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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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*Dear John,*Falklands: Briefing for Versailles Summit

As requested in David Goodall's letter of 2 June to Andrew Burns, I attach briefing for the Prime Minister's use at Versailles on the attitude of each of our 6 partners to the Falklands crisis. We have included a section on the Community, and also a note on Western relations with Latin America. Some basic documents, including Security Council Resolutions 502 and 505, are also attached. This material has been cleared with the Ministry of Defence.

I wrote to you separately this morning about the Prime Minister's meeting in Paris on 4 June with President Reagan.

In discussing the Falklands more widely at Versailles, whether bilaterally or multilaterally, the other heads of state or Government are likely particularly to ask about our policy once the Islands are recaptured. They are likely to be particularly interested in the future of relations with Argentina, relations with Latin America in general and Soviet influence in the area. As far as Argentina is concerned, the Prime Minister will wish to point out that much will depend on whether the Argentines realize the extent of their miscalculation over the invasion and end hostilities. We hope that they will and that relations can gradually return to normal. If they do not, continuing economic pressure on them will be needed, as well as tight restrictions on arms supplies. Relations with Latin America are covered in Annex 9.

On the dangers of Soviet influence, the Prime Minister will want to make clear our awareness of the Soviet dimension. But she could point to the already existing momentum of Argentine-Soviet relations (grain sales etc) and make clear that the risk of Soviet influence should not be overestimated. Traditional Argentine views are greatly against it. Equally

/the Soviet Union



the Soviet Union's own economic weakness may make her think twice about an expensive commitment in a country which is likely to be economically unsound and politically unstable.

I am copying this letter to Mrs McGraffin in the Cabinet Office and to Mr Webb in MOD.

Yours ever

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