



Prime Minister

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

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17 November 1983

Dear John,

Falkland Islands: Chief Executive

We spoke on the telephone about the announcement of the appointment of Mr David Taylor to the new post of Chief Executive to the Falkland Islands Government.

Mr Taylor will fly out to Port Stanley on 29 November to take up his new duties. He has been seconded from Booker McConnell PLC for three years and is being employed under technical cooperation arrangements through the British overseas aid programme. He was appointed after the post had been advertised nationally and produced over 60 enquiries.

The post of Chief Executive was recommended in Lord Shackleton's Report. It will combine the duties of Chief Secretary to the Falkland Islands Government and Executive Vice-Chairman of the new Falkland Islands Development Corporation. Mr Taylor will therefore be responsible to the Civil Commissioner both for running the Administration and for implementing a range of development projects financed from the £31 million development grant. He will be appointed Acting Civil Commissioner in Sir Rex Hunt's absence.

Mr Taylor, who is aged 50, was educated at Clifton and at Clare College, Cambridge. He served for nearly five years in the Overseas Civil Service in Tanganyika before joining Booker McConnell PLC in 1964. He has held various managerial posts with that company in London related to its distributive, light industrial and agricultural operations overseas and served in Malawi as Chief Executive of Booker's activities there.

Mr Taylor is being briefed by the ODA on development matters and by the FCO on constitutional and governmental ones. He has been received by Lady Young and Mr Raison.

Yours ever,

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From the Private Secretary

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FALKLAND ISLANDS: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Prime Minister has noted the contents of your letter of 17 November.

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