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Dear David,

BBC FALKLANDS SPECIAL PROGRAMME

Sir Brian Cubbon has asked me to convey his apologies for not having commented earlier on the draft reply to Sir Ian Trethowan, the first version of which Sir Robert Armstrong circulated with his letter of 24 June to Sir Frank Cooper, and which has subsequently been revised in the light of Sir Frank's reply.

Sir Brian did not see the programme originally and has not therefore been altogether seized of the full inwardness and significance of the complaints voiced by those who have seen it. He is inclined to think however that if we have points to make to Sir Ian Trethowan over and above those already contained in the correspondence, we should not leave the initiative for convening a meeting entirely with him. At the same time of course one would not wish to appear heavy handed with the BBC by appearing to summon Sir Ian to a meeting. He wonders therefore whether Sir Robert might like to consider amending the final sentence of the reply to read as follows:

"I should be very happy to pursue this further in discussion if you would like to call in one day."

Sir Brian would not think it necessary to attend the meeting himself since it seems to him that there would be advantages in keeping attendance, on both sides, as small as possible.

I am copying this letter to Andrew Burns and Simon Webb.

Yours with  
Paul Wright

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