

PRIME MINISTER

BELGRANO

There has already been a follow-up letter from Dr. Owen.
Now a lot more detailed questions from Mr. Foulkes.

Work is in hand on a detailed reply. But you may like to consider whether the time has not come to say that your earlier letter and annex set out clearly what actually happened and corrected certain earlier statements. Continuance of these exchanges based on minute scrutiny of all the details of a fast-moving military action will serve no useful purpose. You do not therefore propose to reply in detail.

Agree to this?

Yes - I think this is best.

Or prefer detailed reply?

subject to M.H.,

Or wait and see what Mr. Heseltine advises?

wait.

no

E.D.T.

28 September 1984