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From the Private Secretary

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The South Atlantic Fund

The Prime Minister was not entirely happy with the briefing provided today on the above subject in connection with her Parliamentary Questions.

Mrs. Thatcher takes the view that a small capital sum should be paid to all of those injured in the Falklands campaign. She does not think they should be obliged to approach the Fund and make a request. In her view, a policy which depends on the injured initiating requests for aid is not sufficiently sensitive.

While she is aware that it is for the Trustees to administer the Fund, Mrs. Thatcher would be most grateful for Mr. Nott's considered views on this matter and advice on how the Trustees might be approached, if it were decided that an attempt should be made to change the present policy.

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