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FALKLAND ISLANDS: FISHERIES

My Secretary of State has seen Sir Geoffrey Howe's letter of 17th December to the Prime Minister taking stock of the action in hand to seek a multilateral fisheries regime in the South Atlantic. He has also seen the Prime Minister's views recorded in Charles Powell's letter to you of 19th December.

Mr Younger fully endorses the Foreign Secretary's view that we should continue to seek a multilateral regime and that we should exert strong pressure on the fishing nations, particularly Japan and South Korea, to exercise voluntary restraint on their fishing activities in 1986. He would, however, wish to place on record that he has reservations about moving to a unilateral regime and notes that the Foreign Secretary himself admits that this remains as fraught with difficulty as when it was considered at OD last February.

I am copying this letter to Charles Powell, to the Private Secretaries to the other members of OD and to Mr Jopling, and to Michael Stark (Cabinet Office).

(DAVID WOODHEAD)
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