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Dear Charles

Occidental Oil and Patagonia

I told you on 16 January that Occidental Oil had signed a contract with the Argentine National Oil Company for exploration and possible exploitation of a block between Patagonia and the Falklands, part of which extended over the Falklands continental shelf.

Following the representations made by the Minister of State at the Department of Energy and the Embassy in Washington, Occidental have redrawn their block entirely to the west of the median line between the Falklands and Argentina. This is well to the west of any area over which we claim jurisdiction under international law (see map enclosed).

This is very good. We are telling Occidental that we have no problem with their contract in its amended form. It will then be up to them to renegotiate the area with the Argentines.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Stephen Haddrill (Department of Energy).

Yours ever

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(SKETCH MAP, NOT TO SCALE)

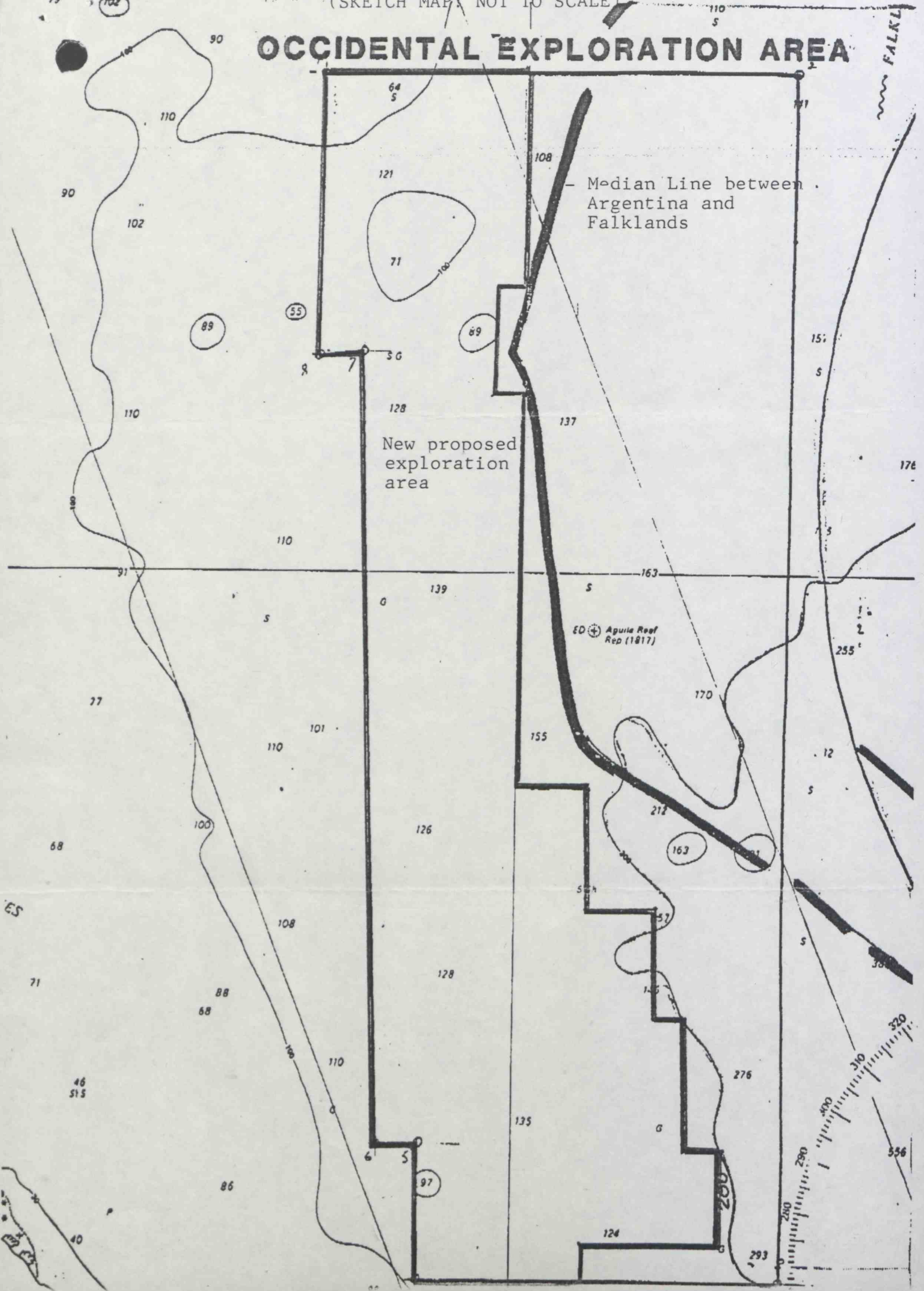
OCCIDENTAL EXPLORATION AREA

FALKLAND ISLANDS

Median Line between Argentina and Falklands

New proposed exploration area

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