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FRANKS REPORT

Clive Whitmore has seen David Goodall's minute to you of 18 January and has the following comments on the material for the PM's opening speech:

- a. Para 15, Lines 5-6: It would be more correct to say "shortly before the invasion";
- b. Para 20, Line 5: To make it absolutely clear that "recovery" is in quotation marks it might be worth inserting after "committed to" some phrase such as "what they claimed would be";
- c. Para 22, Line 5: "1976" should be amended to "1967";
- d. Para 22, Last Line: This might be better expressed "would immediately take the form of full scale invasion";
- e. Para 29, Lines 9-10: To make the point quite clear expansion might be helpful, as follows: ".... reinforcement could provoke, long before it reached the Islands, the very act of Argentine aggression it was designed to deter. And short of that extreme, reinforcement was always liable severely to damage the prospects for".

I am sending copies of this letter to Richard Hatfield, Michael Jay and David Goodall.

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