

Argentina

From the Secretary of State

CONFIDENTIAL

N.B.P.R.

The Rt Hon Francis Pym MC MP
Secretary of State for
Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
Foreign and Commonwealth Office
Downing Street
London
SW1A 2AL

A.J.C. 27
/w.

21 October 1982

Dear Francis,

THE FALKLANDS: UN TACTICS

Thank you for sending me a copy of your minute of 18 October to the Prime Minister.

As my Office has already told yours, I agree with your assessment that we should, on balance, steer clear of sophisticated UN tactics and go for a straight negative lobbying exercise. The alternative of seeking to amend the text is a high risk strategy, and my own view is that it would fail. If it did fail and the original Resolution were passed, we would be in an even more difficult and prejudicial position than if we had never attempted to amend the Resolution.

I am copying this to the recipients of your minute.

Yours,
Arthur

LORD COCKFIELD

CONFIDENTIAL

Argentina, Relations, 1730

22 OCT 1982

