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Sir Antony Acland KCVO CMG
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20 May 1982

Dear Antony

FALKLAND ISLANDS: NUCLEAR WEAPONS

    I thought you would like to know that the nuclear weapons
in the Task Group have now been concentrated on Hermes,
Invincible and RFA Regent, the latter of which is also
carrying the two surveillance rounds, including the one
previously on Coventry.

Yours ever

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FALKLAND ISLANDS: NUCLEAR WEAPONS

     PUS may wish to be aware that the redistribution of nuclear
weapons within the Task Group foreshadowed in my minute to you of
14 May has now taken place. The disposition of the weapons is now
as follows:

HERMES	18
INVINCIBLE	12
REGENT	1 (+ 2 Surveillance Rounds)

2.   PUS may like to make Sir A Acland aware of the revised posi-
tion; I attach a draft letter.

D. Brennan

20 May 1982

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DRAFT LETTER FROM PUS TO SIR A ACLAND

FALKLAND ISLANDS: NUCLEAR WEAPONS

I thought you would wish to know that in order to minimise
risk and also to free as many of our ships in the South Atlantic
from the operational restrictions entailed by our obligations under
the Treaty of Tlatelolco, the nuclear weapons in the Task Group
have now been concentrated on Hermes, Invincible and RFA Regent,
the latter of which is also carrying the two surveillance rounds
from Sheffield and Coventry.