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Dear Michael,

DOWN SOUTH: A NAVAL HISTORY OF THE FALKLAND CAMPAIGN

It is ~~some~~ ^{at 11ap PT39} time now since, following Ministerial agreement allowing publication of David Brown's naval history of the Falklands Campaign, Sir Robert Armstrong wrote to Sir Clive Whitmore on 3 April 1985. It was agreed then that before publication could go ahead, careful scrutiny of the manuscript, for both security and political sensitivities, would be particularly important, especially to avoid adding to the Belgrano controversy.

2. Clearance of the manuscript has taken some time, but it is now completed and the Ministry of Defence has reached agreement with Mr Brown over the amendments to be made prior to publication. We are satisfied that manuscript now represents an acceptable compromise between Mr Brown's natural desire to give as full an account of the Campaign as possible and to record his own views, and the need to avoid sensitive areas. The Defence Secretary has, therefore, agreed that clearance should be given to Mr Brown to proceed with publication. A disclaimer to the effect that there has been no official sponsorship or involvement and that the views expressed do not represent those of the Ministry of Defence will accompany the work.

3. I am sending copies of this letter to Nigel Wicks and Sherard Cowper-Coles.

Yes

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