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FALKLANDS: MR RIDLEY'S PROPOSED VISIT TO THE ISLANDS

1. Following Mr Ridley's office meeting yesterday, I submit two draft telegrams to the Governor in Port Stanley.
2. OD discussion of policy towards the Falklands will now be on 7 November. While this means that confirmation of Mr Ridley's visit will have to be made at short notice, the advance warning in the first draft telegram will help to prepare the ground uncontroversially. As discussed, Mr Ridley's other commitments in early December make it difficult to plan a visit at a more relaxed tempo, which would otherwise have been desirable.

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South America Dept.

23 October 1980

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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.

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9 My telno. : Mr Ridley's Visit.

10 1. It will be important to portray the visit in advance as  
 11 tentative and for general pastoral purposes. But strictly for  
 12 your own information, Mr Ridley's intention will be to sound out  
 13 Islanders on policy following Ministerial discussion early next  
 14 month of the proposals of which you are aware. Visit will be  
 15 subject to Cabinet view of these proposals.

16 2. We do not wish to raise expectations or temperature or  
 17 to appear to be proposing a hasty visit at short notice. We are  
 18 therefore giving you as much forewarning as possible. In any case  
 19 Councillors will need time to arrange to be in Stanley between 22  
 20 and 29 November, the most suitable dates for the trip. We want  
 21 to avoid press speculation or publicity pressures before the  
 22 visit. If for any reason visit proves inopportune and has to be  
 23 postponed, Mr Ridley will probably want to plead parliamentary  
 24 commitments.

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