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TELEGRAM NUMBER 118 OF 24 NOVEMBER 1980.
PERSONAL FOR PS/MR RIDLEY FROM PRIVATE SECRETARY
FALKLANDS TALKS

1. WITH REFERENCE TO PARAGRAPH 6 OF THE STEERING BRIEF FOR MR RIDLEY'S TALKS, AND IN PARTICULAR TO THE FIRST THREE SENTENCES, THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAS COMMENTED THAT WE SHOULD BE VERY CAREFUL ABOUT THE WAY IN WHICH WE DESCRIBE TO THE COUNCILLORS THE ALTERNATIVES TO A SETTLEMENT. LORD CARRINGTON IS CONCERNED THAT WARNINGS ABOUT THE DIFFICULTY OF SUSTAINING OUR AID PROGRAMME TO THE ISLANDS AND ABOUT THEIR INDEFENSIBILITY COULD EXPOSE THE GOVERNMENT TO THE ACCUSATION THAT THEY WERE PRESSURISING THE ISLANDERS.

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