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3 December 1982

Mr Roberts to see

Dear Tim

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THE SOUTH ATLANTIC FUND

Further to my letter of 26 November, I attach for your information a copy of a letter which Mr Hugh Rossi has received from Sir David Evans.

Yours ever,

Chris Evans

CHRIS EVANS
Private Secretary

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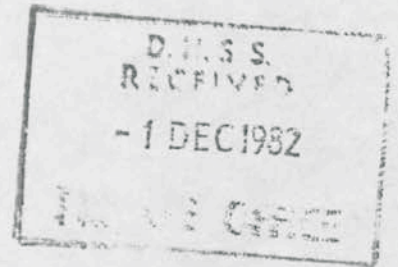
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26 November 1982

Dear Minister,

Thank you for your letter dated 23 November concerning the South Atlantic Fund and the grievance expressed to you by some of the disabled. I am both surprised and appalled - in view of the information that has been passed through single-Service Command chains and the briefings that have been held - that any man or family who suffered as a result of the South Atlantic Operation is not receiving every possible assistance, advice and support. I have taken this matter up with my single-Service colleagues because you will no doubt appreciate that the South Atlantic Fund Administration is a very small group and the links with individuals are through the normal Service Command chain of welfare authorities, Regimental and Unit representatives.

Whilst there can be no excuse for the views expressed to you, it is perhaps relevant that the South Atlantic Fund is bound by its Trust Deed to deal through other Charities; hence it is possible that many of those that have received help may not appreciate that the money has in fact originated from the South Atlantic Fund.

I believe that now that the assessments of long term need are in progress many of the unfortunate individual anxieties expressed to you will be allayed; meanwhile, interim grants to the seriously injured have already been made to meet their immediate needs over their rehabilitation period. I trust that those you met will now have received their cheques from the appropriate Charity. A list of those injured has been provided by the Medical authorities but they are still working hard at interpreting the basic documentation so that a considerate, fair and compassionate interim assessment may be made in the case of the less seriously injured. Further interim grants from this on-going work are currently being made as assessments are completed by the panel of specialists.

*Yours sincerely,
David Evans*

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