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Note to the file

I discussed the attached with the Prime Minister who agreed that the report could be sent to members of ODFAF under strict conditions of confidentiality. See now my minute to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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*From the Private Secretary*SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONGFALKLAND ISLANDS ECONOMIC STUDY, 1982

Would you please refer to my letter of 27 July to Brian Fall.

The Prime Minister would be grateful if you could arrange for the members of OD(FAF) to receive copies of the Confidential version of Lord Shackleton's report, with a view to preparing for a discussion in September of the recommendations in the report. Mrs. Thatcher would like you to stress to the Ministers concerned that it is of great importance that the contents of the report should be very carefully protected so that possible leaks to the press are entirely avoided. The report may be circulated within departments to those who need to know its contents in order to prepare their Ministers for the discussion in September but should not be circulated more widely than this.

Should you judge that departments not represented on OD(FAF) need to receive the report, I suggest that you seek authority separately to send it to them.

A. J. COLES3 August 1982CONFIDENTIAL



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Prime Minister

I am so sorry to bother you again but do you agree with para. 1 of the attached, namely that the Cabinet Office should distribute copies of Lord Shackleton's report to all members of OD (FAF) and any other departments who will need to be involved in considering the recommendation?

If we do - i will  
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leak. I have  
not been through it - all  
but. would prefer  
to see what  
should be deleted. *ref*