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THE PRIME MINISTER

30 July 1982

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I suggest that perhaps the first step might be for you to have a discussion with John Nott on Privy Counsellor terms. We can then decide how matters can be carried forward.

I am sending a copy of this letter to John Nott whose office will be in touch with you.

Yours

Julian Amery

The Rt. Hon. Julian Amery, M.P.

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26th July 1982

Dear Willie, Myre wh 27/6

You wrote to me on 9th July enclosing a copy of a letter to the Prime Minister from Mr Julian Amery MP about Special Operations. Mr Amery suggested, inter alia, that a personal discussion might be the next step.

My Secretary of State believes that a talk with Mr Amery might be a good idea, and he is perfectly prepared to take this on himself. It may well be that Mr Amery has got some ideas which would be helpful. At the same time it would be useful to remove any impression that the Government pays no attention to this important aspect of things, whether in the Falkland Islands or more generally.

However, these matters do not lend themselves to open correspondence, and Mr Nott, therefore, feels that a discussion with Mr Amery on Privy Counsellor terms might be preferable. We could then decide how best to take matters forward.

/ I attach a draft letter to Mr Amery for the Prime Minister's consideration.

*Yours ever
D T PIPER*

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W F S Rickett Esq

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Julian AMERY, MP

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From the Private Secretary

Spoke MOD - coming today
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I enclose a letter to the Prime Minister from The Rt. Hon. Julian Amery, M.P., in which he suggests that we should reconstitute a Special Operations organisation on the lines of the SOE. He asks if two or three of his fellow thinkers might join him at a meeting with appropriate officials to consider this idea.

I should be grateful if you could let me have a draft reply for the Prime Minister's signature by Friday 23 July.

W. F. S. RICKETT

Derek Piper, Esq.,
Ministry of Defence.



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From the Private Secretary

9 July 1982

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you for your letter of 6 July.

I shall place this before the Prime Minister and a reply will be sent to you as soon as possible.

W. F. S. RICKETT

The Rt. Hon. Julian Amery, M.P.



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9 July 1982

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