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From the Principal Private Secretary

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Dear David,

Derek Piper wrote to Mike Pattison on 19 May 1982 about the proposal to announce the closure of the National Defence College in a Written Answer on 25 May.

I told you on Friday evening of the Prime Minister's strong opposition to this proposal. She raised the matter herself with your Secretary of State at the end of Saturday morning's meeting of OD(SA), and she and Mr Nott agreed that the announcement of the closure should be delayed until the Falkland Islands operation was over.

Yours ever,

Mark Whitmore.

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Ministry of Defence.

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