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Secretary of State

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

Following your instructions after this morning's meeting, CDS and I went to a small meeting in the Cabinet Office this afternoon to agree a form of words covering an exclusion zone.

2. The form of words agreed (and we had the benefit of the advice of the Foreign Office legal adviser) is attached. The agreement to the words covers the Cabinet Office, the Foreign Office and ourselves.

3. You will notice that the last sentence of the notice includes words very similar to those to which you attach importance. Also attached is a possible initial Q&A brief which has not been shown to anyone else. It would be idle to pretend that the Foreign Office like any of this. You will be attacked tonight - I suspect - on three points:

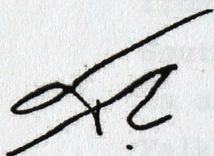
a. This is all precipitate before Mr Haig arrives - a straight political point, but I have no doubt myself whatsoever that as a matter of tactics such a statement should be issued;

b. The extent of the time to be allowed. I am still a bit of a wet on this myself - on both military and (not to be mentioned) political grounds, I would in fact go to 14 April;

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c. That there is yet no decision about what our SSNs can do. The answer to this is twofold. First, that we have got a little more time before we need to decide this point. Second, that we have got to take some risks and that in this area a degree of obscurity is not unhelpful.

4. You will also be pushed about the nuclear issue. In political terms this is a non-issue because we would never confirm or deny the presence of nuclear weapons in any particular location - and never have done so.



FRANK COOPER
7 April 1982

PS. On reflection, I believe that the last sentence would stand better as a rider added by you rather than a part of the notice itself; otherwise there is a risk of confusing the international maritime community to whom the notice will be widely circulated.

If you are asked what this means you could say that we are simply reserving all our options to act against the Argentine Armed Forces wherever we wish - inside or outside this zone - in the exercise of our right of self-defence.

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NOTICE OF AN EXCLUSION ZONE

"From 0400 Greenwich Mean Time on Monday 12 April 1982, a maritime exclusion zone will be established around the Falkland Islands. The outer limit of this zone is a circle of 200 nautical mile radius from Latitude 51 degrees 40 minutes South, 59 degrees 30 minutes West, which is approximately the centre of the Falkland Islands. From the time indicated,

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ANY ~~all~~ Argentine warships and Argentine naval auxiliaries entering or found within this zone will be treated as hostile and are liable to be attacked by British forces. This measure is without prejudice to the right of the United Kingdom to take whatever additional measures may be needed in exercise of its right of self-defence under Article 51 of the United Nations Charter."

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EXCLUSION ZONE : SUPPLEMENTARIES

1. What does it mean that such vessels would be treated as hostile?

They would be liable to be attacked by British forces.

2. Why would vessels within this zone be attacked?

Such vessels would be operating in support of the invading force on the Falkland Islands.

3. Why are you delaying this action until Monday of next week?

We wished to give sufficient notice of our intentions.

4. Why have you selected 0400 GMT on Monday 12 April as the starting time?

That will be midnight in the Falkland Islands area.

5. Is there a state of war with Argentina?

No, we are exercising our inherent right of self-defence, recognised in Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations.

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This right of self-defence includes the right to take military actions necessary to repel or expel a force which has invaded British territory.

6. What is the position for ships of other nationalities?

They would be wise to take account of our announcement, for example, in considering whether to approach Argentine warships.

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