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COS 30TH MEETING/82

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

CHIEFS OF STAFF COMMITTEE

MEETING to be held in Room 5301, Ministry
of Defence, Main Building, Whitehall
on SATURDAY 24 APRIL 1982 at 10.00 am

REVISED AGENDA

1. INTELLIGENCE
2. OWN FORCES
3. PUBLIC RELATIONS
4. ACTIONS AND DECISIONS REQUIRED
5. UNFORESEEN MATTERS WHICH THE CHIEFS OF STAFF OR THE SECRETARY MAY WISH TO RAISE

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- 5 MAY 1982

J A C G EYRE
Brigadier
Secretary
Chiefs of Staff Committee

THE FOLLOWING WILL BE ATTENDING

VCDS(P&L)	ACNS(O)
DCDS(I)	COS CGRM
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ACDS(P&L)	Hd DS 11
ACDS(S)	Hd DS 5
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PUS	DDMO
AUS(D Staff)	
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FCO (Def Dept)	

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OPERATION CORPORATEITEM 1. INTELLIGENCE

1. SIR MICHAEL BEETHAM (Representing the Chief of the Defence Staff) invited the Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff (Intelligence) to update them on current intelligence.
2. LIEUTENANT GENERAL GLOVER (Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff (Intelligence) reviewed the intelligence published in the latest summary (1). He assessed, that although there were some ten ships in Port Stanley harbour, none had broken the blockade.

ITEM 2. OWN FORCES

3. The situation was set out in the Force Tote Sitrep (2).
4. REAR-ADMIRAL BROWN (Assistant Chief of the Defence Staff (Operations)) said that the ATLANTIC CONVEYOR, which was due to sail from Devonport that evening, would carry 5 Chinook and 6 Wessex helicopters to Ascension Island, before proceeding to join the Task Force with additional RAF Harriers embarked.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC RELATIONS

5. MR McDONALD (Deputy Chief of Public Relations) reported on press coverage. In discussion the following points were made:
 - a. Embarked Press. It was likely that the members of the Press on SS CANBERRA would ask to go ashore at Ascension to report on troops training on the island.

Notes:

1. INTSUM No 40. 240600Z April 1982.
2. Force Tote Sitrep (Issue 30).

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b. Press Article - The Times. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office was assessing options to counter the full page advertisement about the "Malvinas" which had appeared that day in the Times.

c. Message through the Swiss Government on Argentine Aircraft flights over the Task Force. A message (3) had been delivered to the Argentine Government at 1720 Buenos Aires time yesterday warning the Argentines of action that would be taken against aircraft which flew over or near to the Task Force. Any announcement to the media would have to be agreed in advance by Ministers. The Deputy Chief of Public Relations would refer any questions on this subject to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

6. In discussion the following points were agreed:

a. Position of RN Ships. No locations of RN ships should be given to the media.

b. Sea King Accident. A routine press announcement could be given regarding the Sea King accident.

c. Queen Elizabeth 2. In answer to any questions raised at the Press Conference on 24 April about the possibility of taking Queen Elizabeth 2 up from trade, it should be stated that there were no plans to use the ship.

ITEM 4. ACTIONS AND DECISIONS REQUIRED.

7. The Committee noted the Summary of Actions in Hand (4). and invited the Assistant Chief of the Defence Staff (Operations) to reflect their proposed amendments in the next issue of the Decision Flow Chart and Diary (5).

Annex:

A. Operation CORPORATE - Actions in Hand.

Notes:

3. FCO Telegram No 64 of 23 April 1982.
4. Annex A to COS 28th Meeting/82.
5. D Ops 7/10/2, 232230Z April 1982.

OPERATION CORPORATE - ACTIONS IN HAND

ITEM	ARISING FROM COS MEETING	DECISION OR ACTION REQUIRED	SPONSOR	ACTION/ DECISION BY	CONTINUED	CURRENT STATE
0061	23/82 Item 7	Battle Casualty Replacements	ACDS(P&L)	ACDS(P&L)		
0065	-	Maintenance of a British Garrison in the Falkland Islands	VCDS(P&L)	ACDS(P&L)	VCDS(P&L)127/3/3 dated 19 Apr 82	By 26 Apr