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28 April 1983

Prime Minister

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Dear John,

I attach the latest record of payments made
by the South Atlantic Fund since 18 March.

Yours Ever,

David Arnold-Forster

Private Secretary

SOUTH ATLANTIC FUND - REPORT OF PAYMENTS SINCE 18 MARCH 1983

A total of £6,123,454 has now been disbursed by the South Atlantic Fund, an increase of £1,364,928 since the report of 18 March 1983. Total receipts stand at about £14.8M.

Interim Grants To Bereaved

Further interim grants totalling £24,000 have been paid,

*Passage deleted and closed, 40 years,
under FOI Exemption.*

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12 February 2013

Interim Grants to Injured (including those leaving the Service)

No further interim grants have been paid to those injured but some are currently under consideration.

Payment to Charities

No further grants have been paid to charities.

The Assessment Process

Since the last report £1,303,327 has been paid out as a result of the assessment process to a further 52 widows. Payments totalling £2,804,711 have now been paid to 74 widows on the basis of the assessment process.

A further £29,750 has been paid out in 55 separate payments as a result of the assessment process to those with minor injuries and burns.

Assessment of a further 20 widows and 30 injured cases has been completed and these have been submitted to the Trustees for approval. This should result in about a further £½M being disbursed by the end of April 1983. It is anticipated that this rate of processing assessments can be sustained.

Visit of the Next of Kin to the Falkland Islands

Following the visit, an Action Group has been formed by parents of single men who died with the apparent aims of contesting the legal points of 'need' and 'dependency'; and seeking similar payments for them to those received by widows. They have contacted the National Press, Television and Radio, but have not so far contacted the Fund. The Fund would, of course, be entirely prepared to discuss matters with the Group's representatives and consider any case of financial hardship that has arisen as a direct result of the Falklands conflict. Priority is, however, continuing to be given to assessing the needs of widows and the injured.

The Press has not given prominence (nor any support) to the claims of the parents.



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From the Private Secretary

21 March 1983

Thank you for your letter of 18 March enclosing the latest record of payments made by the South Atlantic Fund.

The Prime Minister has noted these details.

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18 March 1983

Prime Minister

Do you wish to continue
receiving these reports?

Dear John,

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I attach the latest record of payments made
by the South Atlantic Fund since 14 February.

Yours Ever,

Phil

Private Secretary

SOUTH ATLANTIC FUND - REPORT OF PAYMENTS SINCE 14 FEBRUARY 1983

A total of £4,758,526 has now been disbursed by the Fund in grants, an increase of £788,072 since the last report.

Interim Grants to Bereaved

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FOI Exemption*

Interim Grants to Injured (Excluding those leaving the Services)

A further £9,000 in five separate payments has been paid to the injured as interim grants. £524,300 has now been disbursed from the Fund in interim payments to the injured.

Interim Grants to those Leaving the Forces

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FOI Exemption*

*AWayland
12 February 2013*

Payments to Charities

No further grants have been paid to charities.



Other Payments

Specially converted Mini Metros were presented to three disabled men of the Royal Marines on 4 March 1983. £21,989 has been paid from the South Atlantic Fund to the 1939 Royal Marine Welfare Fund to meet the cost of these cars.

£10,671 has so far been paid out from the Fund to meet the cost of telephone calls made over the Christmas period from the South Atlantic.

The Assessment Process

£708,291 has been paid out as a result of the assessment process to 22 widows (an average total amount of about £45,000 including interim grants). Further payments totalling £232,727, on the basis of the assessment process, to 10 widows are expected to be approved by the Trustees of the Fund in the next few days.

The assessment process has now achieved a momentum and a substantial sum will be disbursed to widows over the next four weeks.

In addition, £13,300 has now been paid out in grants as a result of the assessment process to those with minor injuries and burns in 24 separate payments (an average of £554). However, the payments of grants to widows will continue to be given priority.



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From the Private Secretary

7 March 1983

Thank you for your letter of 25 February enclosing a cheque for £257.75 for the South Atlantic Fund. I have conveyed it to the Trustees of the Fund.

The Prime Minister has asked me to pass her grateful thanks to the Premier and people of Bermuda for this further evidence of their generosity.

A. J. COLES

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4th March 1983

Dear John,

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A.S.C. 7/13.

Thank you for your letter of 3rd March enclosing a contribution from Bermuda of £257.75 for the South Atlantic Fund. I can confirm that the cheque has been passed to the Trustees.

/ You might care to make use of the attached draft reply to Mr Williams.

Yours ever

(J E RIDLEY) (MISS)

A J Coles Esq

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Thank you for your letter of 25th February enclosing a cheque for £257.75 for the South Atlantic Fund. I ~~am pleased to have been~~ ^{conveyed} able to pass it ~~on~~ to the Trustees of the Fund.

The Prime Minister has asked me to pass ~~on~~ ^{grateful} her thanks to ~~your~~ ^{the} Premier and ~~to the~~ people of Bermuda for this further evidence of their generosity.

A.J.C. 3/13 .

W J Williams Esq
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Bermuda.



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From the Private Secretary

3 March 1983

SOUTH ATLANTIC FUND

On 12 August, 1982, Tim Flesher sent you a cheque for £122,608.76 representing the contribution of Bermuda to the South Atlantic Fund.

I now enclose a further cheque for £257.75 representing further donations received by banks in Bermuda.

B/F | I also enclose a copy of a letter from the Secretary to the Bermudan Cabinet in which he conveys the hope of the Premier of Bermuda that this sum can be added to the South Atlantic Fund. Could you please confirm that I may reply in the sense that this has been done?

JC

Miss Jane Ridley,
Ministry of Defence.

JS



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FEB 23, 1983

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