

'INTERIM ADMINISTRATION'

Mr Pym referred in his Statement to the "nature of any interim administration". The context of this was the "certain critical points" which negotiation would deal with and on which at present the Argentine proposals fail to satisfy our requirements.

The three points are:

- (i) straightforward Argentine withdrawal;
- (ii) the interim administration leading up to
- (iii) negotiations on a long-term solution.

Mr Pym made clear that our objective remained the restoration of British administration and it is again that criterion that proposals for interim arrangements must be judged.

We should try not to be drawn beyond this. If pressed, just refer people back to our stated objectives.

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