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1. The PUS mentioned this morning that the Prime Minister had referred to Mr Hunt's experience with his Governor's flags as a relevant factor in deciding whether we might allow the Argentine forces to withdraw from the Falklands with any regimental colours or flags which they possessed. I was asked to clarify the position with Mr Hunt.

2. Mr Hunt has now told me that when he was forced to surrender to the Argentine Commander at Government House on 2 April, he said that he wished to withdraw with his Governor's flag. This request was refused. One of the Argentine soldiers also removed the Governor's flag from his car before the Governor's chauffeur could retrieve it. In a later incident at the airport the Governor's son had his luggage opened and spare flags which were in his suitcase (to prevent them falling into enemy hands) were also removed by the Argentines despite protest.

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cc:

- Mr Wright
- Mr Giffard
- Mr Fearn, Emergency Unit

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