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I still retain the Prime Minister  
impression that it was not  
more than the mere  
Dear Charles, presence of military personnel  
at the time of the Falklands.  
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Falklands Fisheries: Multilateral Solution:

Antarctic Treaty Framework

You will recall that the idea of using the Antarctic Treaty as a framework for a multilateral solution to the Falklands fisheries problem surfaced briefly during the Prime Minister's Camp David lunch with President Reagan last month. The Prime Minister's initial reaction was that it would be important, before considering using the Antarctic Treaty, to establish whether the Argentines had in the past respected it. She thought they might have breached the non-military provisions by having personnel in uniform if not armed.

I now enclose a copy of UKDEL NATO telegram 380 of 12 November, containing the text of a message to the Prime Minister from President Reagan which Mr Shultz passed to the Foreign Secretary in Brussels. President Reagan reports that US inspection teams have not revealed any Argentine violations of the Antarctic Treaty; and he draws attention to the Treaty's provision (in Article 1.2) which permits the presence of military personnel in support of scientific activities.

The President's message is in line with our own understanding of the position. It does not appear to call for any reply. You should know, however, that the US idea related not so much to the Antarctic Treaty

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itself as to the Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (which is a part of what has come to be known as the "Antarctic Treaty System" of international agreements dealing with Antarctic affairs).

*Yours ever*

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FOLLOWING FROM PRIVATE SECRETARY

FALKLAND FISHERIES

1. YESTERDAY EVENING SHULTZ PASSED THE SECRETARY OF STATE A PIECE OF PAPER DESIGNED TO REPLY TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S POINT MADE AT CAMP DAVID ON ARGENTINE COMPLIANCE WITH THE ANTARCTIC TREATY. TEXT IS AS FOLLOWS:

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ON MARGINS OF NOVEMBER CAMP DAVID MEETING, MRS THATCHER RAISED WITH PRESIDENT POSSIBILITY THAT PRESENCE OF ARGENTINE MILITARY PERSONNEL IN ANTARCTICA WAS VIOLATION OF ANTARCTICA TREATY.

PRESIDENT HAS LOOKED INTO THE SITUATION. WISHES MRS THATCHER TO BE ADVISED THAT ANTARCTICA TREATY EXPLICITLY PERMITS PRESENCE OF MILITARY PERSONNEL IN SUPPORT OF SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES.

US INSPECTIONS IN ANTARCTICA, PROVIDED BY TREATY, HAVE NOT REVEALED ANY ARGENTINE VIOLATIONS OF THE TREATY. ENDS.

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