

Willy - no, ^{pr. wh} 21/4

Simply to pass on to P.M.



Post having led it through in slow time I felt in present

10 DOWNING STREET ^{circumstances}

Peter / did you ^{should be wasting} ^{best time} ^{DE 20/4} promise Jeludi membership a reply?

Willy

Be attached.

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19/4

On reflection I felt this wasn't worth passing on to the Prime Minister and that it would perhaps be more appropriate for a Private Secretary letter to be sent. Agree?

Peter 18/4

PRIME MINISTER

Yehudi Menuhin telephoned this morning to express his grave concern over the Falklands crisis and asked me to pass on to you his sincere feelings, and a number of proposals which he felt might help to rectify the situation. He then read out the following message:

"The invasion of the Falkland Islands has been condemned by all countries of the European Community and by the Security Council. In fact, Great Britain is acting not out of national pride but out of responsibility to:

1. a group of people who are linked with the European Community;
2. to uphold a code of behaviour which prohibits this very kind of arrogance and defiant behaviour.

"It is high time that a permanent active international police force existed. Even if at first it must out of necessity be limited to regions of the European people and the New World countries for American responsibility - cooperation could still exist between the two.

"Afghanistan is of course beyond the power of the Community force to protect, although pressure can be exerted. But the Falklands fall within this sphere (so would in fact the nuclear capabilities of various small nations around the Mediterranean which must eventually be stopped, perhaps in combination with other powers)

Proposals

1. Offer British fleet as part of European Community forces representing the unanimous verdict of the EC. Endorsed and supported, even partly financed, by the European powers.
3. Great Britain in return would be obliged to collaborate - for instance in French action, perhaps in Africa (if and

when the Community animously by an overwhelming majority endorses the moral and legal justification).

"The EC would thus be collectively responsible for Gibraltar, Suez, Dardenelles and all strategic straits and capes affecting world trade. This would cement history with EC and build a world force, already overdue, responsible to everybody which when required could alter boundaries and readjust discrepancies - geographical and cultural.

"Argentina should be offered equal status in local responsibilities, and oil exploration and development etc. Also equality with the EC.

"The Islanders themselves, to endorse their own administration. Argentin/Spanish to be the second language after English.

"Argentine to have a local High Commission but no troops. Argentine must evacuate Islands prior to any settlement."

END OF MESSAGE

Peter Ewing

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18 April 1982