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Mr Gladstone - WED

Paris Telno 308: Falkland Islands Crisis

After discussion with the Secretary of State and subsequently with the PUS and Sir A Acland I phoned Mr Arbuthnott in Paris (neither the Ambassador nor Mr Petrie were available). I made it clear that the French reaction reported in Paris t.u.r. had not gone down well with the Secretary of State or with others here. In particular, the failure even to urge on the Argentines that they follow the British example and accept the declaration of the President of the Security Council struck us as weak. We expected more from a close friend and ally, not to mention a country which prided itself on its support for human rights in South America. I concluded by saying that we hoped the French would do very much better by us in the debate in the Security Council, and that anything the Embassy could do to help would be very welcome.

Mr Arbuthnott will I am sure have understood why these points were made on an open telephone line.

(B J P Fall)  
Private Secretary

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cc: PS  
PS/PUS  
Sir A Acland  
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Yes. They too have ideas to

Mr O'Sullivan <sup>attach.</sup>

The French performance has improved, cf. President Mitterand's telephone call to the PM on 4 April.

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