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DEFENCE AND OVERSEA POLICY COMMITTEE

SUB-COMMITTEE ON THE SOUTH ATLANTIC AND  
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

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MINUTES of a Meeting held at  
10 Downing Street on  
WEDNESDAY 26 MAY 1982 at 10.00 am

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PRESENT

The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP  
Prime Minister

The Rt Hon William Whitelaw MP  
Secretary of State for the  
Home Department

The Rt Hon Francis Pym MP  
Secretary of State for Foreign  
and Commonwealth Affairs

The Rt Hon John Nott MP  
Secretary of State for Defence

The Rt Hon Cecil Parkinson MP  
Chancellor of the Duchy of  
Lancaster and Paymaster General

THE FOLLOWING WERE ALSO PRESENT

The Rt Hon Sir Michael Havers QC MP  
Attorney General

Admiral of the Fleet  
Sir Terence Lewin  
Chief of the Defence Staff

Sir Antony Acland  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Sir Michael Palliser  
Cabinet Office

SECRETARIAT

Sir Robert Armstrong  
Mr R L Wade-Gery  
Mr R L L Facer  
Brigadier J A C G Eyre

SUBJECT

1. MILITARY ISSUES
2. POLITICAL ISSUES

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1. MILITARY SITUATION

THE CHIEF OF THE DEFENCE STAFF briefed the Sub-Committee on the latest military situation.

The Sub-Committee -

Took note.

2. POLITICAL SITUATION

The Sub-Committee had in front of them telegrams nos. 847-8 and 850-55 from the British Representative at the United Nations, Sir Antony Parsons, reporting on the current situation in the Security Council; and other telegrams reporting international attitudes.

THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY said that the amended version of the Irish draft resolution had been further amended at British request and could be supported by Sir Antony Parsons if voted on in its present form. But voting had been held up by the Argentines, who might now propose counter-amendments.

The Sub-Committee -

Took note.

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