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 TO ROUTINE PORT STANLEY
 TELEGRAM NUMBER 136 OF 18 DECEMBER
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PERSONAL FOR GOVERNOR.

1. UNLESS YOU SEE OBJECTION, PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM MR RIDLEY TO COUNCILLORS: BEGINS

AS CHRISTMAS APPROACHES, I SHOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU AGAIN FOR ALL THE KINDNESS AND HOSPITALITY WHICH I RECEIVED FROM YOU AND FROM ALL THE OTHER ISLANDERS I MET DURING MY RECENT VISIT. IN PARTICULAR, I AM GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR LISTENING SO PATIENTLY TO WHAT I HAD TO SAY AND DISCUSSING THE PROBLEM SO CONSTRUCTIVELY. I KNOW THAT THESE ARE NOT EASY ISSUES AND THAT YOU WILL WANT TO GIVE THEM VERY CAREFUL AND SERIOUS CONSIDERATION. I EXPECT YOU WILL HAVE SEEN REPORTS OF THE PRESS AND PARLIAMENTARY INTEREST IN MY VISIT - ALL OF WHICH DEMONSTRATES THE REAL CONCERN FELT HERE FOR THE FUTURE OF THE ISLANDS.

I HOPE WE SHALL MEET AGAIN BEFORE TOO LONG. MEANWHILE MAY I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH YOU, YOUR FAMILIES AND ALL THE ISLANDERS A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR. ENDS.

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 PS/MR RIDLEY
 MR HARDING

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Handwritten notes:
 M. Ridley
 Tel. has been made
 19/12
 RNS
 Mr Spittle
 Mr Burgess

Mr Harding
PS/Mr Ridley

FALKLAND ISLANDS: MESSAGE TO COUNCILLORS

1. Mr Ridley would like to send a message to Falkland Island Councillors before Christmas.
2. There is, however, very little for Mr Ridley to say. We are under strict instructions not to put any pressure on Councillors while they are formulating their response to our proposals and we need to be very careful not to include anything in a message which might be interpreted as trying to influence them. Nor is there anything new to say from this end: Mr Ridley has had a meeting with Mr Raison but we are really no further forward on the nationality/immigration front; and it will probably be some time before we learn whether the Treasury are prepared to guarantee loans to the Falkland Islands Government.
3. It would therefore seem preferable to avoid sending a message. But, if one is sent, it will have to be anodyne. I submit a draft designed to avoid accusations of pressurising, while reminding Councillors of their responsibilities.

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P R Fearn

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South America Dept.

18 December 1980

On balance, I favour a message. I think the draft strikes the right note. But we should give the Governor the opportunity to comment if he wishes.

Mr Harding
18 Dec.