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Dear Mr Mallaby,

My Secretary of State has seen Robert Culshaw's letter of 15 October, proposing that we should consult the Falkland Islands Government as soon as possible on our proposal to introduce the Falkland Islands Interim Conservation and Management Zone (FICZ) with effect from 1 February 1987. He has also seen the paper OD(86)16 analyzing the resources and costs involved in establishing such a zone.

Mr Channon agrees that work should start now on implementing the regime and supports the Foreign Secretary's view that we should consult the Falkland Islands Government as soon as possible on the proposed arrangements. It is clearly important that there should be no slippage from the intended start-date of 1 February next year.

Mr Channon is of the view that the deterrent force, which must at all times be adequate to police the Zone effectively, should be provided from civilian resources, the Royal Navy being brought in only as a last resort.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to the Prime Minister, Lord President of the Council, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretaries of State for Defence, Energy, Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, the Attorney General, Minister of Agriculture Fisheries and Food, and the Minister for Overseas Development.

Yours ever,

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