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From the Secretary of the Cabinet: Sir Robert Armstrong KCB, CVO

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DEFENCE

Falkland Islands

At the direction of the Prime Minister we are about to establish a Ministerial Sub-Committee, under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister, to keep under review political and military developments relating to the South Atlantic and the Falkland Islands. The Sub-Committee will report as necessary to the Defence and Oversea Policy Committee.

2. The Prime Minister has instructed me to invite you to be a member of the Sub-Committee. Similar invitations are going to the Home Secretary, the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary and the Paymaster General. The Prime Minister has also indicated that she is prepared to consider one or more of the Chiefs of Staff attending as necessary. On those occasions on which they are invited to attend, the Secretary, Chiefs of Staff, will act as an additional Secretary.

3. The Sub-Committee will be supported by a committee of officials, drawn from the Departments most closely involved.

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(approved by Sir R Armstrong and signed on his behalf)

6 April 1982

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