



Government Chief Whip
12 Downing Street, London SW1

From the Private Secretary

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Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's letter about the Belgrano Affair

The Chief Whip has seen a copy of your letter of 21 September in reply to Richard Mottram's of 20 September and also Alex Galloway's of 24 September, in which he expresses the Paymaster-General's view that it would be a good idea to circulate the Prime Minister's letter to George Foulkes MP to Government back benchers.

The Deputy Chief Whip, Mr Cope, subsequently spoke to the Paymaster-General and they concluded that there is in fact no need to send this letter to all Conservative back benchers. The Chief Whip shares this view.

I am copying this letter to the private secretaries to the Lord President, the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, the Secretary of State for Defence, the Lord Privy Seal, the Paymaster-General and Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

yours ever,

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