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## INCIDENT IN SOUTH GEORGIA

PUS has seen your minute to the Private Office of 13 April about the death of an Argentinian prisoner on South Georgia. He has asked me to make the following points:

- a. We shall need to keep in very close touch with the FCO to ensure the least damaging presentation of the outcome of the Board of Inquiry.
- b. The report itself and particularly any statements by Argentine witnesses will have to be carefully handled to prevent the Argentines from exploiting it for propaganda purposes. They might, for example, be able to make a good deal of play out of our refusing to release statements by witnesses.
- c. We should not hesitate to make what we can of the Swedish allegations that one of the Argentine prisoners had previously been involved in torture of political dissidents.

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4 May 1982