

PRIME MINISTER

Lord Shackleton's Report

I attach a letter from Lord Shackleton forwarding to you his Report on the Falkland Islands. I have, as agreed, sent copies to the Foreign and Defence Secretaries for the personal use of them and their Permanent Under Secretaries and also to Sir Robert Armstrong on the same basis.

You will wish to settle soon, possibly at OD(FAF), how the Report is to be processed. If Whitehall Departments are to get to work rapidly on the recommendations we ought to send copies to all members of OD(FAF) soon. You may think that there should be a meeting of OD(FAF) in the first half of September to consider the various recommendations.

There will be wide public interest in the Report. Following the meeting of OD(FAF) tomorrow, you may like to write to Lord Shackleton, thanking him for his Report and asking him, as he suggests, to begin work on an unclassified version for publication purposes.

Meanwhile, if asked, Bernard Ingham will say that you have received the Report and are considering it.

*Weekend work please
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A.J.C. 27/7

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