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SAMA.

Mr Harding
PS/Mr Ridley

[Handwritten signature]
8 June.

cc
Mr Day
PS/PUS
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FALKLAND ISLANDS: MESSAGE TO COMODORO CAVANDOLI

1. Following discussion in OD on 2 July and as requested by Mr Ridley, I submit two draft telegrams to Buenos Aires.

[Handwritten signature: P. R. Fearn]

P R Fearn
South America Dept.

7 July 1980

OK - but 2 suggests amendments
to time & place NR
Tels sent. July 8/7.

[Handwritten signature: Mr Duggan]
Mr Bridgman

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 7 TO PRIORITY BUENOS AIRES
 8 TELEGRAM NUMBER
 9 Falkland Islands.
 10 1. Ministers have now considered the options for progress in
 11 the dispute. Strictly for your own information, it has been
 12 agreed that Mr Ridley should seek a further exploratory and
 13 strictly confidential meeting with Cavandoli in order to assess
 14 the possibilities for a political settlement based on lease-back
 15 and joint development of resources. In the light of such a
 16 meeting, Ministers would consider the prospects and decide whether
 17 to seek Islanders' views and to undertake formal negotiations.
 18 2. It is imperative that knowledge of what is proposed should
 19 be restricted to as few people as possible, both on Argentine
 20 side and ours. If Islanders or the lobby were to get any wind of
 21 it ^{at this stage} and were to claim that we were going behind their backs, the
 22 political damage would be very serious.
 23 3. Please now deliver personally to Cavandoli message in mift
 24 (which is deliberately couched in very general terms). When
 25 doing so, you should stress overriding importance of maintaining

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secrecy both before and after any meeting. Any leakage would put at risk any prospect of progress towards productive negotiations. We want meeting to take place at a venue where Ministers' presence would attract no attention. Harding only would accompany Mr Ridley and we would expect Argentine side to be similarly restricted.

4. We are informing Ortiz de Rozas of the message.

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 7 TO PRIORITY BUENOS AIRES
 8 TELEGRAM NUMBER
 9 MIPT: PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM MR RIDLEY
 10 BEGINS :
 11 " "Following our talks in New York, I have now consulted my
 12 colleagues. I am sorry that I have not been able to contact you
 13 earlier.
 14 In New York and subsequently through Ambassador Ortiz de
 15 Rozas, we mentioned the possibility of getting together with each
 16 other for an informal and wide-ranging exchange of thoughts. I
 17 continue to be much attracted by this idea, as you know from my
 18 mention of a fishing party. However, on further consideration,
 19 I believe that our purpose would be best served by an entirely
 20 private meeting during which we would explore each other's ideas
 21 freely without any pressures from publicity. You may agree that
 22 it would not be possible to do this in your country or mine - and
 23 least of all on a river bank!
 24 I should like therefore to propose that we try and meet in
 25 privacy for a frank and personal talk. ^{Between} Between 9 and 12 September
~~turned suit me - but later dates that suit you would also be acceptable~~

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2 would suit me - but later dates that suit you would also be
3 acceptable. This might perhaps be best in Europe, (Geneva
4 or Venice might be suitable venues). I would propose bringing
5 only one Spanish speaking official with me. We would need,
6 I imagine, ~~one or two~~ <<< I imagine, one or at the most two
7 days together. Please let me know what you think. Best
8 wishes."

9 ENDS

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11 CARRINGTON

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