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From the Principal Private Secretary

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

The Prime Minister has seen and noted your minute of 18 February about the numbers of meetings of Cabinet and Cabinet Committees during 1982.

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PRIME MINISTER

At about this time of year I report progress to you on the numbers of meetings of Cabinet and Cabinet Committees during the previous year.

2. I have to report that the declining trend of previous years was reversed in 1982. The main reason for the reversal of the trend was the crisis in the South Atlantic. If Falklands-related meetings were excluded, the number of Ministerial meetings would once again show a decline, though a smaller decline than last year.

Changes in Numbers of Meetings, 1982 on 1981

	All Meetings %	Excluding Falklands-related Meetings %
Cabinet and other Ministerial Meetings	+ 29.2	- 4.1
Official Meetings	+ 14.6	+ 9.3
Total	+ 20.8	+ 3.5

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ROBERT ARMSTRONG

18th February 1983

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