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Dear Charles,

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Visit of Argentine Parliamentarians, 16-22 February

In Len Appleyard's letter of 19 November he mentioned that the British branch of the IPU had been in contact with Argentine Parliamentarians at the IPU Conference in Ottawa, and was planning a return fixture at Westminster in March this year. We have since been monitoring developments closely.

There are now firm plans for a group of Argentine Parliamentarians to be here for a week rather than the two or three days originally planned. The invitation came from the South Atlantic Council (Chairman Mr Cyril Townsend MP) but the British branch of the IPU are also closely involved and have organised a discussion between the visitors and a group of MPs in the Palace of Westminster. Sir Anthony Kershaw will probably chair it. Other fixtures in the programme are calls on Lord Montgomery and on Opposition MPs such as Mr Alan Beith and perhaps Mr Denis Healey, a discussion at Chatham House and a possible meeting with the Falkland Islands Government representative in London. There may well be a press conference.

The Foreign Secretary is giving careful thought to how HMG should respond to all this, not least in terms of our public line, and we shall write again soon after his return from Lusaka on 5 February.

I am copying this letter to Murdo MacLean (Chief Whip's Office).

Yours ever,

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