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1. This meeting was very short before it went into restricted session, for which the FCO was not invited to participate.
2. CAS reported that the Vulcan attack on Port Stanley airfield had taken place at about 8 am our time this morning. The Vulcans were now on their way back to Ascension and still had one further in-field refueling to accomplish before arriving very late this afternoon. At first light this morning (ie. at about 10.30 am our time) Harrier aircraft are to conduct the first recce to inspect the damage to the airfield. MOD are planning a further statement this afternoon by the MOD spokesman to supplement the initial announcement, in the light of what the recce reveals. They may produce an officer from Northwood to give an on-camera briefing.
3. Judging from the intelligence briefing, the Argentine carrier is at present at sea south of Puerto Deseado moving toward area Oscar, with the Argentine task force commander aboard.
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5. There was little discussion during the first part of this meeting about papers for Chequers. But an up-dated version is expected to issue from the Cabinet Office of the 'military appreciation' paper.

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