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The Franks Report

Thank you very much for your letter of 6th January.

On the question when we tell the United States Administration I think that the problem has been made easier by the Prime Minister's agreement that we should release copies of the Report to the Leader of the Opposition and to former Prime Ministers on Monday, 17th January at noon (that is related to publication on the afternoon of Tuesday, 18th January, and would change if the publication date itself changed). This means, I think, that we can ask Oliver Wright to inform the State Department on the morning of Monday, 17th January at, say, 10.00 am Washington time

*Passage deleted and retained under Section 3(4).  
Wayland, 7 February 2013*

I hope that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office will take responsibility for preparing the telegram of instructions to Oliver Wright. Whoever is responsible for that will no doubt wish to liaise with the people here who are preparing instructions to those who will contact the United States Intelligence Agencies. I think that we ought to try to get a draft of the instructions to Oliver Wright to the Prime Minister on Thursday, 13th January; if it can be ready by Wednesday, so much the better.

I also agree that arrangements should in principle be made for the Civil Commissioner in Port Stanley to receive a copy of the Report on or as near as possible to the date of publication, and I am asking my people to look into the mechanics of this with the Ministry of Defence.

I am sending copies of this letter to Clive Whitmore and Robin Butler.

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