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I attach a copy of a note
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Note on a visit by Sir Miles
Clifford (ex Governor Falkland
Islands) and Mr. G. Wright on
30 December 1969

Sir Miles said that he was introducing Mr. Wright of Keir & Cawder Ltd., 9, Upper Grosvenor Street, London, who were interested in oil exploration in the sea bed near the Falklands. He mentioned that Colonel Stirling was connected with Keir & Cawder.

2. Mr. Wright produced charts and diagrams of the Falkland Islands and Argentine areas apparently drawn up by a company called Global Marine of Los Angeles, California, and said that this company was an associate of his company. Mr. Wright went on to explain that the cross-section diagram of the Burdwood Bank indicated the possibility of there being oil and pointed out that his company were interested in the part of the Bank on the Falkland Islands side of the Median Line with Argentina. Sir Miles said that as the area was on the east of the Median Line there could be no possibility of Argentina claiming it. I did not comment on this but I did say subsequently that I understood the position in International Law of such areas as the Bank was not very clear.

3. I went on to say that the Governor had received applications for exploration licences for some areas near the Falklands, that these were under consideration in the Falklands and here, and that there was not likely to be an early decision. Sir Miles then suggested that Mr. Wright's company should join the queue and Mr. Wright said he would put up a memorandum to the government sending us a copy.

4. The difficulties with the Argentine Government were only very indirectly mentioned in that Mr. Wright said his company were anxious to operate in an area that was likely to remain British and that operations would be carried out by a British registered company.

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