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*From the Principal Private Secretary*

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

Falkland Islands Inquiry

The Prime Minister has now been able to consider the various minutes from members of OD on the question of the Falkland Islands Inquiry, as well as your minutes A08122 of 15 April, 1982 and A08344 of 7 May, 1982.

She thinks that the best way of making progress on this matter would be to hold an ad hoc meeting with the Home Secretary, Lord Chancellor, Foreign Secretary, Defence Secretary, Lord President, Attorney General and Chief Whip. We will try to arrange such a meeting for next week.

She has in mind the possibility of following the ad hoc meeting with a discussion in OD.

You suggested in your minute of 7 May, 1982 that you should prepare and circulate a memorandum as a basis for discussion, and the Prime Minister would be very grateful if you would do this. I am afraid, however, that she has not provided any indication whether she believes that your thinking about the inquiry is on the right lines.

C. A. WHITMORE

13 May, 1982

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