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cc: MA 14/9

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The Rt Hon Mrs Margaret Thatcher MP
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
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Dear Prime Minister

Further to my letter of 23 August, a reply of which I understand is being given detailed consideration by your Office, there is one additional question which has arisen subsequently to which I would also appreciate an answer.

In "The Observer" of 9 September detailed allegations are made about the timing of dispatches to and from HMS Conqueror relating to the Belgrano.

Can you please either confirm or refute these allegations and, in particular, confirm when the dispatch from Conqueror that the Belgrano had changed course at 9 a.m., and was now heading away from the Exclusion Zone, was received, when its contents were available to officials of the Ministry of Defence, and when precisely they were made known to the members of the "War Cabinet"?

I look forward to receiving a full reply to this and to my previous questions.

Yours sincerely

Am Clark

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GEORGE FOULKES MP

Dictated by Mr Foulkes and signed in his absence.