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From the Private Secretary

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cc. Sir M. P. Lister
 M. White-Guy
 M. Lucas
 Mr. Fisher

Dear Sir,

Falkland Islands

The Prime Minister has seen OD(SA)(82)28 to which is annexed the draft protocol on the Special Interim Authority. She has asked whether this would be implemented by an Order in Council or whether an Order would be laid before Parliament.

On various occasions in the last few days, the Prime Minister has referred to the question of legislation to implement any agreement which might be reached with Argentina and, where relevant, with the United States. I believe she would welcome advice on this matter.

I am copying this letter to David Omand (Ministry of Defence) and David Wright (Cabinet Office), and to Henry Steel (Law Officers' Department).

Yours ever
J.H. Holmes

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