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FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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Dear Peter,

Events of the weekend of 1 and 2 May 1982

As you know, the Foreign Affairs Committee is approaching the end of its inquiry into the events of the weekend of 1 and 2 May 1982, and a draft Report is almost complete.

At a meeting on 20 March, the Committee discussed what further information should be sought from Ministers and others before considering the Chairman's draft Report. As a result of the decisions taken at that meeting, I have been instructed to ask the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to submit the following documents to the Committee as formal evidence:

- on any subject?*
- (i) copies of all Foreign and Commonwealth Office documents of which copies were included in the compilation of documents prepared in the Ministry of Defence and colloquially known as the 'Crown Jewels';
 - (ii) to the extent that they are not included in (i) above, copies of all messages received by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office from HM Ambassadors in Lima and Washington DC during the twenty-four hours (local time in each case) of 2 May 1982; and
 - (iii) if not included in (i) above, a copy of any memorandum, letter or minute, dated 1 May 1982, in which the then Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary 'raised the need for a further warning to the Argentine Government', as referred to in paragraph 7 of the Annex of the Prime Minister's letter of 19 September 1984 to Mr George Foulkes MP.

|| In addition, the Committee has instructed me to ask (iv) for what time the Permanent Under-Secretary of State, or other senior Foreign and Commonwealth Office official, was asked to attend the meeting of the Overseas and Defence Committee (South Atlantic) at Chequers on Sunday 2 May 1982.

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The Committee would prefer this material to be submitted as unclassified evidence, but if this is not possible it should be submitted on a classified basis with an explanation of the reasons.

I would be grateful if the evidence requested could reach me by Wednesday 17 April 1985.

Yours ever,

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W.A. Proctor
Clerk to the Committee