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Old Admiralty Building (Room 194)
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Dear Sir

FALKLAND ISLANDS REVIEW

- As requested in your letter of 27 July, I now enclose (in 8 sets) two papers covering in narrative form the period from the Galtieri accession to the Argentine invasion. The first paper takes events up to the landing in South Georgia on 19 March; the second paper deals with the run-up to the Argentine invasion on 2 April.

The supporting documents are numbered and the appropriate numbers are shown in the margin of the text. However, in the second paper, papers are only attached and indicated in the margins where they are not on file ALW 040/325/121, of which the original is already with the Committee. The folio number references in the text are to the papers on that file.

References to the 'department' in the text of the papers are in all cases to South America Department. Otherwise the FCO/MOD etc are referred to as appropriate.

As I previously mentioned to you, the preparation of such a 'narrative' has inevitably faced us with some difficulty in the selection and presentation of the assessments made and the decisions taken over this period. We would have preferred to provide the Committee simply with the facts as in the primary material already sent to you. We have however sought, in referring to particular documents and in quoting extracts from them, to be as factual and objective as possible in taking the Committee through the main developments of the period. The relevant papers are of course all with the Committee and they will no doubt wish to look at these in detail in reading the narrative account.

I am copying this letter to David Colvin in the Cabinet Office.

Yours ever
Robin

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