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Private Secretary

R. Ridley agrees.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS: MESSAGE TO COMODORO CAVANDOLI

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- At their meeting in Buenos Aires on 21 November, Mr Ridley undertook to inform Comodoro Cavandoli of the outcome of his visit to the Islands. I submit a draft telegram to Buenos Aires, containing the text of a personal message.
- The message is worded so as to limit the risks, if its existence were to become known. It stresses the need for continued patience and reticence on the Argentine side: and takes account of the difficulties which Argentine domestic reactions to the airing of the leaseback proposal may have caused the Argentine Government. It also hints at the parliamentary problems in the UK.
- HMA Buenos Aires is arranging to call on Comodoro Cavandoli on 5 December. The telegram therefore needs to be despatched by 4 December at the latest.
- The Argentine Ambassador should also be kept in the picture. I understand that Sr Ortiz de Rozas is hoping to invite Mr Ridley to a private lunch, which would provide a suitable occasion.

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P. R. Fearn

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South America Dept.

3 December 1980

J. n. Day.
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Mr Smith ^{RHS} 4/12

Mr Baird

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 FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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1. AS DISCUSSED WITH MR RIDLEY IN BUENOS AIRES, PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO CAVANDOLI WHEN YOU SEE HIM ON 5 DECEMBER: BEGINS

1. IT WAS GOOD TO SEE YOU, IF ONLY BRIEFLY, ON 21 NOVEMBER. I UNDERTOOK THEN TO LET YOU KNOW HOW MATTERS WENT DURING MY VISIT TO THE ISLANDS.

2. YOU WILL HAVE SEEN PRESS REPORTS AND I HOPE THAT REACTIONS AT YOUR END HAVE NOT BEEN CAUSING YOU TOO MANY PROBLEMS. BUT IT BECAME CLEAR, AFTER MY ARRIVAL IN THE ISLANDS, THAT THE ISSUE HAD TO BE DEALT WITH FULLY AND IN PUBLIC. I CANNOT AT THIS STAGE PREDICT THE OUTCOME. I ENCOUNTERED A GENERAL RECOGNITION OF THE NEED TO SOLVE THE DISPUTE. BUT, AS YOU KNOW, EMOTIONS AND DISTRUST RUN DEEP, BOTH HERE AND IN THE ISLANDS, AND IT WILL REQUIRE TIME AS WELL AS PATIENCE TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM. I APPRECIATE THAT THIS LEAVES THE FUTURE TIMETABLE UNCERTAIN. AS YOU ARE AWARE, WE CANNOT ON OUR SIDE PROCEED UNTIL WE HAVE THE ISLANDERS' CONCURRENCE. I HOPE THAT THIS UNCERTAINTY WILL NOT COMPLICATE MATTERS FOR YOU AND I AM MOST GRATEFUL FOR THE CAREFUL AND RETICENT LINE WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN TAKING ON THIS ISSUE.

3. ANTHONY WILLIAMS WILL BE ABLE TO ANSWER ANY MORE DETAILED QUERIES WHICH YOU MAY HAVE: AND I SHALL BE KEEPING AMBASSADOR ORTIZ DE ROZAS INFORMED. MAY I WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

ENDS.

2. YOU WILL HAVE SEEN RETRACTS ON MR RIDLEY'S PARLIAMENTARY STATEMENT AND THE REACTIONS OF THE HOUSE. THIS MAKES THE HAND MORE DIFFICULT TO PLAY AND IT WOULD BE RIGHT FOR YOU TO MAKE THIS CLEAR TO CAVANDOLI.

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