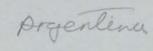
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Dear John,

Call on the Prime Minister by Lord Shackleton

In your letter of 8 September you asked me to let you know the position on ECGD's cover in relation to the Falkland Islands.

ECGD cover for the Islands was withdrawn at the time of the Argentine invasion. As a result of recommendations made by ECGD to the Advisory Council and discussed at their meeting on 1 September, ECGD has restored cover for short term (up to 180 days credit) business for the Islands.

No decision has yet been taken on cover in respect of longer periods. Such business would in the main be financed from aid sources but if a specific project were put to ECGD they would consult interested Departments in the normal way.

I am copying to John Rhodes in the DoT.

Your ever (J E Holmes) John Hohes

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