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St. Edmund's Vic  
London NW8 7QL  
23 April 1980.

Dear Robin,

You asked me for  
a note about Adrian  
Mank. Frankly, without  
writing a book about  
him (which I could quite  
easily do, but then it  
would have in it quite  
a lot I have come to  
understand about him  
as a colleague and  
friend, and in the <sup>privacy</sup> journey  
of a Governor's confidence)  
I found it hard to get

a clear picture into a  
small frame. Moreover  
I did not get the impression  
that Ridley wanted a  
detailed brief on the  
chap; he knows him,  
and we have talked  
quite a bit about him.

So the enclosed, if  
you can read it, is,  
I fear, not much more  
than a brief account  
of Monk's background.  
There might be a  
danger of giving the  
wrong impression if  
I essayed more in

hasty words. But I  
would be happy to fill  
out the picture in  
conversation, if you  
need it.

I doubt if the  
next round of talks will  
warrant more preparation  
as regards Monk's  
presence. Perhaps, in  
the light of it, there  
will be more to discuss

My apologies for  
my tardiness - and  
the brevity of the note.

Yours ever  
Jim Parker.

ADRIAN BERTRAND MONK

Although born in the UK, Monk is descended from a pioneer Falklands land-owning family, the Bertrands, whose estate is held in trust for Monk, and two or three cousins in the Falklands and their few children. It now principally consists of the Roy Cove Sheep Farming Company in West Falklands, of which Monk is the Chairman. He derives little immediate benefit from it, although the farm would fetch a reasonable price on an open market, and has substantial cash reserves, tied up in low-interest securities, and which are held against a dramatic fall in the world wool price.

Following a tradition in his father's family, Monk entered the Royal Navy as a midshipman but disliked it and eventually qualified as an officer in the Merchant Navy, in which he served throughout the last war. After the war he gave up the sea for farming, first as a cadet (trainee manager) in the Falklands and then on his own account as a hill farmer in Scotland and Wales.

This not succeeding too well, he returned to the Falklands around the late 50s, with his English wife, Nora, to take up the post of Manager of Pebble Island, later moving to San Carlos where he is now employed. He will retire, with a modest annuity, in 1981 and intends setting up a small-holding in Stanley where he has bought a house.

He has two children: a son, Peter, a Cambridge mathematics graduate now at Rutgers in the USA and a daughter, Sally, who is working for an agricultural diploma at Reading.

As a Councillor he sees it as his prime duty to represent his and other constituents' interests on any matters which may concern them, and in Council expresses himself trenchantly but with an underlying good humour and courtesy. He has been an outspoken critic of the tactics of the Falkland Islands Committee and their commercial backers which has often aroused their wrath. Nevertheless, while accepting that co-operation with the Argentines is now inevitable and essential, he has strongly held to the popular view on sovereignty. He has consistently advocated, as a duty and not just a right,



Councillor participation in the negotiations about the Islands' future.

# Falkland Islands

## THE NEWLY CONSTITUTED COUNCIL

The Council of the Falkland Islands is now constituted and will meet on the 1st of June. It is a body of 12 members, 6 of whom are elected by the people and 6 are appointed by the Governor. The Council will be responsible for the day-to-day administration of the Islands and will advise the Governor on all matters of importance.

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A map of the Falkland Islands showing the main islands and surrounding waters. The map is titled 'Falkland Islands' and shows the geographical layout of the islands.

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