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MR. WHITMORE

Prime Minister.

Concern for Sir Robert

Armstrong to write on the

Yes and basis of the report?

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I have received a letter from Lord Chalfont offering his services to write an official account of the operations in the Falkland Islands and the events leading up to them.

2. At some stage we may well want to have such an account written up. I should have thought, however, that we should be unlikely to want an account written by somebody not in the Government service, at least not until after the completion of the official inquiry.

3. I therefore propose to reply to Lord Chalfont in the terms of the draft attached. I should be glad to know whether the Prime Minister is content.

Philip Goodhart also
wants to do one

REA

Robert Armstrong

8th June 1982



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DRAFT LETTER FROM SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG TO
THE RT HON THE LORD CHALFONT, OBE, MC.
House of Lords.

Thank you for your letter of 1st June.

I am sure that there will have to be at some stage an official account of the Falkland Islands operations and the events leading up to them; and I can well understand your own qualifications for writing such an account. But I have to say that it is premature to be thinking about this for the present, and at least until after the official review which the Prime Minister has told the House of Commons will in due course be instituted.

CONQUEROR