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25 June 1982

FOREIGN SECRETARY

OD(82)56 : BRITISH POLICY IN THE ANTARCTIC

I have seen your memorandum of 17 June proposing a virtual doubling of the grant to the British Antarctic Survey in future years. For 1983/83 onwards, your "bid" for these additional funds should be submitted with any other analagous bids in the autumn PES exercise in the usual way.

2. As to this year, you do not say how much additional money (if any) would be required. In any event, I understand that it is likely to fall well short of that proposed for future years. If so, it is of course important that it should if possible be absorbed within the scope of agreed programmes.

3. A further point which our officials will need to explore is the accounting issue raised in paragraph 7 of your memorandum.

4. I am copying this minute to the Prime Minister and other members of OD, and also to Sir Keith Joseph, and Sir Robert Armstrong.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'G.H.' with a stylized flourish.

G.H.

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