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ATTORNEY GENERAL

THE SOUTH ATLANTIC FUND

The Trustees of the South Atlantic Fund are anxious to make immediate interim payments of £10,000 to all widows of those who died with the Task Force, and smaller sums in respect of each child or for other dependants. The figures are equivalent to payments made under the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act for deaths in Northern Ireland.

2. I fully support the Trustees in this and so does the Prime Minister. I understand however that the Treasury Solicitor has some doubts about whether such payments are fully in accordance with the Trust Deed. I hope that these difficulties can be quickly resolved. Those who contributed so generously to the fund will I am sure welcome such payments and it would be unfortunate if they were held up on a legal nicety.

3. I am copying this minute to the Prime Minister and Sir Robert Armstrong.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be the initials 'S.W.' or similar, written in a cursive style.

Ministry of Defence
29th July 1982