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FALKLAND ISLANDS: ASSISTANCE FROM FRENCH GOVERNMENT

The Secretary of State was grateful to you for telling him of the assistance being given by the French in our preparation for Operation Corporate. The Secretary of State has written to M. Hernu to thank him personally.

2. You should know that the Secretary of State had already signed a letter to M. Hernu about one specific aspect of French Air Force assistance which had been reported by Head of DS 8 on 21st April. We were, however, able to recall the letter and amend it to reflect the more general expression of thanks included in your draft. You are already aware of what I believe to be the main lesson from this which is that there must be better co-ordination of such matters and much earlier notification to the Private Office so that we may keep the Secretary of State informed. This is not to be taken as discouragement of initiative - the Secretary of State is greatly in favour of the steps which were taken through the Defence Attache in Paris - but we must be kept in the picture. I note from your minute that DS 11 itself was not brought in until a fairly late stage, and I am therefore copying this minute to PSO/CDS and ACDS(Ops) with the request that they should use every opportunity to emphasise to the Service staffs the importance of keeping the Secretariat Duty Officer in the DSC fully informed. If the subject matter is considered to be particularly sensitive then the co-ordinating point should be yourself or AUS(D Staff).

*JOB*  
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23rd April 1982

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