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Private Secretary

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Res. 502
Mr. Williams
Thankyou
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SCR 502 AND ARGENTINE MILITARY ACTION

1. I attach a timetable we have drawn up showing timings of the Argentine invasions of the Falklands and South Georgia and the tabling and passage of our draft Security Council Resolution. The South Georgia timings are derived ^{from} MOD debriefing of the returned marines. From this it is clear that although we ~~do~~ did not know that South Georgia had fallen until many hours after the passage of Resolution 502, South Georgia had in fact fallen several hours before the Resolution was adopted.

2. In the circumstances, I think the Supplementary I submitted this morning on the question whether the UK is in violation of paragraph 1 and Resolution 502 should be shortened by the omission of the second and third sentences. I attach a copy of the Supplementary with these changes made. The main point of the Supplementary is of course unaffected.

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cc: Mr Mallaby Planning Staff
 Mr Fearn
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Invasion of Falklands	0900Z	2 April
Surrender of Falklands	1100Z	2 April
Lord Carrington confirms invasion of Falklands	1700Z	2 April
tabling draft 502	1645Z	2 April
Invasion of South Georgia	1300Z	3 April
Surrender of UK forces in South Georgia	1520Z	3 April
Adoption of 502	2145Z	3 April
Mr Nott announces fall of South Georgia on ITV news programme Weekend World	1100Z	4 April