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Dear Tony,

ARGENTINA AND THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of 24 May to the DGI. I confirm that the FCO's requirements are by and large being well met, and that the agencies are doing an excellent job. We could do with more on the Argentine internal situation, the impact of our landing on the Junta's political standing/popular support, the reported tensions between the Argentine Navy and Air Force and other potential indicators of Argentine will to continue fighting or to negotiate. But those needs are already recognised, and for obvious reasons we cannot expect a great deal in those directions. We would not think that a meeting is necessary.

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Vice Admiral Sir Roy Halliday KBE DSC
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Dear Gen,

ARGENTINA AND THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

In my letter of 5 April to Christopher Herdon and John Johnson, I said that I would be ready to hold a meeting of the Requirements and Priorities Sub-Committee if anyone thought it would be useful; but that, at the time of writing, it seemed to me that the normal arrangements for customers to be in direct touch with agencies would be adequate.

2. I write now simply to enquire whether this is still the case - or does anyone think it would be helpful to meet in order to discuss intelligence requirements in the current situation and for the immediate future? I have no reason to think such a meeting necessary, but believe that I ought to pose the question.

Yours ever,
Anthony Duff

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