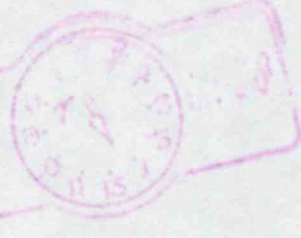


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*Dear Tom*

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I have seen the above paper and am content with the targets you suggest for Madrid. However, as I will not be present tomorrow I should like to add a point to the objectives you set out in paragraph 4 of the paper.

You will recall that at the meeting of OD on 27 July I raised the issue of a seismic survey regime for the Falklands continental shelf. The Falkland Islands Government is preparing legislation and several companies have approached your Department and mine expressing interest. OD agreed on 27 July that there was a good case for a survey. I should be grateful therefore if our negotiators at Madrid could be instructed to ensure that they do not agree to anything which would constrain our freedom to authorise such seismic work whenever HMG considers the time appropriate.

I am copying this letter to members of OD and to Sir Robin Butler.

*John Wakeham*  
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