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Secretary of State

After the Prime Minister had approved the Order-in-Council being put forward some other points were raised:

- a. collection of information by satellite, SR71 or U2 which she regarded as of very great importance. I told her action was in hand. She said if we did not make progress she was very ready to speak to President Reagan. A/CDS has spoken to our intelligence people who are in touch with the US;
- b. I mentioned to her the problem of strategic discussions in the media as being possibly helpful to the Argentines. She is going to ask Mr Whitelaw to speak to Mr George Howard and Lord Thompson and to look at the problems as a whole. I have got the Secretary of the D-Notice Committee looking at the matter as well. She may speak on the matter in public herself;
- c. it is likely that a note will issue tomorrow to Ministers instructing Whitehall as a whole to get geared-up;
- d. it is likely that there will be a small inner group of Ministers to oversee matters and in effect a 2-tier arrangement. She is very concerned about security and leakage of plans;
- e. more needs to be done on the PR and psychological front. It is likely that instructions will be issued to the FCO;

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f. no press conference at Brize Norton - she would want the Governor and the Marine Commandos to go straight to No 10 and may hold a press conference herself.

4th April 1982

Frank Cooper

FOR THE FROM PARIS  
YOUR TELEGRAM ON 30/3/82 WAS RECEIVED IMMEDIATELY  
I WOULD BE GLAD TO REPORT THAT ON 1/4 APRIL GENERAL  
GARCIA OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INFORMED ME THROUGH THE INTERMEDIATE  
THAT HE HAD TAKEN OVER AS GOVERNOR OF LAS MALVINAS IN THE NAME

PAGE 1 I REMIND YOU THAT I TOLD YOU THAT HE HAD LANDED  
ON THE MALVINAS ISLANDS UNEXPECTEDLY AND I ADVISED HIM TO DEPART  
FORTWITHE, MAKING HIS TRIP AS NEUTRAL AS HE COULD BE AND NO INTEREST  
JOB OF DUTY TO THAT LAS MALVINAS BELONGED TO THE BRITISH  
AND NOW THAT THEY HAD GOT BACK WHAT WAS RIGHTFULLY THEIRS,  
THEY WOULD STAY FOREVER.

2. HE PROMISED ME THAT I WOULD ALL MY OFFICIALS WOULD BE PLACED  
OUT OF THE ISLANDS BY DEPART. I WOULD BE HAPPY TO MEET HIM  
AS THEY HAD GIVEN UP THE NOVICE OF THEIR ISLAND. AFTER  
CONSULTATION WITH HIS STAFF HE DECIDED THAT HE MUST LEAVE AN  
ISLAND AT 1000 AND HE GAVE A PROMISE TO VISITERS THAT ALL  
PERSONAL EFFECTS LEFT BEHIND WOULD BE UNTOUCHED. I SAID  
THAT IF ALL BRITISH OFFICIALS WERE DEPARTED BY 1000 HOURS  
THAT THERE WOULD BE NO EQUIPMENT. I WOULD FURNISH APPROPRIATE

WE WANTED THAT I SHOULD DEPART AS EARLY AS I COULD WITH MY  
FAMILY AND MY DIPLOMATIC STAFF. MY WIFE AND I WERE IN THEIR  
APARTMENT IN ST. JAMES, AND THAT CERTAIN OFFICIALS OF THE  
MALVINAS ISLANDS GOVERNMENT WOULD VISIT US. THIS WOULD BE

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