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From the Private Secretary

23 November 1982

Dear Richard,

OFFICIAL DESPATCH ON THE FALKLANDS OPERATION

We had a word about this on the telephone this morning (Mr. Nott's minute of 19 November to the Prime Minister refers).

Before submitting the Despatch to the Prime Minister, I should like to be able to reassure her that there was nothing in the text which could cause the Government undue embarrassment. I have therefore asked Richard Hatfield to arrange for the Cabinet Office, in close consultation with the Ministry of Defence and Foreign and Commonwealth Office, to consider the Despatch from that point of view and to let me know the outcome as soon as possible.

In the meantime, I should be grateful if the Private Secretaries to other members of OD, to whom the Despatch has been sent, could retain it within Private Offices.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Private Secretaries to the other members of OD and to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever

John Cole.

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