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FROM THE SOUTH WEST ATLANTIC GROUP (SWAG)

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(given to Milne
at the House.)*

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The South West Atlantic Group (SWAG), which was formed to consider the future of British interests in the Antarctic and the South West Atlantic, in particular in relation to the Falkland Islands and her Dependencies, met today to discuss recent events - notably the landing from an Argentinian naval auxiliary vessel on British territory in South Georgia.

While welcoming the strong reaction in Parliament yesterday to these events, the Group noted the despatch of HMS Endurance to South Georgia, and once again urge the Government to reconsider their earlier decision to withdraw this vessel from service in May of this year.

Present at the Meeting:

- Lord Shackleton (Chairman)
- Sir Vivian Fuchs
- Eric Ogden MP
- Lord Morris
- Commander Ranken
- Mr Jim Parker (former Governor of the Falklands)

*① Had to see him to see.
② Copies to:*

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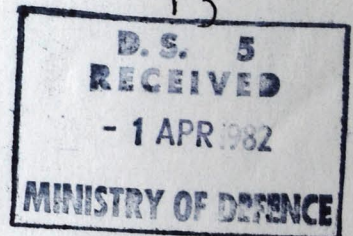
*Mr Chase
my friend*

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Unable to Attend:

- Admiral E. Irving
- Sir Peter Scott
- Lord Buxton
- Michael Shersby MP
- Captain Woodfield
- Lord Renwick

*Mr Smith
Racc DSF
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