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Dear Robert,

FALKLAND ISLAND: ECONOMIC MEASURES

In view of the shortage in time, and advice from UKRep Brussels to make use of the last meeting of COREPER before Easter on 6 April, we need to adapt the tactical approach set out in my Secretary of State's minute of this morning to the Prime Minister. I do this in the form of the attached amendment which would imply the deletion of paragraph 9 and the ~~second~~ *third* sentence of paragraph 8.

Yours,

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9. On tactical handling, the last opportunity for action with our Community partners before the Easter holiday will be the meeting of COREPER on Tuesday, 6 April. Thereafter there will be nobody worthwhile in Brussels, and no doubt in capitals until after the Easter weekend. I therefore invite the concurrence of all concerned (to be expressed at the meeting to be held in the Cabinet Office at 4.00 pm today) that UKRep should speak in COREPER tomorrow in accordance with the above points.

10. We shall warn the Presidency and our partners this afternoon of our intentions in general terms and ask them to seek helpful instructions. We shall also ask the Presidency to follow up immediately after the Easter holiday and recommend a message from the Prime Minister to her Community colleagues in the light of the first COREPER discussion with a view to influencing the decisions of their governments.

11. We must also take parallel action with the US and other friendly countries most concerned.