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General Sir John Stanier GCB, MBE, ADC GEN
Chief of the General Staff
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Dear John,

Thank you for sending me a copy **~~~~~**
~~~~~ about the possibility of
The Duke of Kent visiting the 2nd Battalion The Royal
Regiment of Fusiliers on the Falkland Islands. This
arrived at about the same time as the revival of an
earlier proposal originating, I believe, with the Chief
of the Defence Staff, that Princess Anne visit the Royal
Signals on the Islands.

When we discussed this last month I said that
Sir Geoffrey Howe and I thought it impossible to say so
far ahead whether such a visit would be wise, and that
much would depend on the outcome of the Argentine
elections. The results are now known, but we think we
must wait for the new government's intentions to become
clearer. This is unlikely to be until well into the New
Year.

Additionally, with plans already in hand for a
number of high level visits over the next few months,
there is a need to guard against overloading the very
limited resources which exist in the Islands. An excess
of VIP visitors could cut across our aim of helping the
Islanders return to their normal pattern of life.

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~~~~~ I suggest that
we should look at the proposal again towards the end of
February.

**~* Passages deleted and
closed, 40 years, under
FOI Exemptions.*

Yours etc
Antony
Antony Acland

Wayland, 17 January 2013

cc: Field Marshal Sir Edwin Bramall GCB, OBE, MC, MOD
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