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*N.S.P.N.*

*Dear Brian,*

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DEATH OF PRISONER OF WAR  
ON SOUTH GEORGIA

In your letter of ~~7~~th May to David Omand about the death of an Argentinian POW on South Georgia, you asked for my Secretary of State's assurance that the Commanding Officer (in this case CINCFLEET) will be advised not to take any decision regarding a prosecution until he has received considered advice from London and that that advice will be given only after consultation with the Attorney-General. I have discussed this with my Secretary of State and can confirm that this is the position and that arrangements have been made to ensure that the Attorney-General is consulted.

A copy of this letter goes to John Coles at No 10 and to Henry Steel (Law Officers' Department.)

*Your ever*  
*Mich Evans*

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