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From the Private Secretary

20 December 1982

Dear John,

BRITISH POLICY IN THE ANTARCTIC: MINERALS

The Prime Minister has seen the minute of 16 December by the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary.

Mrs. Thatcher agrees, subject to the views of other recipients of Mr. Pym's minute, that at the next round of meetings of the Special Antarctic Treaty Consultative Organisation, in Wellington in January, the UK delegation should pursue the approach described in paragraph 1 of the minute.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Private Secretaries to members of OD, to Julian West (Department of Energy), Imogen Wilde (Department of Education and Science), Jonathan Spencer (Department of Industry) and David Edmonds (Department of the Environment).

Yours ever
John Holmes.

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