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28th. November 1980

H. E. Mrs R. Hunt
Governor
Government House,
Stanley.

Mr Davies
1/12 CCB

Dear Mr. Hunt,

Visit of Minister of State Mr. Nicholas Ridley

Following the Interview and recordings made at the Town Hall Public Meeting with Mr. Ridley, we held a general meeting here at Port San Carlos which was attended by the whole population of our Settlement.

We discussed the three proposals as outlined by Mr. Ridley namely;

1. Condominium
2. Freeze
3. Lease

Our initial reaction was to reject all three. However commonsense prevailed and the general feeling which I have been asked to convey to you and Mr. Ridley, is that we must be realistic and to survive at all we must have some form of Agreement with Argentina. In this 'waiting game' we are the only losers. To stand still is to go backwards. Therefore we must find a solution which will allow the Argentines to forget Sovereignty without losing face.

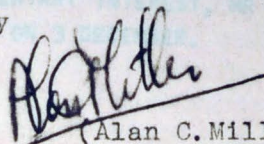
After some heated discussion we were all agreed that the idea of 'lease back' has some merit, repugnant though it may be to give away that which is legally ours. The lease would have to be for an absolute minimum period of 100 years preferably very much longer if not indefinitely. Also if we become rich enough during the intervening period we should be allowed to go Independent if we so desired. We believe that the lease back idea would allow at least three generations on both sides of the water to pass and if both sides agreed never to mention the subject, the whole problem would recede from peoples consciousness.

We further believe that when Mr. Ridley returns through Argentina on his way back to the U.K. he should keep his ears open, and even enquire of any Argentine reaction to this weeks activities to see if there is any possibility of official talks with some feeling of the Argentine Government being less adamant about their demands and perhaps meeting us part way along the line somewhere.

I should be grateful therefore Sir, if you would pass the feelings of this letter on to the Minister and convey to him an invitation to come and see us here next time he is in the Islands.

We further feel that if there is a favourable reaction from the Argentine, the next stage would be for a Government team of three including at least two Islanders, should tour all Settlements to obtain a full picture of all our feelings before any talks begin. Afterwards of course there would have to be a referendum to get a final ~~decision~~ decision.

Yours sincerely


(Alan C. Miller)

"for and on behalf of the people of Port San Carlos"

" We are a complete 'People' with our own National Identity. We are not only British, we are 'Kelpers' and the Falkland Islands are our land."