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Private Secretary

Mr Luce agrees, subject to the addition of a sentence at the end of para. 3 of the draft (which I have written in). He feels, particularly in the light of his afternoon meeting of the Conservative backbench sub-committee on foreign affairs, that we have to be very robust

Mr Ure
 PS/Mr Luce *Minister*
 PS *Issue pse*
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FALKLAND ISLANDS: HMS ENDURANCE

vis-a-vis the Argentines - views in the sub-committee, from right & from left, were unanimous on this point.

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1. Following the Secretary of State's office meeting this morning, I submit an amended draft of the minute the Secretary of State proposes to send to the Defence Secretary on HMS Endurance (my submission of 19 March refers).
2. The amended draft take account of the incident on South Georgia and of the Secretary of State's wish to suggest to Mr Nott that, in advance of an OD meeting on the Falklands, he might circulate the military contingency paper already prepared by MOD officials.

Successful 22/3

P. R. Fearn

P R Fearn
South America Dept

RBurg 22/3

22 March 1982

cc PS/LPS
 PS/PUS
 Mr Giffard
 Defence Dept

Disused on 22/3

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Mr Ure
PS/Mr Luce
PS

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I have taken a copy for Minute, who would see it over the weekend.

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J. H. Fearn
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FALKLAND ISLANDS: HMS ENDURANCE

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1. In my submission of 18 March, I said that I would be recommending that the Secretary of State should minute the Defence Secretary seeking his agreement on a contingency basis to maintaining HMS Endurance on station in the area of the Falkland Islands for the time being. The Secretary of State's intention to do so is also reflected in the draft minute, which I have separately recommended he should send to the Prime Minister on contingency planning. I submit a draft.

2. Present plans are for HMS Endurance to leave the area for the UK in mid-April, having rotated the Marine garrison in the last week of March and having made two official calls to Argentine ports in the first half of April.

3. The draft minute to Mr Nott reminds him of the Secretary of State's intention to raise in OD the broader question of HMS Endurance's future.

P. R. Fearn

P R Fearn
South America Dept

19 March 1982

I agree: to withdraw HMS Endurance at this moment would both be imprudent and look strange.

cc PS/LPS
PS/PUS
Mr Giffard
Head of Defence Dept
Finance Dept
SED

19/3. *J. H. Fearn*