

NOTE FOR THE RECORD

SPECIAL OPERATION

I was telephoned by the Resident Clerk at about midnight last night with the news that Patrick Wright (FCO) had been trying to obtain information via the DSC/FCO Emergency Room link about special operations in South Georgia. The DS 11 DO had been unable to help the FCO, and had explained that they were acting under instructions from me. I rang Patrick Wright and asked him what had led him to make enquiries. He said he had been dining with Admiral Halifax, Deputy to C-in-C Fleet, who had told him of the events earlier in the evening. I checked that Patrick Wright had been told the happier ending to the story, and he confirmed that he was aware of this. He said that he wished to send a telegram to Mr Pym in Washington keeping him up to date and added that he was under a specific instruction to report any developments.

2. I explained that this point had been specifically addressed by No 10 and that earlier in the evening I had checked with John Coles (No 10) who had confirmed my understanding that it was not necessary to tell Mr Pym whilst he was in Washington. Patrick Wright was insistent that some message should go to the Foreign Secretary. I authorised him to say, based on the latest information from ACNS(OP) that: "The preliminary stages were proceeding more slowly than had been expected and the timetable as a whole was therefore shifting to the right by a few days". Patrick Wright agreed to limit the information he passed to this essential minimum but said he would expect to be given a detailed report in the morning.

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