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Mr C Whitmore

Humphrey Atkins has been to see me because he has been in touch with two journalists, Magnus Linklater and Paul Eddy who work for the Sunday Times Insight team.

Apparently they are writing a book on the Falklands campaign and its background which is due to be published at the end of August. I gather that considerable resources have been put into this publication. Apparently they have concentrated their research outside the United Kingdom especially in the United States and Argentina. Humphrey Atkins told them that he was unable to tell them anything but said that their book would not be worth much if its researches were primarily based outside the UK. I gather that this has caused them to change their plan of campaign to a certain extent and they are likely to do a good deal of sniffing around Whitehall in the near future.

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