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From the Private Secretary

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Argentine next-of-kin

There was some discussion on this subject when the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary called on the Prime Minister this morning.

In relation to previous correspondence, the Prime Minister made it clear that her main concern was that we should not appear to be weakening in our attitude towards our sovereignty over the Falkland Islands just because a new Government was in prospect in Argentina. In that context she did not wish it to appear that we were taking a new position on a possible visit by Argentine next-of-kin to the Islands. She had already told the United Nations Secretary General of our willingness to contemplate such a visit and we should continue to make clear our general willingness to do so. We should not conceal this either from the United Nations or from the House of Commons if we were asked. But it would not be necessary at this stage to go into the details of our offer.

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