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From the Principal Private Secretary

12 April, 1982.

Dear Brian,

Falkland Islands: Talks with Mr. Haig

I attach copies of the records of 3 separate discussions held earlier today with Mr. Haig and his party.

Although the discussion over lunch was devoted almost entirely to the Falkland Islands, nothing new emerged, and I have therefore not recorded the discussion.

I attach a copy of the final version of the draft agreed memorandum.

As the final meeting came to a conclusion, Mr. Enders handed Sir Antony Acland an American paper on how the Special Commission might work, and it was agreed that we would let the Americans have urgently any comments we had to offer on it.

I am sending copies of this letter and its attachments to John Halliday (Home Office), David Omand (Ministry of Defence), Keith Long (Office of the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster), and David Wright (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever,

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Draft Agreed Memorandum

1. On the basis of United Nations Security Council Resolution No. 502, and noting relevant United Nations General Assembly Resolutions, Argentina and the United Kingdom have agreed on the following steps, which form an integrated whole:

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2. All military and security forces other than local police shall be withdrawn within a short period of time, but not later than two weeks from the date of this agreement, from three areas defined by circles of 150 nautical miles radius from the following coordinate points:

- (a) Lat. $51^{\circ} 40'$ South
Long. $59^{\circ} 30'$ West [Falklands]

- (b) Lat. $54^{\circ} 20'$ South
Long. $36^{\circ} 40'$ West [South Georgia]

- (c) Lat. $57^{\circ} 40'$ South
Long. $26^{\circ} 30'$ West [South Sandwich Islands]

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3. After the date of this agreement and pending a definitive settlement, no military or security force shall be introduced into the areas defined in paragraph 2 above. On completion of the withdrawal specified in paragraph 2, all forces that have been deployed in connection with the current controversy shall be redeployed to normal duties.

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4. The United Kingdom and Argentina shall each appoint, and the United States agree^s to appoint, a representative to constitute a Special /Interim/ Commission which shall provide observers to verify compliance with the obligations in the preceding paragraphs. Each Commissioner may be supported by a staff of not more than ten persons.

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5. On an interim basis, all decisions, laws and regulations hereafter adopted by the local administration on the islands shall be submitted to and expeditiously ratified by the Special [Interim] Commission, except in the event that the Special [Interim] Commission deems such decisions, laws or regulations to be inconsistent with the purposes of this agreement or its implementation. The traditional local administration shall continue, including the Executive and Legislative Councils, which would be enlarged to include representatives of the Argentine population whose period of residence on the islands is equal to that required of others entitled to representation, such representatives to be in proportion to that population subject to there being at least one such representative on each Council. The Special [Interim] Commission shall fly the flag of each of its constituent members at the Commission's headquarters.

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6. The Special [Interim] Commission shall make specific recommendations to the two governments or to the Executive and Legislative Councils to facilitate and promote travel, transportation, communications and trade between the mainland and the islands.

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7. Within a short period of time, but not later than two weeks from the date of this agreement steps shall be taken to terminate the economic and financial measures adopted in connection with the current controversy, including restrictions relating to travel, transportation, communications, and transfers of funds between the two countries. Likewise, the United Kingdom shall request third countries that have adopted similar measures to terminate them by that date.

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8. December 31, 1982, will conclude the interim period, and during this period the conditions of the definitive status of the islands shall be negotiated consistently with the Purposes and Principles of the United Nations Charter.