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Dear Sir,

DEATH OF PRISONER OF WAR ON SOUTH GEORGIA

I have shown the Attorney-General my copy, which I have received today, of Brian Fall's letter to you of 7 May. He has commented that this case is so important, in the international sense, that we must be extra-careful and he therefore supports the view of the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary that it is highly desirable that his (the Attorney-General's) advice should be sought before the Commanding Officer is in turn given advice on whether or not to institute court martial proceedings.

It has been suggested that I should attend a meeting which is to be held tomorrow afternoon by Ponting (DS 15) and I hope to do so unless other Falkland commitments prevent me. The purpose of my attendance will be primarily to register again this interest which the Attorney-General has in the case and his desire to be consulted before any decisions on it are taken, but I also hope that the meeting will provide an opportunity for me to learn a little more about the facts of the case (on which I have so far seen no more than the ordinary press reports) so as to help me brief the Attorney-General when the time comes.

I am copying this letter to Brian Fall and to John Coles at No.10.

*Yours ans,
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