



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

7 September 1982

As I mentioned to you, the Prime Minister has suggested that she should give a dinner for leading figures in the Falklands campaign on the evening of 11 October, the eve of the parade through the City of London.

She has in mind that she might invite to the dinner the main Commanders of the campaign itself, including the ships involved, together with the Chiefs of Staff and those who were in charge of directing the operations from this country. She would also like to invite the civilians in charge of operations in this country and also Sir Nicholas Henderson and Sir Anthony Parsons. Among her Ministerial colleagues, she will probably wish to invite the members of OD(SA). She would wish to invite the Lord Mayor and I am exploring whether Prince Charles would accept an invitation, particularly in view of his patronage of the South Atlantic Fund. The Prime Minister envisages that spouses would not be invited to the dinner, but might be asked to a reception at 10 Downing Street later in the evening.

I should be very grateful if, in consultation with Sir Robert Armstrong and Sir Anthony Acland (to whom I am copying this letter) you could suggest a guest list. Total numbers would be limited to about 60. It would be helpful if you could arrange for me to receive the proposed list by close on Tuesday 14 September, so that the Prime Minister could consider it before she leaves for the Far East.

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