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FALKLAND ISLANDS ECONOMIC STUDY 1982

In your minute of 9 August to Richard Hatfield you reported that the Prime Minister agreed that it would be best to aim to publish Lord Shackleton's Report shortly after the Ministerial discussion planned for 6 September.

2. The Secretary of the Shackleton Committee will soon be able to deliver the text of the unclassified version of the Report to HMSO for printing. If printing is to be completed in time for publication shortly after the Ministerial discussion on 6 September, decisions are required now on the format of the Report. Because of the inclusion of maps, printing will take longer than usual: it will take some two to three weeks to produce and print them.

3. Lord Shackleton would prefer his study to be published as a Command Paper and printed in the normal Command Paper size (Royal Octavo - 6" x 9½"). He believes that the subject is appropriate for publication as a Command Paper. Command Papers can have either glossy pictorial covers or plain covers: Lord Shackleton would prefer the former, though the latter is more usual and of course cheaper. It would be presented to Parliament by a Minister, presumably in this case the Prime Minister.

4. I should be grateful if you would let me know whether the Prime Minister is content that the report should be published as a Command Paper and presented to Parliament by her, so that printing can proceed without delay.

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