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The Secretary of State has seen your submission of 2 October and subsequent minuting. Future tactics on the Falkland Islands were also discussed briefly between Lord Carrington and Mr Ridley this morning. Lord Carrington has decided we should not make a further approach to the Argentine Government at this stage, but that the next step should be to consult his colleagues in OD. This should be done at the OD meeting which the Cabinet Office are proposing to hold in the week beginning 3 November (Lord Carrington will be abroad for the preceding OD meeting, and does not wish the Falkland Islands to be taken in his absence).

To minimise the risk of leaks, the Secretary of State has decided <u>not</u> to circulate a paper to OD.

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7 October 1980

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