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cc - Sir A Duff
Mr. Goodall.

Thank you for your letter of 21st June.

I am sure that the BBC have been aware of the need to avoid broadcasting anything which might put operations at risk. I can only say that in this instance they did not succeed in avoiding that risk. Nor did the Newsnight programme a couple of nights later. If I may say so, it is not just a question of broadcasting nothing which is not already available to the Argentine junta; the considerations at issue are a good deal more complex than that.

You say that Alan Protheroe consulted Bill Ash on the more sensitive points; my understanding is that consultation was confined to an inquiry how far Chilean involvement remained sensitive.

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

ROBERT ARMSTRONG

Yours sincerely
Robert Armstrong

Sir Ian Trethowan

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