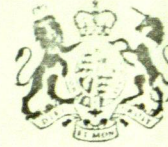


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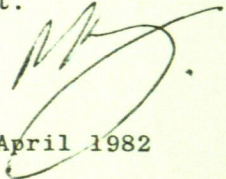
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Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs

You may like to have reactions which have been reported to me about the Falkland Islands situation.

Bill Benyon	Says that we must clear up the dates when we first heard of the danger of an Argentinian invasion. It must be done before the Recess.
Lord Drumalbyn	I think the Government are mad. We do not want the place in any case.
Ian Gilmour	It is hopeless to talk about the re-establishment of sovereignty. We must settle for what we can get and that will not be much.
Stephen Dorrell	Very wobbly. Will only support the fleet as a negotiating ploy. If they will not negotiate we should withdraw.
Teddy Taylor	Once this crisis is over we must establish a much more thriving outpost on the Falklands.
Peter Viggers) John Wheeler)	Both cautious, constructive and steady.
Keith Stainton	Intends to attack the Government. His wife has large interests in the Falklands.
(Jim Callaghan)	Says that now the Government is committed, it must be supported.
(John Roper) (Alan Beith)	Say that the Liberals and SDP want to support and do "their patriotic duty". They are unhappy because nobody has told them what is happening.

This note is being copied to the Prime Minister and Mr John Nott.


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