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Dear Private Secretary,

South Atlantic Presentation Unit (SAPU)

In accordance with a decision taken by the Cabinet (CC(82) 16th Conclusions, Minute 3) this unit has been set up in the Cabinet Office (Room 322) to work to Mr. Wade-Gery, under the overall direction of Sir Robert Armstrong. It is staffed by Mr. S.W.J. Fuller and Mr. R.P. Hatfield, telephone numbers 233 4926, 233 4991, 233 6170.

The unit is to provide to Ministers, and to the Press Officers of Departments concerned, material for public use to counter errors or inaccurate rumours concerning the Falkland Islands issue - e.g. false and damaging media assessments of the military situation or diplomatic developments.

It is important that Departments should immediately inform the unit of potentially damaging errors which appear in the media or which are the subject of discussion or rumour among opinion formers, journalists, and Members of Parliament. The unit will consult Departments on the facts of issues raised and the line for Ministers and officials to take. It is also most important for the unit's effective operation that Departments give a high priority to answering queries from the unit.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Private Secretaries to all members of the Cabinet, to the Chief Whip and the Law Officers, and I should be grateful if it could be brought to the attention of all Ministers within your Department, Parliamentary Private Secretaries and officials who would need to be aware of it.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) D. J. WRIGHT

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