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From the Private Secretary

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Dear John

Falkland Islands

In the course of Prime Minister's Questions and questions following the Prime Minister's statement yesterday, a number of points were raised which will require following up. In fact, additional questions have already been tabled on several of them.

I list the points in question below, together with the Hansard references. I should be grateful if, in consultation with MOD, you could arrange for us to be given lines to take on these issues for Prime Minister's Question Time tomorrow. We will also need to consider when definitive answers can be given to those which cannot be settled immediately.

- Compensation from Argentina for war damage in the Falklands (Mr. Powell, Col. 733).
- Repatriation of those killed in the campaign (Mr. Robertson, Col. 736, and others).
- Repossession of Southern Thule (Mr. Speed, Col. 737).
- Damage compensation arrangements for the Falkland Islanders (Mr. Maxwell-Hyslop, Col. 739).
- Further representations about the three British journalists (Mr. Foot, Col. 740-741).
- Memorial to those lost in the campaign (Mr. Kilfedder, Col. 726).
- National day of prayer and thanksgiving (Mr. Gardiner, Col. 727).

One other point which will need consideration, but by the business managers, is Mr. Steel's request for a opportunity for the House to pay tribute to the forces (Col. 232).

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I am sending copies of this letter to Derek Piper (Ministry of Defence), David Heyhoe (Lord President's Office) and Murdo Maclean (Chief Whip's Office). I am also sending a copy to Michael Pownall (Lords Whips' Office) as any special arrangements in the House will probably need to be duplicated in the Lords.

Yours ever

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