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Dear Sir

It was good to see you again before Easter for a discussion about Falklands issues. Thank you again for your most generous hospitality.

I said I would look into where matters stood on the question of observers for the Taiyo survey. I think David Taylor probably told you about some of the reservations among Councillors whose enthusiasm for the proposal waned as the difficulties over the early declaration of an Exclusive Fishing Limit became clearer. But following his discussions in London on fisheries, David Taylor will, I feel sure, make a firm recommendation to the Councils about the observers. Our position remains as it has always been: we are ready to recruit the observers quickly as soon as we receive a formal request from the Falkland Islands Government.

The main difficulty I foresee, as I said when we discussed this over dinner, will be in resolving the licensing concessions issue; and, as I understand it, settlement of this issue is now a precondition for placing FIG observers on board the Taiyo trawlers. I know that David Taylor believes the best way forward would be to involve Taiyo more directly in the negotiations. I would be interested to hear whether you think this suggestion is a starter. Early agreement on concessions is obviously crucial to securing progress on other fronts.

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