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PS/LPSFuture OD Business

The Cabinet Office told me today that their plans for the next two OD meetings are as follows. On 7 November OD will discuss Northern Ireland, the health of the NATO Alliance, and the Falkland Islands. They have registered Lord Carrington's wish not to put in a paper on the latter subject.

In the week beginning 10 November, a meeting will be held for which the Cabinet Office have tentatively allocated North/South relations and sanctions against South Africa. They are aware of the Secretary of State's reluctance to discuss South African sanctions until we know what decisions the Government has to take and when.

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FALKLANDS: MR RIDLEY'S MEETING

- A. Negotiations on dispute
  - 1. Outlook for OD in early November.
  - 2. Order of next steps:
    - (a) need for firm Argentine position on length of leaseback;
    - (b) visit to Islands.
  - 3. If OD balk at 99 years, how to handle the Argentines.
- B. Other points
  - 1. Reasons for tougher Argentine line on third country fishing.
  - 2. Implications for us of Viola succession.
  - 3. Outlook for Argentine economy.