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FALKLAND ISLANDS DEBATE

May I put to you the conclusion of the meeting this morning of the Defence Operations Executive, concerning any public statements about what we believe to be the strength of the Argentinian forces on the Falklands.

The unanimous view was that for military reasons no figure should be quoted and no future estimates given. You will wish to reword the relevant sentence of the Foreign Secretary's draft speech for this afternoon.

I am copying this letter to Mike Pattison (No.10).

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