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*From the Private Secretary*

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FALKLANDS: OTHER TERRITORIAL DISPUTES

The Prime Minister was impressed by a remark made by President Reagan on television recently to the effect that, if the aggressor had his way over the Falklands, there would be serious implications for some fifty other territorial disputes. Since then, I understand that Mr. Eugene Rostow has referred to one hundred such disputes which could be exacerbated if Argentina succeeds in its aims in the South Atlantic.

The Prime Minister expects to have to spend a good deal of time on the Falklands in conversation with our allies during the various forthcoming international meetings. She would like to be armed, before she goes to Versailles, with a comprehensive list of territorial disputes with, in each case, a very brief description of their cause and the present situation. I emphasise that this could be very much in the form of a list with no more than two or three sentences relating to each dispute. Could this possibly be produced by close of play on 3 June?

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