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We are deeply concerned at the problem of getting British views across and, of course, this is extremely difficult when we have such extremely long lines of communications, no direct photographic links, and for operational reasons have frequently to preserve silence.

2. In contrast, the Argentinians are operating from their own country with all the communications facilities available to them and consequently are able to get much more news - which despite its frequent gross inaccuracy - gets wide coverage.
3. The Secretary of State and I have been wondering whether it would be possible for the Treasury to arrange either direct themselves or, for example, via the Bank of England for factual briefing (both to the press and to television and radio) about the state of the Argentine economy, laying particular stress on its weaknesses.
4. I would be very grateful if this could be considered urgently.

*Yours ever*  
*Frank Cooper*

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