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Mr Emmsley ✓  
Mr Gillmore ✓

Spoke to Robin Renwick and read to him the relevant passage from Mr Nott's statement *Collyer*

TOTAL EXCLUSION ZONE: COMMENTS BY HM AMBASSADOR, WASHINGTON *3/5*

1. Robin Renwick rang from Washington at about 4.00 pm today to pass on for our consideration a point made by Sir Nicholas Henderson about the attack on the General Belgrano and the Total Exclusion Zone.
2. Sir N Henderson had noted that the attack on the Belgrano had taken place outside the TEZ and he had commented that the definition of the Zone and of the sort of military action that could be taken inside and outside it might cause some difficulty as time went on. Would it not be a good idea to define the limits of action outside the Zone more clearly in a further public statement?
3. I pointed out that in their press line on the attack on the Belgrano the MOD had admitted that the ship had been attacked on the edge of and just outside the TEZ. *ALQ 50/25 (5)*
- 6 But they had also recalled the earlier warning of 23 April to the effect that any approach on the part of Argentine warships which could amount to a threat to the British forces would encounter an appropriate response. *(33) ALQ 50/6*
4. Robin Renwick said that the Ambassador had made it clear that he did not wish in any way to interfere with operational requirements. However I said that we would consider the Ambassador's suggestion here and pass it on to the MOD if appropriate. In answer to a question Robin Renwick confirmed that the Ambassador's concern was mainly over the public relation aspects of this matter.

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Mr Knight-Smith

Thank you. I have spoken to Mr Nott's private office. Mr Nott will be speaking to the press this evening and I have suggested a few words which, if Mr Nott accepts them, might go some way to meet the

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N. Henderson's point. Please ensure that as soon as  
we have the tent on at Washington base etc.

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