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THE PRIME MINISTER

31 August, 1982.

Dear Mr. Needham

Thank you for your letter of 12 August about the future of the Falkland Islands and your plans to pay a visit there. I am sure such a visit would be well worthwhile.

As you may know, Lord Shackleton has now completed the revision of his 1976 Economic Survey of the Islands, and the updated study should be ready for publication by the middle of September. You will no doubt first wish to study the recommendations in the report and consider their bearing on the role of your company in the Islands. We for our part will also need to study the report in depth and consult interested parties as fully as possible before reaching conclusions about the way forward.

Perhaps in the first instance you could get in touch with Cranley Onslow at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, who will, I am sure, be keen to discuss these matters with you.

Yours sincerely

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