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FM FCO 231145Z OCTOBER 80  
TO PRIORITY PORT STANLEY (PERSONAL FOR GOVERNOR)  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 101 OF 23 OCTOBER 1980  
POSSIBLE VISIT BY MR RIDLEY.

1. MR RIDLEY IS THINKING OF VISITING THE FALKLANDS BETWEEN 22 AND 29 NOVEMBER. HE WILL WISH PARTICULARLY TO MEET COUNCILLORS; AND IT WOULD THEREFORE BE HELPFUL IF COUNCIL WERE TO MEET SOON AFTER HIS ARRIVAL.
2. YOU MAY INFORM COUNCILLORS IN CONFIDENCE AT THIS STAGE OF PROPOSAL, STRESSING THAT IT IS STILL TENTATIVE. YOU MIGHT ADD THAT IT IS NOW OVER A YEAR SINCE MR RIDLEY VISITED THE ISLANDS. WE HAVE SINCE HAD THE NEW YORK EXCHANGES. MR RIDLEY HAS BEEN LOOKING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE ISLANDS AGAIN. HE HOPES TO BE ABLE TO GET AWAY FOR THAT WEEK BUT HIS PLANS WILL INEVITABLY BE SUBJECT TO PARLIAMENTARY AND OTHER COMMITMENTS.
3. WE SHALL LET YOU KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER TRIP IS ON, SO THAT YOU MAY FIRM UP ARRANGEMENTS. YOU WILL WISH TO BE GIVING THOUGHT TO A PROGRAMME FOR THE WEEK, ON A PROVISIONAL BASIS.

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