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FALKLAND ISLANDS: OFFICIAL MACHINERY.

Following the meeting of Permanent Secretaries chaired by Sir Robert Armstrong this morning to discuss this subject, I attended a meeting of the newly created ODO "Sub-Committee on the South Atlantic" this afternoon which discussed possible economic measures against Argentina, and was attended by all the appropriate civil departments. The main function of this meeting was to agree to the proposals put to the Prime Minister and copied to his Cabinet colleagues by Lord Carrington in his minute of 5 April.

2. In addition to this ODO Sub-Committee Mr Wade-Gery told me that Sir Robert Armstrong has it in mind to set up a much smaller Sub-Committee to consider longer term strategic and diplomatic aims and to provide direct support for the group of Cabinet Ministers which the Prime Minister is establishing. I do not yet know at what level this new official Sub-Committee will be established, but clearly the MOD will want to provide military as well as civil representation.

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