. If the Prime Minister wishes to amplify or add to the points she made in discussion, it would be helpful if you could let me know at the same time.

Yours sincerely,
Tony Rawsthorne

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Dear John,

Thank you for your letter of 3 November and the points made by the Prime Minister on the transcript of her discussion with the Committee, which I have drawn to its attention.

Yours,
Tony

(A R Rawsthorne)

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From the Private Secretary

3 November 1982

Thank you for your letter of 29 October enclosing the verbatim record of the discussion which the Prime Minister had with your Committee on Monday 25 October.

The Prime Minister has asked me to make three points about the transcript.

Page 21 quotes the Prime Minister as saying that she had put down in her diary the sentence "Moreover, if faced with Argentine occupation on arrival there would be no certainty that such a force would be able to retake the dependency". To avoid any misunderstanding now or in the future, the Committee may care to know that the Prime Minister had simply made a note of the sentence concerned on the extract from the diary of events and meetings which she took to her meeting with the Committee and which is referred to on pages 51 and 52 of the transcript. The Prime Minister would not wish it to be thought that she had kept a personal diary and entered into it statements of such delicacy.

On page 22 the comment in the fourth line from the bottom of the page should perhaps be deleted. Otherwise, the meaning is obscured.

With regard to page 30, the Prime Minister did not wish to give the impression that she and Lord Carrington had personally telephoned the Ministry of Defence about an SSN - merely that she and Lord Carrington had discussed the matter and that, as page 30 of the transcript makes clear, a telephone call was later made to the MOD.

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Note of an oral evidence session held in Room 1/99
Old Admiralty Building, London SW1
on Monday 25 October 1982

PRESENT

Lord Franks - Chairman
Lord Barber
Lord Lever of Manchester
Sir Patrick Nairne
Mr Merlyn Rees MP
Lord Watkinson

Mr A R Rawsthorne)
Mr P G Moulson) - Secretariat

Witnesses

Prime Minister
Sir Robert Armstrong
Mr A J Coles

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