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LCA to CC (82) 32 <sup>nd</sup> Conclusions, Minute 1	9.6.82
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CC (82) 34 <sup>th</sup> Conclusions, Minute 1	17.6.82
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10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Principal Private Secretary*

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

I have shown the Prime Minister your minute A08787 of 22 June 1982 about the frequency of meetings of OD(SA), and as I told Mr. Wright on the telephone yesterday, she agrees that in future we should meet only on Monday and Thursday mornings.

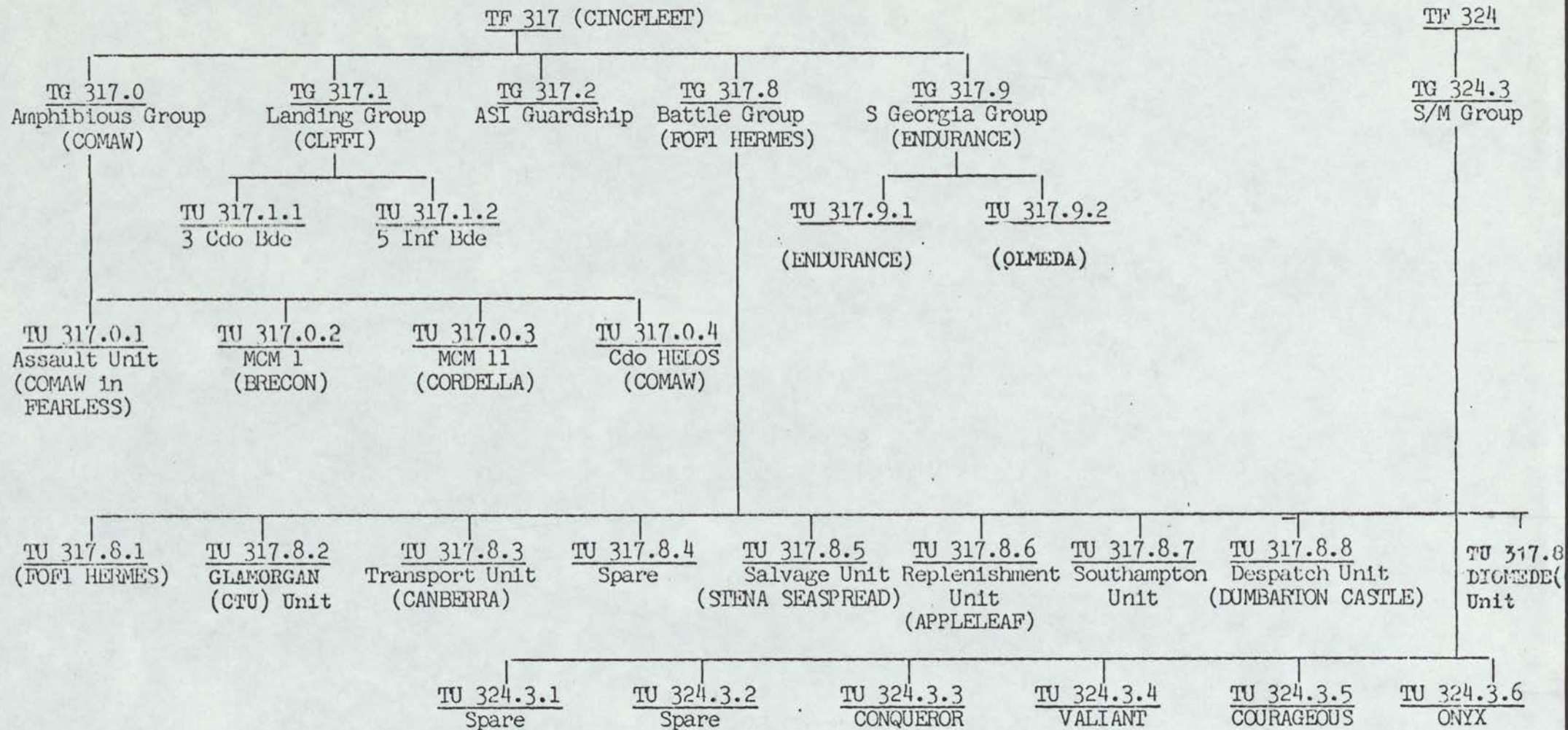
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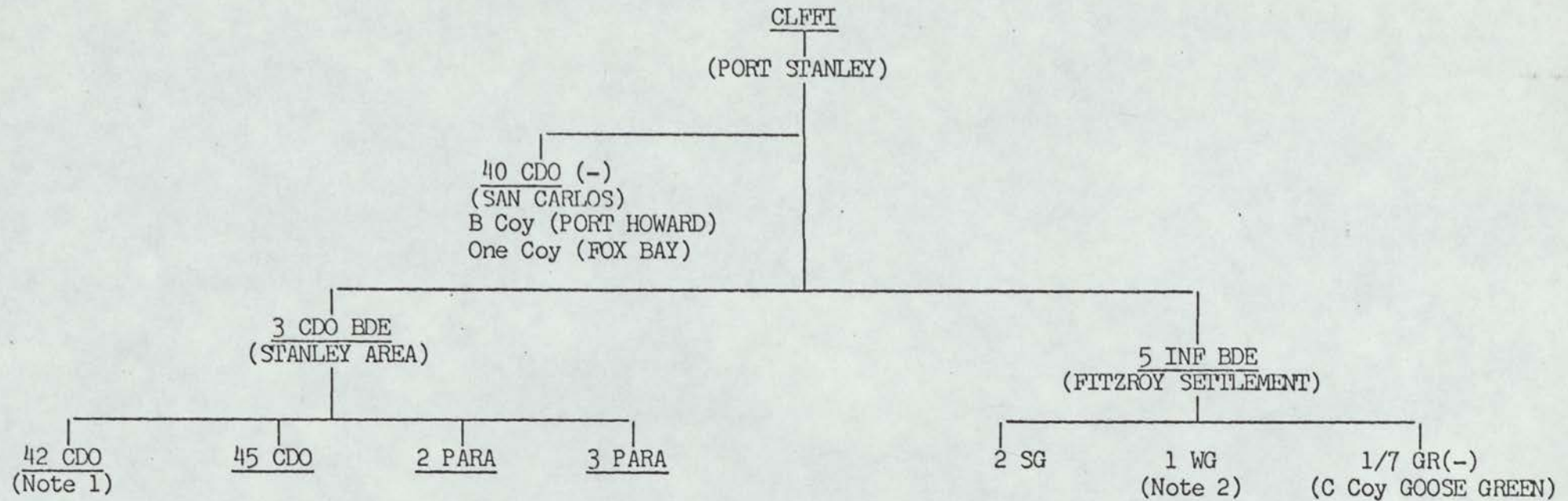
## OPERATION CORPORATE - FORCE TOTE AT 220600A JUNE (ISSUE 89)

## TASK ORGANISATION SUMMARY (EFFECTIVE 212121 JUNE 1982)

Note:

This Task Organisation does not necessarily reflect the chain of Operational Command delegated for various phases of Op CORPORATE.



LAND FORCES GROUPING (EFFECTIVE 140600Z JUN 82)

## NOTE:

1. Elements M COY 42 CDO in ENDURANCE, YARMOUTH and OLMEDA.
2. One Coy in CANBERRA as PW Guards.

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TF 317  
(CTF CINCFLEET)

TG 317.0  
(CTG COMAW IN FEARLESS)

TU 317.0.1  
(CTU COMAW IN FEARLESS)

HMS FEARLESS )  
 HMS INTREPID )  
 LSL SIR LANCELOT )  
 LSL SIR BEDIVERE ) (See Note 1)  
 LSL SIR GERAINT )  
 ELK )  
 LSL SIR PERCIVALE )  
 RFA ENGADINE )

TU 317.0.2  
(CTU CO OF BRECON)

HMS BRECON )  
 HMS LEDEBURY ) 240 NW of DAKAR  
 RMS ST HELENA ) ETA ASI 26/6

TU 317.0.3  
(CTU - MCM 11 IN CORDELLA)

HMS CORDELLA )  
 HMS PICT )  
 HMS JUNELLA ) (See Note 1)  
 HMS NORTHELLA )  
 HMS FARNELLA )

TU 317.0.4  
(CTU COMAW IN FEARLESS)

825 NAS  
 845 NAS(DET)  
 846 NAS  
 847 NAS  
 848 NAS(DET)

TG 317.1  
(CTG-OLFFI)

TU 317.1.1  
(CTU COMD 3 CDO BDE RM)

3 CDO BDE

TU 317.1.2  
(CTU COMD 5 INF BDE)

5 INF BDE

TG 317.2  
HMS LEEDS  
CASTLE  
(ASI GUARDSHIP)

## Note:

- Disposition of units by areas - page 6.

TF 317

TF 324

TG 317.8  
(CTG FOFI IN HERMES)

TG 317.9  
HMS ENDURANCE (CTG) )  
HMS ANTRIM (SNO) ) SOUTH GEORGIA  
YORKSHIREMAN )

TU 317.8.1

FOFI in HERMES (CTU)  
HMS HERMES )  
HMS BROADSWORD ) (See Note 1)  
HMS CARDIFF )  
HMS ACTIVE )

HMS PENELOPE )  
HMS EXETER )  
HMS MINERVA )  
HMS AVENGER )  
HMS AMBUSCADE ) (See Note 1)  
HMS BRILLIANT )  
HMS YARMOUTH ENR S. GEORGIA

TU 317.9.1  
HMS ENDURANCE (CTU) THULE  
SALVAGEMAN ) TIL PM 22/6  
OC SAIL S. GEORGIA.

TU 317.9.2

RFA OLMEDA  
Passage THULE to SG

HMS BRISTOL ENR 2730S 23W to R/V BRITISH TAMAR 241600Z  
HMS INVINCIBLE )  
HMS ANDROMEDA ) To SMP Area No of 35 S, E of 20 W

TU 317.8.2

HMS CLAMORGAN (CTU) ENR ASI  
HMS PLYMOUTH ENR ASI

TU 317.8.3

CANBERRA (CTU) O/C LOADING TROOPS SAIL UK  
NORLAND ENR PALKLAND ISLANDS  
ATLANTIC CAUSEWAY )  
BAL TIC FERRY )  
TOR CALEDONIA )  
NORDIC FERRY ) (See Note 1)  
EUROPIC FERRY )  
CONTENDER BEZANT )  
ST EDMUND )  
FORT TORONTO )

TU 317.8.4

HMS ARROW ENR ASI

TU 317.8.5

STENA SEASPREAD (CTU)  
TYPHOON ) (See Note 1)  
IRISHMAN )

TG 324.3

CTU 324.3.1  
Spare

CTU 324.3.2  
Spare

CTU 324.3.3  
HMS CONQUEROR

CTU 324.3.4  
HMS VALIANT

CTU 324.3.5  
HMS COURAGEOUS

CTU 324.3.6  
HMS ONYX

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TU 317.8.6

RFA APPLELEAF (CIU)	)	1240 nm NE of S GEORGIA
	)	R/V INVINCIBLE/ANDROMEDA 221200Z
RFA FORT GRANGE	)	
RFA BLUE ROVER	)	
RFA OLNA	)	
RFA STROMNESS	)	(See Note 1)
RFA RESOURCE	)	
RFA TIDESPRING	)	
RFA BAYLEAF	)	
RFA TIDEPOOL	)	
RFA REGENT	)	S. THEULE
RFA PLUMLEAF	)	250 nm N of ASI. R/V RANGATIRA 25/6 ENR GIB
RFA PEARLEAF	)	ENR ASI ETA 26 JUN

TU 317.8.7

HMS SOUTHAMPTON (CIU)	)	
HMS BIRMINGHAM	)	
HMS APOLLO	)	ETA ASI 27/6
RFA OLWEN	)	
HMS BACCHANTE	)	ETA GIB 221000Z. GIB GJARD 22-29/6. ASI GUARD 6-23/7

TU 317.8.8

HMS DUMBARTON CASTLE (CIU)	)	PORT STANLEY
CS IRIS	)	280 nm S of ASI. ENR PORT STANLEY
BRITISH ENTERPRISE III	)	330 nm N of SG. ETA S GEORGIA 23 JUN.

TU 317.8.9

HMS DIOMEDE (CIU)	)	PORTSMOUTH ETZ 26/6
HMS LOWESTOFF	)	GIB GUARDSHIP 20/6-16/7
HMS DANAE	)	PORTSMOUTH ETD 26/6

UNALLOCATED

HMS ARGONAUT	)	34 NM S OF CANARIES	ETA DEVONPORT 260800Z
RFA BRAMBLELEAF	)		ETA DEVONPORT 240900Z
RFA FORT AUSTIN	)	50 NM NW DAKAR	ETA PLYMOUTH 280800Z
HMS ALACRITY	)	100 NM W LISBON	ETA DEVONPORT 240900Z
RFA PEARLEAF	)	1400 NM SW ASI.	ETA ASI 26 JUN.

## Note:

- 1. Disposition of units by areas - page 6.

DISPOSITION OF UNITS BY AREAS

CARRIER BATTLE GROUP (CVBG)	TRANSPORT AREA (TA)	TUG REPAIR AND LOGISTIC AREA (TRALA)	PORT STANLEY	OTHERS
<u>RN FORCES</u>  HERMES AMBU SCADÉ EXETER BRILLIANT          <u>RFA</u>  STROMNESS TIDESPRING  <u>EN ROUTE SMP AREA</u>  INVINCIBLE ANDROMEDA ETA 22 JUN	<u>RN FORCES</u>  INTREPID CARDIFF ACTIVE FEARLESS BROADSWORD (FOR SMP)      <u>RFA/LSL</u>  SIR LANCELOT FORT GRANGE ENGADINE BLUE ROVER OLNA   <u>STUFT</u>  BALTIC FERRY MONSUNEN STFNA SEASPREAD GEESTPORT	<u>RN FORCES</u>          <u>RFA</u>  TIDEPOOL BAYLEAF      <u>STUFT</u>  ARCO CHARGER SHELL EBURNA	<u>RN FORCES</u>  PENELOPE CORDELLA JUNELLA FARNELLA NORTHIELLA PICT DUMBARION CASTLE   <u>RFA/LSL/RMA'S</u>  SIR BEVIDERE TYPHOON RESOURCE   <u>STUFT</u> CAIBENRA IRISHMAN CONTENDER BEZANT FORT TORONTO ATLANTIC CAUSEWAY TOR CALEDONIA NORDIC FERRY EUROPIC FERRY ST EDMUND FORREST ELK LYCAON	<u>FOX BAY</u> AVENGER   <u>TEAL INLET</u> SIR PERCIVALE     <u>FITZROY</u> SIR TRISTRAM SIR GERAIN <u>SG</u> ANTRIM YORKSHIREMAN S. EAGLE W. SEAHORSE   <u>S THULE</u> ENDURANCE SALVAGEMAN PICKET <u>PICKET</u> MINERVA   <u>GRANTHAM SOUND</u> UGANDA

OTHER RN SHIPS AND STUFT

<u>CASUALTY FERRIES</u>	<u>TROOP SHIP</u>	<u>STUFT SHIPS COMING FORWARD (MOD OPCON)</u>
HMS HECLA(AGS(H)) EN ROUTE MV ETA MV 251200	RANGATIRA 50 NNW of CAPE FINISTERNE (9,387 GRT) R/V PLUMLEAF 25/6 ETA ASI TBR 28-29/6	<u>STORES SUPPORT SHIP</u>
HMS HYDRA(AGS(H)) ETA PW 23 JUN		MYRMIDON WALLSEND (10,867 GRT) ETA TEESPORT 23/6 ETD UK 2/7
HMS HERALD EN ROUTE MV ETA MV 241200Z	<u>FORWARD SUPPORT SHIP</u>	
<u>HOSPITAL SHIP</u>	LYCAON PORT STANLEY (11,804 GRT)	
UGANDA GRANTHAM SOUND (16,900 GRT)	<u>MOORING TENDER</u>	
<u>STORES SUPPORT SHIP</u>	GOOSANDER ASI	
SAXONIA ETA FREETOWN (8,547 GRT) ETA PORTSMOUTH TBR	WIMPEY SEA HORSE (1599 GRT) SOUTH GEORGIA	
GEEST PORT SAN CARLOS (5,871 GRT)	<u>AMMUNITION SHIP</u>	<u>AIRFIELD RESOURCES STORES SHIP</u>
AVELONA STAR ENR S.G. (9,784 GRT)	KINTERBURY PORTSMOUTH	CEDAR BANK ETD SOUTHAMPTON 23 JUN (7,545 GRT)
<u>FORWARD REPAIR SHIP</u>	LAERTES ENR S GEORGIA (11,804 GRT)	STRATHEWE ETD SOUTHAMPTON 25 JUN (12,598 GRT)
STENA INSPECTOR ASI (5,814 GRT)	<u>HELICOPTER FERRY</u>	
	ASTRONOMER 1550 nm S of ASI (27,800 GRT) ETA TRALA 27/6	

<u>CONVOY ESCORT OILERS (STERN RAS CAPABILITY FOR RN SHIPS)</u>		<u>AUXILIARY SUPPORT TANKERS (BEAM RAS CAPABILITY FOR RFAs ONLY)</u>		<u>BASE STORAGE TANKER</u>
BRITISH TAMAR (15,640 GRT)	MOTORWAY TANKER S of ASI R/V BRISTOL 241600Z	BRITISH TAY (15,650 GRT)	DEVONPORT	ALVEGA (33,329 GRT)
BRITISH ESK (15,640 GRT)	180 nm NW DAKAR ETA ASI 26 JUN	BRITISH DART (15,650)	300 nm SW OF FREETWON ETA UK 10/7	ASI BASE TANKER
		BRITISH TRENT (15,650 GRT)	350 nm S of ASI ETA ASI 230700Z JUN	
		BRITISH TEST (15,650 GRT)	420 nm S of ASI ETA ASI 231600Z JUN	
		BRITISH WYE (15,650 GRT)	ENR UK	
		BRITISH AVON (15,540 GRT)	350 nm W of FREETOWN ETA ASI 25 JUN	
		SHELL EBURNA (19,700 GRT)	TRALA	
		ANCO CHARGER (15,568 GRT)	TRALA	
<u>MISC</u>		SCOTTISH EAGLE (32,995 GRT)	S GEORGIA	
GC 83	DARWIN	BALDER LONDON (19,497 GRT)	RAS AREA	
		G A WALKER (18,744 GRT)	80 nm N of ASI ETA ASI 221130Z JUN	

ARMY DEPLOYMENTS

FORCE	POINT OF DEPARTURE AND DATE	NTM/ETD	ETA		REMARKS
			Ascension	Falkland	
3 x Air Despatch dets	UK (LYNEHAM)	48 Hrs			
Airfield Construction	UK (MAIDSTONE/ PERHAM DOWN)		FREETOWN 26 JUN		MV RANGITIRA
1 Coy R. Irish	UK (CHESTER)	7 days			
2 Fd Hosp	UK (ALDERSHOT)		FREETOWN 26 JUN		MV RANGITIRA
Additional Log	UK		FREETOWN 26 JUN		MV RANGITIRA
1 Coy RRW	UK (ALDERSHOT)	7 days			1 R Hants from 22 Jun
Movement Control Detachment	UK		FREETOWN 26 JUN		MV RANGITIRA
Rear Link Det 30 Sigs Regt	UK (BLANDFORD)		FREETOWN 26 JUN		MV RANGITIRA
Inf Bn Gp 1 Q O HLDERS	UK (TIDWORTH) (LARKHILL) (COLCHESTER) BAOR(DORIMUND)	5 days			
Crypto Team	UK (BLANDFORD)		FREETOWN 26 JUN		MV RANGITIRA



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AIRCRAFT DEPLOYMENTS - TASK AREAS AND IN TRANSIT FROM UK

TYPE	TOTAL IN TASK AREAS	LOSSES		ADDL IN TRANSIT FROM UK	REMARKS
		ACCIDENT	ENEMY ACTION		
SEA HARRIER	22	4	2		
HARRIER GR3	10	1	3		
SEA KING 2&5 ASW	24	2			Some Sea King 2/5 Reroled as CDO
SEA KING 2&4 CDO	21	3			
WESSEX 3 ASW	1		1		
WESSEX 5 CDO/HDS	38	2	6	6 ASTRONOMER	
LYNX GP	16		3		
CHINOOK	6		3	2 ASTRONOMER	Incl One Captured FIs
GAZELLE UT	13	2	2		
WASP GP	10				
SCOUT GP	11		1	3 ASTRONOMER	
BELL?	2				Captured FIs

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1. AIRCRAFT DEPLOYMENTS ASI

TYPE	LOCATION	DESTINATION	REMARKS
3 x NIM Mk 2 (AAR)	ASI	-	
5 x HERC Mk 1 (LR)	ASI	-	
15 x VICTOR K2	ASI	-	
3 x PHANTOM PGR 2	ASI	-	
1 x SEA KING 3 (SAR) 2 x WESSEX V 1 x CHINOOK	ASI	-	

2. PLANNED ATF FLIGHTS

DATE	NOS AND TYPE	DESTINATION	REMARKS
22 Jun	3 x HERC 2 x VC10	ASI ASI	} 55 PAX and general freight, mail and detergent.

3. NUMBERS OF PERSONNEL AT ASCENSION ISLAND

PERMANENT	TRANSIENT	TOTAL
913	122	1035

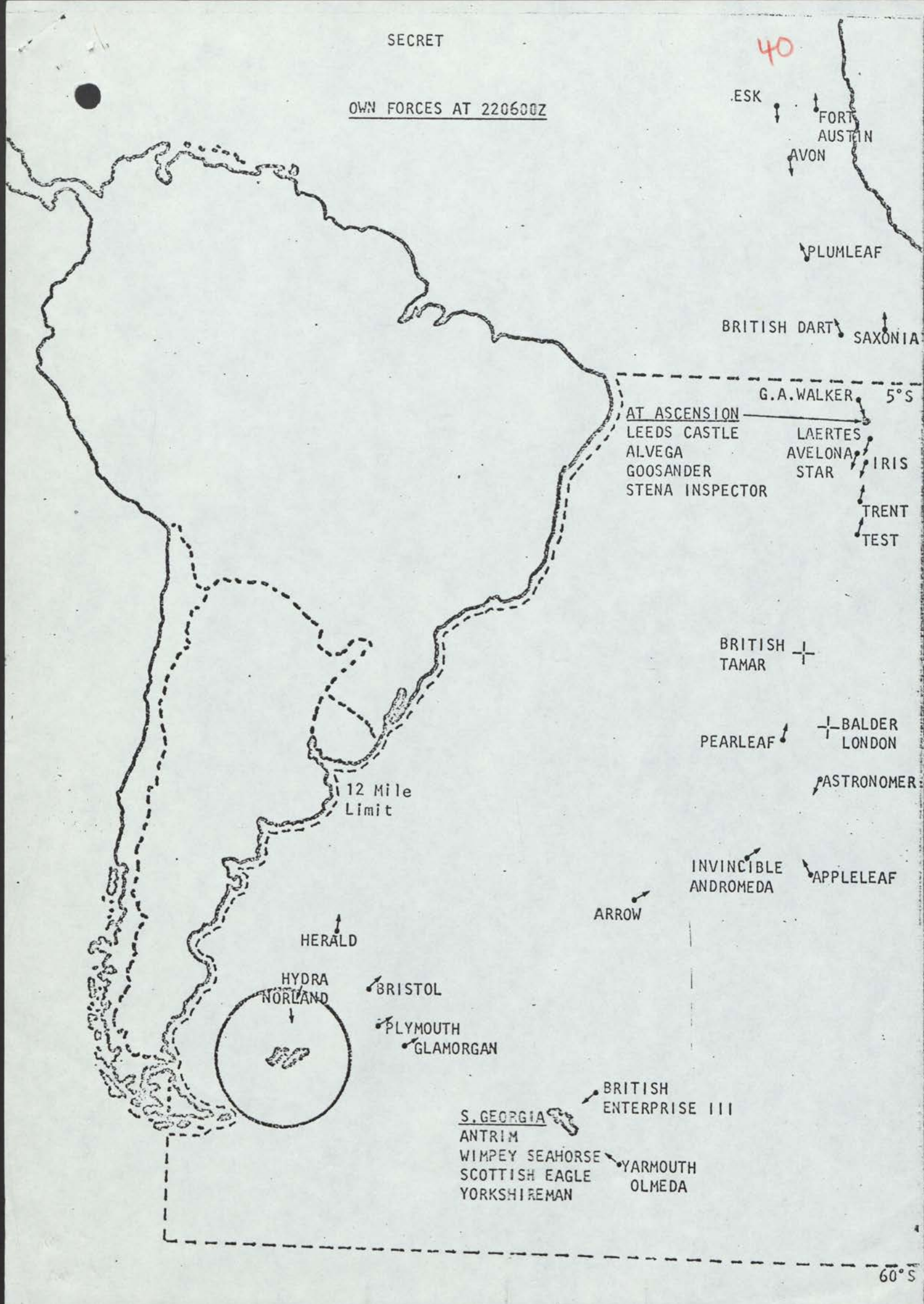
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OWN FORCES AT 220600Z



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- INTREPID
- CARDIFF
- ACTIVE
- FEARLESS
- BROADSWORD
- SIR LANCELOT
- FORT GRANGE
- ENGADINE
- BLUE ROVER
- OLNA
- BALTIC FERRY
- MONSUNEN
- STENA SEASPREAD
- GEESTPORT

CVBG

- HERMES
- AMBUSCADE
- EXETER
- BRILLIANT
- STROMNESS
- TIDESPING

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TRALA

- TIDEPPOOL
- BAYLEAF
- SHELL EBURNA

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GRANTHAM SOUND

UGANDA

TEAL INLET

SIR PERCIVALE

PORT STANLEY

- PENELOPE
- CORDELLA
- JUNELLA
- FARNELLA
- NORTHELLA
- PICT
- DUNBARTON CASTLE
- SIR BEDIVERE
- TYPHOON
- RESOURCE
- CANBERRA
- IRISHMAN
- CONTENDER BEZANT
- FORT TORONTO
- ATLANTIC CAUSEWAY
- TOR CALEDONIA
- NORDIC FERRY
- EUROPIC FERRY
- ST EDMUND
- FOREST
- ELK
- LYCAON

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FOX BAY

AVENGER

FITZROY

SIR TRISTRAM  
SIR GERAINT

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FALKLANDS COSTS

	<u>82/83</u>	<u>83/84</u>	<u>84/85</u>	<u>85/86</u>	<u>86/87</u>	<u>87/88</u>	<u>88/89</u>	<u>89/90</u>	<u>90/91</u>	<u>91/92</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>(NOTES)</u>
1. <u>Assessed as at 4 June</u>												
a) Replacement of capital items												
(i) 4 Type 22s	13	58	105	112	116	80	25	9	2		520	(1)
(ii) 7 Sea Harriers	7	25	15	3							50	
(iii) 5 Sea Kings	4	9	2								15	
(iv) 3 Lynx		3	5	1							9	
(v) 5 Gazelles		1	1	1							3	
(vi) 3 Harrier GR5s						2	6	10	8	1	27	
(vii) 3 Chinooks		5	9	7							21	
(viii) Miscellaneous (vehicles, radios, satellite commu- nications terminals, etc)	3	2	2	2	3						12	
b) Replenishment of stocks (weapons, ammo, stores, etc)	50	68	19	3				1			141	
c) Running costs (fuel, ship charters, etc)	177										177	(2)
d) Equipment specially acquired (avionics, airfield matting, merchant ship equipment, etc)	143										143	(3)
e) Retention of INVINCIBLE (loss of receipts and running costs) to allow 2 CVS to be in-service and one in refit/reserve	50	70	80	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	375	

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	82/83	83/84	84/85	85/86	86/87	87/88	88/89	89/90	90/91	91/92	TOTAL	(NOTES)
2. <u>Still to be assessed</u>												
a. Future protection of the Islands												(4)
b. Merchant shipping: conversion, reconversion and repair												
c. Delaying dockyard run-down												
d. Modifying personnel plans												
e. Loss of sales and other receipts												
f. Costs as at a-d arising after 4 June												
g. Compensation to ship-owners for loss of trade												
h. Any other costs at present unforeseen												
INTERIM TOTAL	447	241	238	154	144	107	56	45	35	26	1493	(5)
3. <u>Not falling on MOD Votes</u>												
j. Compensation for loss of ATLANTIC CONVEYOR												

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NOTES

1. Replacing 2 Type 21 and 2 Type 42:
2. Additional to normal usage
3. A substantial proportion of this was acquired from the USA
4. Could be substantial
5. This interim total is subject to adjustment once the final estimate is available.  
The £500M approximate estimate for 1982/83 quoted in the body of the paper includes all the costs at serials 1(a) to (e) together with an allowance for costs after 4 June.

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OPERATION CORPORATEMAP KEY - OWN FORCESTU 317.0.1

HMS FEARLESS (CTU)  
 HMS INTREPID  
 LSL SIR LANCELOT  
 LSL SIR GERAIN  
 LSL SIR PERCIVALE  
 LSL SIR BEDIVERE  
 ELK  
 RFA ENGADINE

TU 317.0.2

HMS BRECON (CTU)  
 HMS LEDBURY  
 RMS ST HELENA

TU 317.0.3

HMS CORDELLA (CTU)  
 HMS NORTHELLA  
 HMS FARNELLA  
 HMS JUNELLA  
 HMS PICT

TU 317.2

HMS LEEDS CASTLE

TU 317.8.1

HMS HERMES (CTU)  
 HMS YARMOUTH  
 HMS BROADSWORD  
 HMS INVINCIBLE  
 HMS EXETER  
 HMS BRISTOL  
 HMS BRILLIANT  
 HMS AVENGER  
 HMS ANDROMEDA  
 HMS CARDIFF  
 HMS PENELOPE  
 HMS MINERVA  
 HMS ACTIVE  
 HMS AMBUSCADE  
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 824 SQN B FLT (OLNA)  
 824 SQN C FLT (FORT GRANGE)

TU 317.8.2

HMS GLAMORGAN (CTU)  
 HMS PLYMOUTH

TU 317.8.3

CANBERRA (CTU)  
 NORLAND  
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TU 317.8.6

RFA APPLELEAF (CTU)  
 RFA OLNA  
 RFA OLMEDA  
 RFA REGENT  
 RFA BLUE ROVER  
 RFA RESOURCE  
 RFA FORT GRANGE  
 RFA STROMNESS  
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 RFA PEARLEAF  
 RFA PLUMLEAF  
 RFA TIDEPPOOL  
 RFA BAYLEAF

TU 317.8.7

HMS SOUTHAMPTON (CTU)  
 HMS BIRMINGHAM  
 HMS APOLLO  
 HMS BACCHANTE

TU 317.8.8

HMS DUMBARTON CASTLE (CTU)  
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THE PRIME MINISTER

22 June, 1982

Dear Francis,

You informed me at OD(SA) this morning that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office Emergency Unit, which has been handling the Falklands situation, is now to be closed.

I am most grateful to all those in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office who have been associated with this operation. I know that many people have worked long hours, at night as well as during the day, to process the mass of information reaching us from abroad and to carry out all the necessary diplomatic activity across the world. The Emergency Unit's daily production of briefing for the meetings of OD(SA) was invaluable - not once did it arrive late.

The weeks since the Argentine invasion have been a difficult and often worrying time. Now that they have resulted in a splendid success, all concerned can take great credit. My warm thanks to everyone. Well done.

Yours ever,

Margaret

The Rt. Hon. Francis Pym, M.C., M.P.

LPO

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MR WHITMORE

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I suggest that, with the cessation (at any rate provisionally) of hostilities in the South Atlantic, the time has come to reduce the frequencies of OD(SA). I doubt whether we need daily meetings, unless active hostilities start again, which seems unlikely.

2. I suggest that for the next period we might aim for two meetings a week: one on Monday morning at 10.30 am, to take stock of developments over the weekend; and one on Thursday morning before Cabinet, so that the members of the Sub-Committee can bring themselves up to date before Cabinet.

3. That regular pattern would not, of course, preclude the holding of meetings at other times, if the need arose.

RA

ROBERT ARMSTRONG

22 June 1982



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PR MINISTER

OD(SA) : Monday 21 June

The Foreign Secretary will be at the Foreign Affairs Council. The Defence Secretary has a commitment to open the British Army Equipment Exhibition. Although there are as of now no specific matters for decision at OD(SA) on Monday, we have said that the meeting should still be held because you will want to take stock of events over the weekend. Sir Antony Acland can represent Mr. Pym and the CDS will represent Mr. Nott.

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A.J.C.

18 June 1982





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PRIME MINISTER

RELEASE OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE CAPTURE OF DARWIN AND GOOSE GREEN

At OD(SA) on 9th June we agreed that action should be taken to refute allegations in the media that the Government had released operational information about the capture of Darwin and Goose Green which had been damaging to British Forces on the ground. Steps have been taken to inform defence correspondents and others of the facts and I rebutted this charge in the course of answering questions after my Statement to the House of Commons yesterday, as did Lord Trenchard in the House of Lords.

2. As I said in the House I have had the allegations thoroughly investigated. The reports from the correspondents who were with 2 Para before their attack on Darwin and Goose Green probably originated from BBC World Service broadcasts which they heard a few days before the attack. These broadcasts reflected the prevailing newspaper speculation that an attack on Darwin and Goose Green was imminent. Indeed the Daily Express announced on its front page the capture of Goose Green two days before the attack. It is quite understandable that someone on the spot might have felt that official circles in London had been indiscreet. There is no evidence of MOD indiscretion and it was unfortunately all too easy for the armchair strategists to work out for themselves that Darwin and Goose Green were likely to be our first objectives. The MOD denied reports at the time that were patently false but there was really no way in which we could have stopped all speculation without confirming the real nature of our plans.

3. The Argentine garrison at Goose Green was reinforced shortly before the attack, but our assessment is that this was because the



Argentines came to the same conclusions as armchair strategists in this country, in time to send their reinforcements.

4. I am copying this minute to members of OD(SA) and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

SW -

Ministry of Defence

11th June 1982

conqueror

Viscount Trenchard: My Lords, I have decided that it is quite impossible for my right honourable friend the Secretary of State to please everybody in relation to information in a state of hostilities when the country is not at war. There are those who ask him for more; there are those who ask him for more earlier. There are those who tell him to give less, and to give it later. I am certain that whatever my right honourable friend does he will be open to criticism. There are important factors of every kind. The military ones are supreme, and the safety of the task force is supreme; but there are factors which affect the backing for the operation in this country and abroad, and they are important, and they have to be taken into account in terms of the kind of information that is given.

I take this opportunity of saying that the much publicised suggestion by certain correspondents with the Second Battalion of the Parachute Regiment that the Ministry of Defence revealed a forthcoming attack on Darwin and Goose Green, as far as I can see, is completely without foundation. My right honourable friend caused an inquiry to be made immediately and we can find no evidence of any such revelation. It is true that in all areas of the media, in a situation of free media, there was speculation that the most likely place for a first attack, which one look at the map would reveal, was Darwin and Goose Green, and there was a great deal of speculation, including a World Services BBC programme. I believe that the correspondents concerned have confused speculation with what was issued by the MoD, which in fact was late, was after the event, and we were criticised for the fact that it was late.

**Mr. Nott:** We are criticised both for giving too much information and for giving too little. Every hour of every day we must make a decision on whether to release information. The maximum amount of information is, rightly, required by the British public and we are not withholding any information that does not damage the operational objectives of the task force and that is not upsetting to the families. However, the more information that we can give, the better.

There have been some misunderstandings in the task force. The suggestion has been made that my Department has released information that will damage our forces on the ground. I have carefully checked every such suggestion and I can find no evidence that any damaging information has been given by the Ministry of Defence. What has sometimes happened is that reports have been based on speculation here at home rather than on actual information.

**Mr. Nott:** I am conscious of the fact that day by day we are criticised for giving too much or too little information. The criticism comes from different quarters, and sometimes from the same quarter, but from different directions. However, no one is entitled to information that puts any life at risk. In making that difficult judgment in each case, it is right that we should rely largely upon the advice that we receive from the operational commanders on the spot. In the last resort they are the people best able to judge whether information is likely to be damaging to their actions.



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PRIME MINISTER

c Sir Robert Armstrong

Falklands: OD(SA) on 16th June

Military Issues

You might begin your meeting at 10.00 am tomorrow by asking the Chief of the Defence Staff to report on

(a) General Menendez' contacts with his Government in Buenos Aires: has he obtained their authority for his surrender? Does this extend to a comprehensive cessation of hostilities? Are there any military indications as to the Junta's intentions in that regard?

(b) The state of play on arrangements for repatriating Argentine prisoners of war.

(c) The situation on the Falklands: casualties among the civilian population; military casualty figures (Argentine as well as British); the extent of the damage to Port Stanley; the prospects for getting the airport operational again.

2. The question of burial arrangements for British servicemen killed in action will presumably now become actual again. The Defence Secretary earlier circulated a note on this (OD(SA)(82) 63) which has not yet been discussed. It was then his provisional view that it would be right to maintain the traditional practice by burying those killed in action in cemeteries on the Falklands. Is this still his view? Given that the number of British servicemen killed appears to have been relatively small, might it be feasible - and desirable - to satisfy individual requests of next of kin for repatriation of the bodies?

Political Issues

3. The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary (or Sir Antony Acland, since Mr Pym has been away in Riyadh) should report on

(a) the response to the message transmitted to the Argentine Government through the Swiss seeking confirmation that all hostilities were at an end and that they would accept the repatriation of Argentine prisoners.



(b) The situation in Buenos Aires: reactions by the Junta and by Argentine public opinion to the surrender on the Falklands.

(c) The reactions of other Governments: the United States; in the European Community (notably France and the Federal Republic of Germany); in Latin America; at the United Nations.

4. If there has been no clear Argentine response to your message, should the Governments represented at the Versailles Summit be asked to act on their offer to notify Argentina of their readiness to lift sanctions once a comprehensive cessation of hostilities has been agreed?

5. The Attorney General might be asked if the Order in Council regulating the respective responsibilities of Mr Hunt and the Commander Land Forces is ready to be laid.

Next Meeting

6. Thursday, 17th June at 10.00 am. (To be followed by Cabinet at 11.00 am).

A D S Goodall

15th June 1982

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SITUATION REPORT FOR THE PRIME MINISTER AS AT 0830ASATURDAY 12 JUNE 1982

1. This brief updates the events in the FALKLANDS since the OD(SA) Meeting at 1000A 11 June 1982.

OWN FORCES

2. Air. Four SEA HARRIERS pressed home an attack on STANLEY Airfield defences at 1130Z yesterday despite very heavy fire from AA guns and missiles. 11 x 1000 lb bombs were dropped. Photo recce will confirm the effects of the raid but the initial assessment was that it was successful.

3. Land Forces. Preparation and consolidation of positions continues including further forward build-up of ammunition stores. There has been aggressive patrolling in the forward positions while redeployments and regrouping of some units from 5 Inf Bde to 3 Cdo Bde took place on 10 and 11 June.

- a. 3 PARA. Positions were attacked by 2 PUCARA and by enemy artillery but neither caused any damage or casualties.
- b. 45 CDO. A patrol to the East end of the TWO SISTERS feature on 9/10 June killed 7 enemy. Another patrol unfortunately resulted in casualties to our own forces (see paragraph 9).
- c. 2 SCOTS GUARDS. Enemy artillery engaged their forward positions but was silenced by counter-battery fire.

4. Logistics. Ammunition was being moved by helicopter by day to forward Batteries and to the Brigade Administration Areas and by sea to TEAL Inlet and to FITZROY by night. LSL SIR GERAINT successfully off-loaded at TEAL Inlet during the night 10/11 June.



5. 50 tons of ammunition is now salvageable from the abandoned SIR TRISTRAM.

6. Neutral Zone in PORT STANLEY. The Prime Minister will be aware that we have agreed to the ICRC proposal for a Neutral Zone based on the STANLEY Anglican Cathedral for the protection of civilians. The UK Mission in GENEVA has been instructed to advise the ICRC of our wish to take up the proposal and to request the ICRC to obtain an ARGENTINE response. The MOD intends to announce this decision in a press statement this morning. The ICRC have advised that 590 British Civilians remain in Port Stanley including 100 children. There are no civilian casualties and no serious illness.

#### INCIDENTS/ACCIDENTS

7. There have not been any incidents reported except those set out in 'Own Forces' above.

#### CASUALTIES

8. A further six men who were reported missing in the bombing attacks on 8 June on the LSLs have now been found on other ships.

9. Night 9/10 June. (Assumed to be 45 CDO patrol incident):

a. Killed: 3 NCOs and 1 Royal Marine all of 45 CDO.

b. Wounded: 3 Royal Marines of 45 CDO.

10. On 11 June. 1 NCO of 42 CDO (incident not reported) was killed.

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PRISONERS OF WAR

11. MV NORLAND is due am 13 June with 1019 prisoners in MONTEVIDEO. She is unescorted but has safe conduct TEZ-MONTEVIDEO-TEZ for this operation although further assurances have been sought. ICRC will board by helicopter at 1700Z today to carry out medical and welfare checks and to supervise hand over to ARGENTINE authorities.

12. 15 Specialist prisoners are in NORDIC FERRY for possible move to ASCENSION ISLAND.

13. OWN PRISONER. Flt Lt GLOVER remains in CHAMICAL Air Base LA RIOJA and an approach has been made by the FCO for his repatriation.

14. Hospital Ships.

a. HMS HERALD will arrive with 27 cot cases and 33 walking wounded in MONTEVIDEO at 1400Z on Sunday to connect with a VC10 flight to UK departing at 1600Z. These times may change to avoid arrival with MV NORLAND and the Argentinian prisoners.

b. HMS HECLA is due in MONTEVIDEO at 1100Z on 16 Jun with 60+ casualties and HMS HYDRA is scheduled to arrive at 1300Z on 18 Jun also with 60+ casualties. Planning is not yet finalised for this move.

INTENTIONS

15. No changes reported.

June 1982

DSC BRIEFER



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11th June 1982

*Alan 20ms*

*Seen by the Prime Minister. AHS uni*

The Prime Minister will wish to know that my Secretary of State has agreed a request from the Commander Land Forces, Falkland Islands, that another Operation BLACK BUCK should be mounted overnight, to attack Port Stanley airfield. On this occasion the Vulcan aircraft will carry 21 1000lb bombs which will be dropped from medium level, and the tactical approach will be that on which the Prime Minister has already been briefed.

The Commander of the Task Force has carefully balanced the risk of the aircraft having to divert into Brazil on its return journey against the value of a successful raid.

The crew of the aircraft have been told that if they are unfortunate enough to have to divert into Brazil they must jettison any weapons and classified material. They will use the cover story that they were on a maritime reconnaissance sortie.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Brian Fall (Foreign and Commonwealth Office), and David Wright (Cabinet Office).

*Yours ever,*

*Alfred PIPER*

(D T PIPER)

A J Coles Esq



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OPERATION CORPORATE - FORCES WITH NATO ROLE

DEPLOYED TO SOUTH ATLANTIC

RN

1. Ships

- (a) Carriers 2
- (b) Assault ships 2
- (c) Destroyer/Frigates 23 (4 lost)
- (d) Submarines 6
- (e) Mine Counter Measures/Patrol Vessels 4
- (f) Others 4
- (g) Royal Fleet Auxiliaries 21

2. Aircraft

- (a) Sea Harriers 28 (6 lost)
- (b) Sea Kings (ASW) 26 (2 lost)
- (c) Sea Kings (Cdo) 24 (3 lost)
- (d) Wessex 3 (ASW) 2
- (e) Wessex 5 (Cdo) 50 (8 lost)
- (f) Wasp 12
- (g) Lynx 23 (3 lost)

- RM 40 Cdo
- 42 Cdo
- 45 Cdo
- SBS Units
- HQ/Support Elements

ARMY

1. NATO ASSIGNED UNITS

(a) From BAOR

- I 21 Air Defence Battery (BLOWPIPE) from 2 Armoured Division
- II EW Team 14 Signals Rgt from 1(Br) Corps
- III 12 individual logistics specialists/(fewer than 100 men in all)

(b) From UK

- I Regimental HQ and 9 Air Defence Battery (RAPIER) from 12 Air Defence Regiment (Artillery Div reinforcements)
- II 43 Air Defence Battery (BLOWPIPE) from 24 Infantry Brigade

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2. NATO EARMARKED UNITS FROM UK

- (a) 2 Armoured recce troops RHG/D (UKMF(L))
- (b) 2 Forward Batteries 4 Field Regiment (UKMF(L))
- (c) 1 Air Defence Battery (RAPIER) 12 Air Defence Regiment  
(UKMF(L))
- (d) 2 Troops 43 Air Defence Battery (BLOWPIPE) (UKMF(L) and  
19 Infantry Brigade)
- (e) 1 Squadron Army Air Corps (UKMF(L))
- (f) 1 Field Ambulance (UKMF(L))
- (g) 1 Ordnance Company (UKMF(L))
- (h) 1 Section Field Ambulance (19 Infantry Brigade)
- (i) 1 Field Squadron (engineers) (RAF(G) Harrier Force)
- (j) Small detachments various logistics units (LSG UKMF(L))
- (k) 1 Squadron (+) 22 SAS (SACEUR)

(All these units recategorised as status A4 NATO authorities notified).

RAF

1. From RAF (Germany)

No 63 Squadron (RAPIER) from RAF Gutersloh

But No 27 Rapier Squadron at RAF Leuchars available at A2 status (48 hours - 4 days notice) to reinforce in emergency)

2. From UK

No 1 Harrier Squadron from RAF Wittering  
(both squadrons now recategorised A4).

SECRET

# CONFIDENTIAL

## OPERATION CORPORATE

MAP KEY - OWN FORCES  
(EFFECTIVE 090600A JUN 82)

### TU 317.0.1

HMS FEARLESS (CTU)  
HMS INTREPID  
LSL SIR LANCELOT  
LSL SIR GALAHAD  
LSL SIR GERAIN  
LSL SIR PERCIVALE  
LSL SIR BEDIVERE  
LSL SIR TRISTRAM

### TU 317.0.2

HMS BRECON (CTU)  
HMS LEDBURY  
RMS ST HELENA

### TU 317.0.3

HMS CORDELLA (CTU)  
HMS NORTHELLA  
HMS FARNELLA  
HMS JUNELLA  
HMS PICT

### TU 317.2

HMS LEEDS CASTLE

### TU 317.8.1

HMS HERMES (CTU)  
HMS GLAMORGAN  
HMS BROADSWORD  
HMS INVINCIBLE  
HMS EXETER  
HMS BRISTOL  
HMS PLYMOUTH  
HMS BRILLIANT  
HMS AVENGER  
HMS ANDROMEDA  
HMS CARDIFF  
HMS PENELOPE  
HMS ARROW  
HMS MINERVA  
HMS YARMOUTH  
HMS ACTIVE

HMS AMBUSCADE  
824 SQN A FLT (OLMEDA)  
824 SQN B FLT (OLNA)  
824 SQN C FLT (FORT GRANGE)

### TU 317.8.2

HMS ALACRITY

### TU 317.8.3

CANBERRA (CTU)  
ELK  
NORLAND  
EUROPIC FERRY  
BALTIC FERRY  
NORDIC FERRY  
ATLANTIC CAUSEWAY  
FORT TORONTO  
CONTENDER BEZANT  
ST EDMUND  
TOR CALEDONIA

### TU 317.8.4

HMS ARGONAUT

### TU 317.8.5

STENA SEASPREAD (CTU)  
TYPHOON  
IRISHMAN

### TU 317.8.6

RFA FORT AUSTIN (CTU)  
RFA APPLELEAF  
RFA OLN  
RFA OLMEDA  
RFA REGENT  
RFA BLUE ROVER  
RFA RESOURCE  
RFA FORT GRANGE  
RFA STROMNESS  
RFA TIDESPRING  
RFA ENGADINE  
RFA PLUMLEAF  
RFA TIDEPool

### TU 317.8.8

HMS DUMBARTON CASTLE (CTU)  
CS IRIS  
BRITISH ENTERPRISE III

### TG 317.9

HMS ANTRIM (CTG)  
HMS ENDURANCE  
RFA PEARLEAF  
SALVAGEMAN  
YORKSHIREMAN

TA

OWN SHIP DISPOSITION 10 0600A JUN

TEZ

FEARLESS  
 EXETER  
 MINERVA  
 AVENGER  
 PENELOPE  
 ENGADINE  
 SIR PERCIVALE  
 SIR LANCELOT  
 SIR GERAIN  
 FORT GRANGE  
 BALTIC FERRY  
 NORDIC FERRY  
 CORDELLA  
 JUNELLA  
 PICT

HERMES  
 INVINCIBLE  
 BROADSWORD  
 ANDROMEDA  
 BRILLIANT  
 BRISTOL  
 AMBUSCADE  
 ACTIVE  
 INTREPID  
 PLYMOUTH

ELK  
 OLNA  
 OLMEDA  
 SIR BEDEVERE  
 BLUE ROVER

+ HECLA



TRALA

GLAMORGAN  
 IRISHMAN  
 FT TORONTO  
 B WYE  
 B TRENT  
 B TEST  
 STENA SEASPREAD  
 EUROPIC FERRY  
 CANBERRA  
 RESOURCE  
 TIDEPPOOL  
 TIDESPRING  
 TYPHOON  
 ATLANTIC CAUSEWAY

60

55

SECRET

OWN FORCES 100600A JUN



GLASGOW (1)

ASCENSION (6)

12 Mile Limit

NORLAND (1)

HERALD (1)

HYDRA (1)

HECLA (1)

TRALA (14)

HERMES (15)

FEARLESS (15)

CARDIFF (3+2LSL?)

ANTRIM (10)

C. BEZANT (2)

TOR CALEDONIA (1)

5°S

60°

FLASH

FCO Emergency Plan  
(Mr P Wright)

No OD(SA) planned to-day,  
but a copy of ACSS (Ops)'s  
Brief to keep you in the  
picture!

John Neville Mc  
JSC Coold.

BRIEF FOR ACDS(OPS) - COS MEETING THUR 10 JUN AT 0930AGENDA ITEM 1 (INTELLIGENCE)

1. Please see the latest INTSUMs in the DSC Folder and the ARGENTINE AIROFBAT in your folder.

AGENDA ITEM 2 (OWN FORCES)

2. The TOTE as at 100600A is at (1).

3. The latest CTF SITREP is at (2).

4. Last night's MODUK SITREP is at (3).

5. The latest Casualty Summary is at (4). This does not reflect the casualties in the bombing raids on 8 June.

6. En Activity. (Ac kills are from CTF 317 SITREP but DI3(Air) summary (7) differs in detail).

a. No en attacks were reported yesterday. 3 Cdo Bde reported minor patrol clashes and artillery engaged enemy platoon positions and vehicles. There was some spasmodic enemy artillery fire with one minor casualty. Only limited further details of the air raids on 8 June have been received:

(1) LSLs. In the 5 aircraft attack on 8 Jun SIR TRISTRAM had virtually completed off-loading War Maintenance Reserve before being severely damaged (incl 2 UXB) and abandoned. SIR GALAHAD had two companies 1 WG and ranks

of 16 Field Ambulance and 9 Para Squadron RE embarked with stores and eqpt of 5 Bde. After hits by several bombs casualties are feared heavy amongst 1 WG and 16 Fd Amb but details are not yet known. The effects of this raid seem to have been more serious than at first thought.

(2) 081939Z. When 4 x A4 attacked 2 SG and 1 WG positions in BLUFF COVE 1 x A4 was hit by small arms and a second crashed later. Believed no casualties.

(3) 082024Z. When one LCU (F4) was attacked by 4 aircraft in CHOISEUL SOUND and crippled it is thought there were 17 ranks on board but only 11 survivors lifted off. MV MONSUNNEN attempted tow but abandoned at 090300Z and now believed drifting. All 4 enemy aircraft destroyed by SEA HARRIERS.

(4) No further details have been received of the damage to PLYMOUTH in which there were 5 casualties (treated in HMS HERMES).

7. Surface Forces.

- a. BALTIC FERRY and ATLANTIC FERRY unloading in TA.
- b. NORLAND ETA MONTEVIDEO 121200Z Jun. (Dipclear still awaited).



- c. HERALD ETA MONTEVIDEO 131100Z Jun. (Dipclear still awaited).
- d. HYDRA diverted to assist LIBERIAN Tanker HERCULES.
- e. UGANDA was moving to GRANTHAM SOUND yesterday to pick up casualties from the 8 Jun bombing attacks.
- f. Other ship positions are on the OWN FORCES map in folder.

8. Land Forces.

a. 3 CDO BDE. HQ at ESTANCIA HOUSE. All units have mounted recce and fighting patrols.

(1) 42 CDO RM. Now fully re-supplied on MT KENT. OP on MT WALL (5 Kms SE) provided good targets.

(2) 45 CDO RM. Elms believed to have moved South from MT ESTANCIA to a position in rear of 42 CDO.

(3) 3 PARA. Remains SE of MT VERNET.

(4) BDE ADMIN AREA. At TEAL INLET incl SEA HARRIER FOB.  
2 x LCVP TACCOON.

b. 5 INF BDE. HQ now at FITZROY but some radio vehicles lost in LCU.

- (1) 2 SG established at BLUFF COVE.
  - (2) 1 WG less 2 Companies also at BLUFF COVE but as at 082359Z were ineffective because of losses of weapons and equipment (incl Mortar Platoon).
  - (3) 1/7 GR. D Company at FITZROY BRIDGE. Remainder at DARWIN/GOOSE GREEN.
  - (4) 2 PARA. Remains at FITZROY. NTR.
  - (5) ARTY. Air Defence Troop (RAPIER) off-loaded from SIR GALAHAD in FITZROY before air attack on 8 June.
  - (6) 9 PARA SQN RE. FITZROY. 50% of stores and equipment lost.
  - (7) 16 FD AMBULANCE. All equipment lost in air attack 8 June.
  - (8) BDE ADMIN AREA. Being established FITZROY.
- c. 40 CDO remains in SAN CARLOS area.
- d. CTF's INTENTIONS. Phase 1 of attack delayed pending full build-up of 5 INF BDE.

9. Air

- a. NIMROD 400 NM ASI updated PRIMORYE and MAYANOVSKY yesterday.
  - b. Long Range HERCULES, supported by 4 VICTOR K2, was due to supply drop to HMS GLAMORGAN in the TRALA.
  - c. Similar sorties are planned for today.
  - d. BRAZIL has agreed to release the VULCAN subject to a written agreement that it will take no further part in the present hostilities.
10. Lt Cdr ASTIZ was due to fly to BRAZIL last night but because the Brazillian Embassy in London declined to provide an escort, he is now to fly direct to RECIFE dep GATWICK 2100, escorted by a RMP Major, tonight.

AGENDA ITEM 3 (PUBLIC RELATIONS)

11. We are not aware of any specific matters to be raised.

AGENDA ITEM 4 (ACTIONS AND DECISIONS REQUIRED)

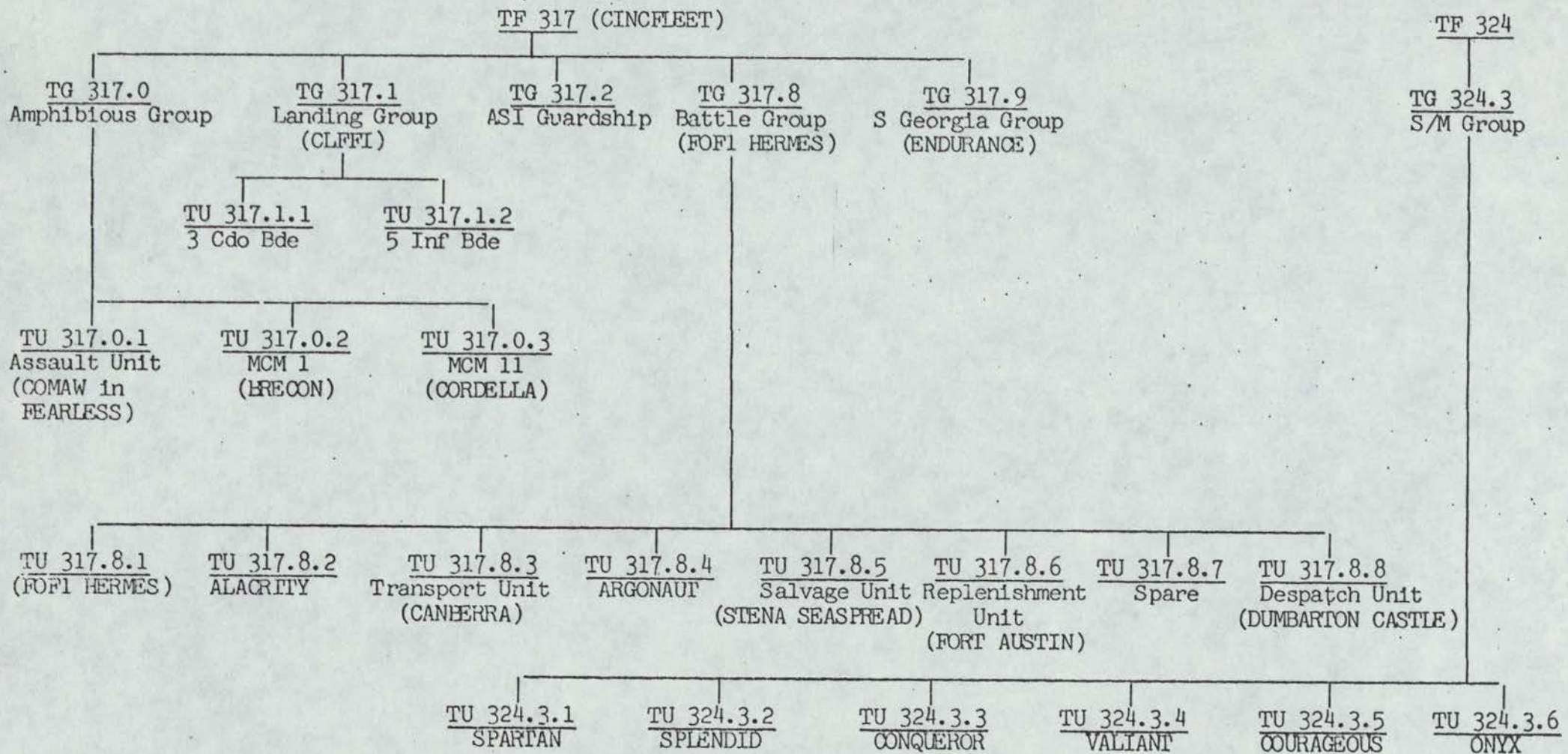
12. Minutes of the COS Meetings of 9 June at 0915 and 1600 are at (5) and (6). There are no actions outstanding of your direct concern. The ACDS(Pol) paper "Garrison Planning and Command Arrangements" is to be issued today for 2-star clearance.

AGENDA ITEM 5 (UNFORESEEN MATTERS)

13. We have not identified any matters likely to be raised.

PROGRAMME THURSDAY 10 JUNE 82

0845 - TV Brief  
0930 - COS Meeting  
1530 - SOG Meeting.

OPERATION CORPORATE - FORCE TOIE AT 100600A JUNE (ISSUE 77)TASK ORGANISATION SUMMARY (EFFECTIVE 071202Z JUNE 1982)Note:

This Task Organisation does not necessarily reflect the chain of Operational Command delegated for various phases of Op CORPORATE.

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## TF 317

(CTF CINCFLEET)

TG 317.0  
(CTG COMAW IN FEARLESS)

TU 317.0.1  
(CTU COMAW IN FEARLESS)

HMS FEARLESS )  
 LSL SIR LANCELOT ) TA  
 LSL SIR PERCIVALE )  
 LSL SIR GERAINTE )  
 LSL SIR TRISTRAM ) Abandoned FITZROY SETTLEMENT  
 LSL SIR GALAHAD )  
 LSL SIR BEDIVERE )  
 HMS INTREPID ) WITH CVBG  
 ELK )

TU 317.0.2

(CTU MCM 1 IN BRECON)

HMS BRECON )  
 HMS LEDBURY ) ETD PORTLAND TBD  
 RMS ST HELENA )

TU 317.0.3

(CTU - MCM 11 IN CORDELLA)

HMS CORDELLA )  
 HMS JUNELLA ) TA  
 HMS PICT )  
 HMS NORTHELLA ) SOUTH GEORGIA (HUSVIK)  
 HMS FARNELLA )

TG 317.1  
(CTG-CLFFI)

TU 317.1.1  
(CTU COMD 3 CDO BDE RM)

3 CDO BDE

TU 317.1.2  
(CTU COMD 5 INF BDE)

5 INF BDE

TG 317.2  
HMS LEEDS  
CASTLE  
(ASI GUARDSHIP)

## Notes:

1. TA - TRANSPORT AREA (SAN CARLOS)
2. TRALA - TUG REPAIR AND LOGISTIC AREA

TF 317

TF 324

TG 317.8  
(CTG FOF1 IN HERMES)

TG 317.9  
HMS ANTRIM (CTG) )  
HMS ENDURANCE )  
RFA PEARLEAF ) SOUTH GEORGIA  
SALVAGEMAN )  
YORKSHIREMAN )

TU 317.8.1

FOF1 in HERMES (CTU)  
HMS HERMES )  
HMS BRISTOL )  
HMS BROADSWORD )  
HMS AMBUSCADE ) Eastern  
HMS ACTIVE ) TEZ  
HMS ANDROMEDA )  
HMS INVINCIBLE )  
HMS BRILLIANT )  
HMS PLYMOUTH )  
HMS PENELOPE )  
HMS EXETER ) TA  
HMS MINERVA )  
HMS AVENGER )  
HMS CARDIFF )  
HMS ARROW ) BLUFF COVE  
HMS YARMOUTH )  
HMS GLAMORGAN ) TRALA

TU 317.8.2

HMS ALACRITY 900 nm NE of SOUTH GEORGIA. R/V APPLELEAF 101630Z  
En Route ASI

TU 317.8.3

CANBERRA (CTU) )  
EUROPIC FERRY ) TRALA  
ATLANTIC CAUSEWAY )  
FOR TORONTO )  
NORLAND En Route MONIEVIDEO ETA 121200Z JUN  
NORDIC FERRY ) TA  
BALTIC FERRY )  
CONTENDER BEZANT ) 900 nm NE of S GEORGIA. ETA TRALA 140800Z  
ST EDMUND ) R/V FORT AUSTIN 11/6  
TOR CALEDONIA 690 nm NE of S GEORGIA. ETA TRALA 130830Z

TU 317.8.4

HMS ARGONAUT 2100 nm S of ASI. R/V PLUMLEAF 130800Z  
ETA ASI 16/6

TU 317.8.5

STENA SEASPREAD (CTU)  
TYPHOON ) TRALA  
IRISHMAN )

TG 324.3

CTU 324.3.1  
HMS SPARTAN

CTU 324.3.2  
HMS SPLENDID

CTU 324.3.3  
HMS CONQUEROR

CTU 324.3.4  
HMS VALIANT

CTU 324.3.5  
HMS COURAGEOUS

CTU 324.3.6  
HMS ONYX

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TU 317.8.6

RFA FORT AUSTIN (CTU)	300 nm NE of S GEORGIA.	ETA ASI 18/6.	ETA PLYMOUTH
RFA FORT GRANGE	TA		28/6
RFA BLUE ROVER	)		
RFA OLMEDA	)	With CVBG	
RFA OLANA	)		
RFA REGENT	ETA SOUTH GEORGIA	101200Z	
RFA ENGADINE	TA		
RFA STROMNESS	At SOUTH GEORGIA		
RFA APPLELEAF	Holding 960 nm NE of S GEORGIA.	R/V ALACRITY	101650Z
RFA RESOURCE	)		
RFA TIDESPRING	)	TRALA	
RFA TIDEPOL	)		
RFA PLUMLEAF	Holding 1240 nm S of ASI		
RFA BAYLEAF	480 nm NE of TEZ.	ETA TRALA	11/6

TU 317.8.7

Spare

TU 317.8.8

HMS DUMBARTON CASTLE (CTU)	570 nm S of ASI.	ETA TEZ	17/6
CS IRIS	1020 nm NE of SOUTH GEORGIA.	ETA ASI TER	
BRITISH ENTERPRISE III	ETD ASI pm 10/6	thence SOUTH GEORGIA	

UNALLOCATED

HMS GLASGOW	490 nm N of ASI		
	En Route UK following R/V wih	BRAMBLELEAF	

QE2	BISCAY		
	En Route UK.	ETA 111100Z	JUN

RFA BRAMBLELEAF	360 nm WSW of GIB.	R/V GLASGOW then return	GIB.
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CVBG	TA	TRALA
<p><u>RN FORCES</u></p> <p>HERMES BROADSWORD BRISTOL ACTIVE AMBUSCADE ANDROMEDA INVINCIBLE BRILLIANT INTREPID PLYMOUTH</p> <p><u>RFA/LSL</u></p> <p>OLMEDA BLUE ROVER SIR BEDIVERE OLNA</p> <p><u>STUFT</u></p> <p>ELK</p>	<p><u>RN FORCES</u></p> <p>FEARLESS MINERVA EXETER AVENGER FENELOPE</p> <p><u>RFA/LSL</u></p> <p>FORT GRANGE SIR LANCELOT SIR GERAINT SIR PERCIVALE ENGADINE</p> <p><u>STUFT</u></p> <p>BALTIC FERRY NORDIC FERRY</p> <p><u>MCMs</u></p> <p>CORDELLA JUNELLA PICT</p> <p><u>BLUFF COVE</u></p> <p>CARDIFF ARROW YARMOUTH</p> <p><u>FITZROY SETTLEMENT</u></p> <p>SIR TRISTRAM SIR GALAHAD</p>	<p><u>RN FORCES</u></p> <p>GLAMORGAN</p> <p><u>RFA/RMAS</u></p> <p>TIDESPRING TIDEPOL RESOURCE TYPHOON - Joining 10 Jun from SOUTH GEORGIA</p> <p><u>STUFT</u></p> <p>STENA SEASPREAD IRISHMAN EUROPIC FERRY BRITISH TEST BRITISH TRENT BRITISH WYE FORT TORONTO CANBERRA ATLANTIC CAUSEWAY</p>

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OTHER RN SHIPS AND STUFF

<u>CASUALTY FERRIES</u>		
HMS HECLA (AGS (H)) IN RED CROSS BOX ETA MONTEVIDEO 17/6		
HMS HYDRA (AGS (H)) 190 nm NE OF TEZ. ETA RED CROSS BOX 111000Z	<u>FORWARD SUPPORT SHIP</u>	
HMS HERALD 370 nm N of TEZ ETA MONTEVIDEO 131100Z JUN	LYCAON 200 nm E of TEZ (11,804 GRT) ETA TA 11/6	<u>FORWARD REPAIR SHIP</u>
<u>STORES SUPPORT SHIP</u>	<u>MOORING TENDER</u>	STENA INSPECTOR EN ROUTE ASI (5,814 GRT) ETA ASI 190600Z ETD ASI 192300Z
SAXONIA At SOUTH GEORGIA (8,547 GRT)	GOOSANDER At ASI	<u>TROOP SHIP</u>
GEEST PORT 570 nm NE of SOUTH (5,871 GRT) GEORGIA ETA SOUTH GEORGIA 11/6	WIMPEY SEA HORSE (1599 GRT) At SOUTH GEORGIA	RANGATIRA ETD PLYMOUTH 140330Z (9,387 GRT) PORTLAND 14 - 15/6 ETA SOUTHAMPTON 151500Z ETD SOUTHAMPTON pm 19/6
<u>HOSPITAL SHIP</u>	<u>AMMUNITION SHIP</u>	<u>STORES SUPPORT SHIP</u>
UGANDA GRANTHAM SOUND (16,900 GRT)	KINIERBURY ETA ROSYTH 10/6 ETA PLYMOUTH 15/6 ETA PORTSMOUTH 17/6	AVELONA STAR ETD PORTSMOUTH 10/6 (9,784 GRT) ETA ASI 17/6
	LAERTES 50 nm NW of LISBON (11,804 GRT) ETA ASI 171500Z	<u>AIRFIELD RESOURCES STORES SHIP</u>
	<u>HELICOPTER FERRY</u>	CEDAR BANK ETA SOUTHAMPTON 12/6 (7,545 GRT) ETD SOUTHAMPTON 23/6
	ASTRONOMER SOUTH BISCAY (27,800 GRT) ETA ASI 16/6	STRATHEWE ETA SOUTHAMPTON 17/6 (12,598 GRT) ETD SOUTHAMPTON 23/6

<u>CONVOY ESCORT OILERS (STERN RAS CAPABILITY FOR RN SHIPS)</u>		<u>AUXILIARY SUPPORT TANKERS (BEAM RAS CAPABILITY FOR RFAs ONLY)</u>		<u>BASE STORAGE TANKER</u>
BRITISH TAMAR (15,640 GRT)	ASI	BRITISH TAY (15,650 GRT)	140 nm W of DAKER ETA SWAPPS 160630Z JUN	ALVEGA At ASI (33,329 GRT)
BRITISH ESK (15,640 GRT)	At PORTSMOUTH	BRITISH DART (15,650)	940 nm NE of S GEORGIA. To ASI. R/V APPLELEAF 101130Z JUN	
		BRITISH TRENT (15,650 GRT)	TRALA	
		BRITISH TEST (15,650 GRT)	TRALA	
		BRITISH WYE (15,650 GRT)	TRALA	
		BRITISH AVON (15,540 GRT)	At PORTSMOUTH	
		SHELL EBURNA (19,700 GRT)	240 nm NE of SOUTH GEORGIA. To TRALA	
		ANCO CHARGER (15,568 GRT)	AT RAS/OPS Area (3130S 1730W)	
<u>MISC</u>		SCOTTISH EAGLE (32,995 GRT)	1430 nm S of ASI TO SOUTH GEORGIA	
MONSUNEN	DARWIN	BALDER LONDON (19,497 GRT)	ASI. ETD TBD TO RAS/OPS AREA	
GC 83	DARWIN	G A WALKER (18,744 GRT)	SWAPPS. ETA ASI TBR	

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ARMY DEPLOYMENTS

FORCE	POINT OF DEPARTURE AND DATE	NTM/ETD	ETA		REMARKS
			Ascension	Falkland	
10 x Air Despatch dets	UK (LYNEHAM)	48 Hrs			
Airfield Construction	UK (MAIDSTONE/ PERHAM DOWN)	5 days			For MV RANGITIRA
5 Inf Bde long- term follow-on	UK	7 days			
2 Fd Hosp	UK (ALDERSHOT)	5 days			
Additional Log	UK	5 days			For MV RANGITIRA
Ord Det	UK	5 days			To assist with Airfd Constr Sqns
Movement Control Detachment	UK	5 days			For RANGITIRA

AIRCRAFT DEPLOYMENTS - TASK AREAS AND IN TRANSIT FROM UK

TYPE	TOTAL IN TASK AREAS	LOSSES		ADDL IN TRANSIT FROM UK	REMARKS
		ACCIDENT	ENEMY ACTION		
SEA HARRIER	22	4	2		
HARRIER GR3	6	1	3	4 C.BEZANT	
SEA KING 2&5 ASW	23	2		1 C.BEZANT	Some Sea King 2/5 Reroled as CDO
SEA KING 2&4 CDO	21	3			
WESSEX 3 ASW	2				
WESSEX 5 CDO/HDS	42	2	6	6 ASTRONOMER	
LYNX GP	16		3		
CHINOOK	1		3	4 C.BEZANT 3 ASTRONOMER	
GAZELLE UT	12	1	2	2 C.BEZANT	
WASP GP	10			2 C.BEZANT	
SCOUT GP	11		1	3 ASTRONOMER	

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1. AIRCRAFT DEPLOYMENTS ASI

TYPE	LOCATION	DESTINATION	REMARKS
3 x NIM Mk 2 (AAR)	ASI	-	
3 x HERC Mk 1 (LR)	ASI	-	
15 x VICTOR K2	ASI	-	
3 x PHANTOM FGR 2	ASI	-	
1 x SEA KING 3 (SAR) 2 x WESSEX V	ASI	-	
1 x VULCAN	ASI	-	1 VULCAN DIVERTED RIO BRAZIL

2. PLANNED ATF FLIGHTS (UK DEPARTURES)

DATE	NOS AND TYPE	DESTINATION	REMARKS
10 Jun	3 x HERC	ASI	GEN FRT

3. NUMBERS OF PERSONNEL AT ASCENSION ISLAND

PERMANENT 924      TRANSIENT 208      TOTAL 1132

<u>Distribution:</u>	<u>Copy No</u>
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PRIME MINISTER

c Sir Robert Armstrong

Falklands: OD(SA) on 11th JuneMilitary Issues

1. Your meeting at 10.00 am tomorrow should begin with the usual briefing from the Chief of the Defence Staff.
2. There are two specific issues on which the Chief of the Defence Staff may wish to seek the Sub-Committee's views. One is a signal from the Defence Attache in Paris (to be circulated by the Ministry of Defence) about possible French plans to supply Superetendards to Peru.

*Passage deleted and retained under  
Section 3(4) (Wayland, 17 May 2012)*

3. Announcements that the Argentine attack on the two LSLs at Fitzroy caused serious (but unspecified) British casualties have resulted in alarmist and possibly exaggerated reports in the media. These damaging reports are likely to have heightened the anxieties of the next of kin and encouraged the Argentines. You might ask the Defence Secretary to comment and to consider ways in which the handling of announcements about casualties - which may be numerous when the assault on Port Stanley begins - might be improved.
4. The Defence Secretary might also be asked whether the surrender call to the Argentine Commander has yet been made and, if so, in what terms and whether there has been any response.

Political Issues

5. The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary has circulated a memorandum (OD(SA)(82) 62) on Future Administration of the Falkland Islands. This covers two notes by Foreign and Commonwealth Office officials dealing





respectively with a possible self-governing regime for the Falklands and the question of the Governor's return. The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary should be asked to introduce these papers.

6. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office proposals have been designed to take account of four main considerations -

- (a) the need to demonstrate to international (and especially American) opinion that we are not seeking to re-establish a straight "colonial" regime on the Falklands;
- (b) the need for a constitutional framework which leaves room for other countries to be associated with the United Kingdom in the role of protecting power;
- (c) the fact that the population of the islands is too small to fit the normal pattern of constitutional development;
- (d) the need to satisfy opinion at home and on the islands of the strength of Britain's commitment to defend the Falklands and respect the wishes of the islanders.

7. Against this background, the proposals envisage a four stage process -

- Stage 1: the Financial Secretary is sworn in as officer administering the government;
- Stage 2: the Governor returns; at the same time an announcement is made that this is (a) only on a provisional basis; and (b) will be followed by the appointment of a Special Commissioner and moves towards greater self-government, the latter to be discussed with the islanders;
- Stage 3: the Governor is replaced by a Special Commissioner with wider responsibilities; consultation with the islanders on self-governing arrangements continues;
- Stage 4: self-government is introduced; the Special Commissioner's role is limited to exercising the British Government's responsibilities for foreign affairs and defence.



Other countries could be associated with the United Kingdom's protecting role at any point from Stage 4 onwards. The form of self-government suggested (a small, elected Council supported by a Chief Executive responsible to it) is essentially based on the pattern of a local authority, with the Special Commissioner exercising some of the functions of central government in relation to it.

8. If you agree that the general thrust of these proposals is acceptable, the following questions might be asked -

i. How important is it that the Governor should return?

Would an interim military administration not correspond more closely to the realities of the situation on the ground in the period immediately following repossession? It could be made clear publicly that this was a strictly temporary arrangement paving the way for the appointment of a Special Commissioner and the moves towards self-government described above. Would this be likely to attract more criticism than the temporary reintroduction of the Governor?

ii. Are the proposals likely to be saleable to the Falklanders? (It may be that the Governor has a useful role to play in convincing them that the proposals are the best way of protecting their interests, and this could be an argument in favour of his temporary return).

iii. Is it agreed in principle that the proposals, as amended in the light of discussion, should be shown to the Americans? If so, the timing and handling of any approach to the United States will need careful consideration: do we, for example, want to invite American comments, with the implication that we might be ready to make changes in return for United States participation in guaranteeing the islands' security?

*A D S Goodall*

10th June 1982

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10th June 1982

Dear Sir,

SUPER ETENDARD FOR PERU

/ I attach a self-explanatory signal which has been received from Britdefat Paris. CDS intends to raise this at OD(SA) tomorrow and you will wish to have an advance sight of it. A copy goes to Private Secretaries of other OD(SA) members, and to David Wright.

Yours ever  
Nick Evans

(N H R EVANS)

A J Coles Esq

FLASH

A/PS S&FS

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PAFO 01/QP

CHIEF OF EXCLUSIVE  
10 JUN 1982  
DEFENCE STAFF

EXCLUSIVE

ZZ-MODUK

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UK EYES

FM BRITDEFAT PARIS

DTG 101100Z JUN 82

TO FLASH MODUK

AND TO FLASH FCO

AIC AAA/A2G/UEF

MODUK FOR AIR CDRE INT, FCO FOR DEFENCE DEPARTMENT. INFO  
PSO/CDS. SUPER ETENDARD FOR PERU.

I HAVE JUST RECEIVED A REPORT FROM MY CONTACT AT BORDEAUX  
MERIGNAC THAT 3 SUPER ETENDARD AIRCRAFT WERE SEEN ON 7 JUN 82  
OUTSIDE MARCEL DASSAULT FACTORY CARRYING PERUVIAN MARKINGS.  
THE REPORT ADDS THAT PERUVIAN AIRCREW MEMBERS WERE OBSERVED  
WITH INTERPRETERS IN THE AIRPORT BUILDINGS AND THAT A PERUVIAN  
BOEING 707 WAS LOADED IN ONE HOUR ON THE MORNING OF 8 JUN 82  
AND THEN DEPARTED. I AM SEEKING CONFIRMATION AND MORE DETAILS BUT  
THIS MAY TAKE A LITTLE TIME. MEANWHILE, I HAVE DISCUSSED THE  
REPORT WITH THE AMBASSADOR WITH A VIEW TO CONSIDERING A POSSIBLE  
EMBASSY APPROACH TO THE FRENCH ASKING FOR A HOLD ON SUPER ETENDARD  
DELIVERIES TO PERU. THIS IS OBVIOUSLY A POLITICAL DECISION BUT ONE  
COULD ARGUE:

- A. THAT THESE AIRCRAFT FORM AN INTEGRAL FIXED WING PORTION OF  
THE AM39 WEAPONS SYSTEM
- B. THAT PERUVIAN NAVY DOES NOT OPERATE FIXED WING FIGHTER  
AIRCRAFT (WOULD LIKE CONFIRMATION OF THIS SINCE INFORMATION  
TAKEN FROM THE MILITARY BALANCE 81/82)
- C. WE HAVE NO RECORD OF ORDER BY PERU FOR SUPER ETENDARDS.

ALL ADDING UP TO A POSSIBLE CIRCUMVENTION OF THE FRENCH ARMS BAN  
TO ARGENTIAN IN THE GUISE OF A DELIVERY TO PERU. AMBASSADOR  
AGREES THAT WE SHOULD AWAIT YOURS AND FCO'S REACTION

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Argentina

PRIME MINISTER

c Sir Robert Armstrong

Falklands: OD(SA) on 9th JuneMilitary Issues

1. Your meeting at 10.30 am tomorrow should begin with the normal briefing from the Chief of the Defence Staff.
2. You might then ask the Defence Secretary for an account of the surrender call by the British Land Force Commander which, according to TV and press reports, was made to the Argentine Commander by radio on the night of 7th June. Were the reports correct, and what were the precise terms of the surrender call?
3. The Defence Secretary would like to seek his colleagues' views on the proposal by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office that arrangements should be made for a party of 80 journalists from various countries to visit the Falklands as soon as possible after hostilities on the Islands cease (letter from the private secretary to the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary to the private secretary to the Defence Secretary of 7th June). There is a good deal of pressure from the media behind this idea: American newspapers in particular are indignant that only British journalists have been allowed to accompany the British Task Force, and this feeling is shared by some of the influential West European newspapers. The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary should be asked for his view: if we continue to exclude foreign journalists from the Islands once the main battle there is over, we risk alienating the foreign (and especially the United States) media and letting the Argentines win by default the propaganda war about what is going on on the Islands. But the arrangements proposed will make considerable demands on the Force Commander and his staff. Nor will foreign correspondents be <sup>as</sup> amenable as British ones to censorship and control. Among the questions which need to be answered are -



- what priority do Ministers attach to the requirement?
- can the Force Commander and his staff cope with the proposed influx, even assuming that extra press officers are sent out to help?
- what sort of ship would carry the party from Montevideo? (Presumably not a warship, since this would be unacceptable to the Uruguayans.)
- if it is proposed to charter a civilian ship, will one be available?
- should part of the costs be met from public funds? (The Foreign and Commonwealth Office letter suggests that the journey should be "on a repayment basis": but is it realistic to expect to meet the full cost of chartering a ship in this way?)

4. Depending on the discussion, it may be best to defer even a provisional decision until after Port Stanley has been recaptured and we know what the situation is on the ground.

#### Political Issues

5. You may wish to report on your talk with President Reagan, and in particular on any fresh light this may have thrown on the modalities of achieving a comprehensive ceasefire.

6. The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary is unlikely to be ready before Friday to put forward the proposals he is preparing about the administration of the Islands after repossession and possible moves towards self-government.

#### Other Issues

7. The Defence Secretary has circulated a note (OD(SA)(82) 63) on burial arrangements for British Servicemen killed in action in the Falklands. The



Sub-Committee was going to return to this subject earlier this week:  
but as public concern about it has begun to subside it is no longer  
urgent and the note does not need to be discussed tomorrow unless time  
permits.

*A D S Goodall*

8th June 1982

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7th June 1982

Dear John,

AUTHORITY TO ATTACK ARGENTINE NAVAL AUXILIARIES  
WHICH FORM PART OF A RESUPPLY FORCE

You will wish to be aware that CINCFLEET has requested, and my Secretary of State has agreed, an amplification of the present ROE governing attacks on Argentinian Naval Auxiliaries outside the TEZ.

The basic principle underlying the ROE currently in force is that, in order to ensure that any attack by our forces falls within the scope of self-defence, Argentine forces must pose a clear threat if they are to be attacked. Since naval auxiliaries do not, in themselves, pose a military threat to SSN's, SSN's are only at present authorised to attack them once they are approaching the Falkland Islands (i.e. within the TEZ). Surface ships and aircraft may, on the other hand, attack Argentine naval auxiliaries outside the TEZ if they demonstrate hostile intent.

Any naval auxiliary which forms part of an Argentine force en route to resupply or reinforce their forces on the Falkland Islands could clearly play a key role in such an effort. As part of such a force, it could palpably be deemed to be demonstrating hostile intent. Mr Nott has therefore agreed that the following caveat should be added to the existing ROE 205 for surface ships and aircraft outside the TEZ, and also that ROE 4 should be introduced for SSN's outside the TEZ, with the same caveat applying to it:

"Any Argentine naval auxiliary which is escorted by Argentine warships as part of a force believed to be engaged in resupply of the Falkland Islands is deemed to be demonstrating hostile intent and may be attacked."

I am copying this letter to John Coles, Private Secretaries to other members of OD(SA), and to David Wright.

Yours ever  
 Nick Evans

(N H R EVANS)

John Holmes Esq

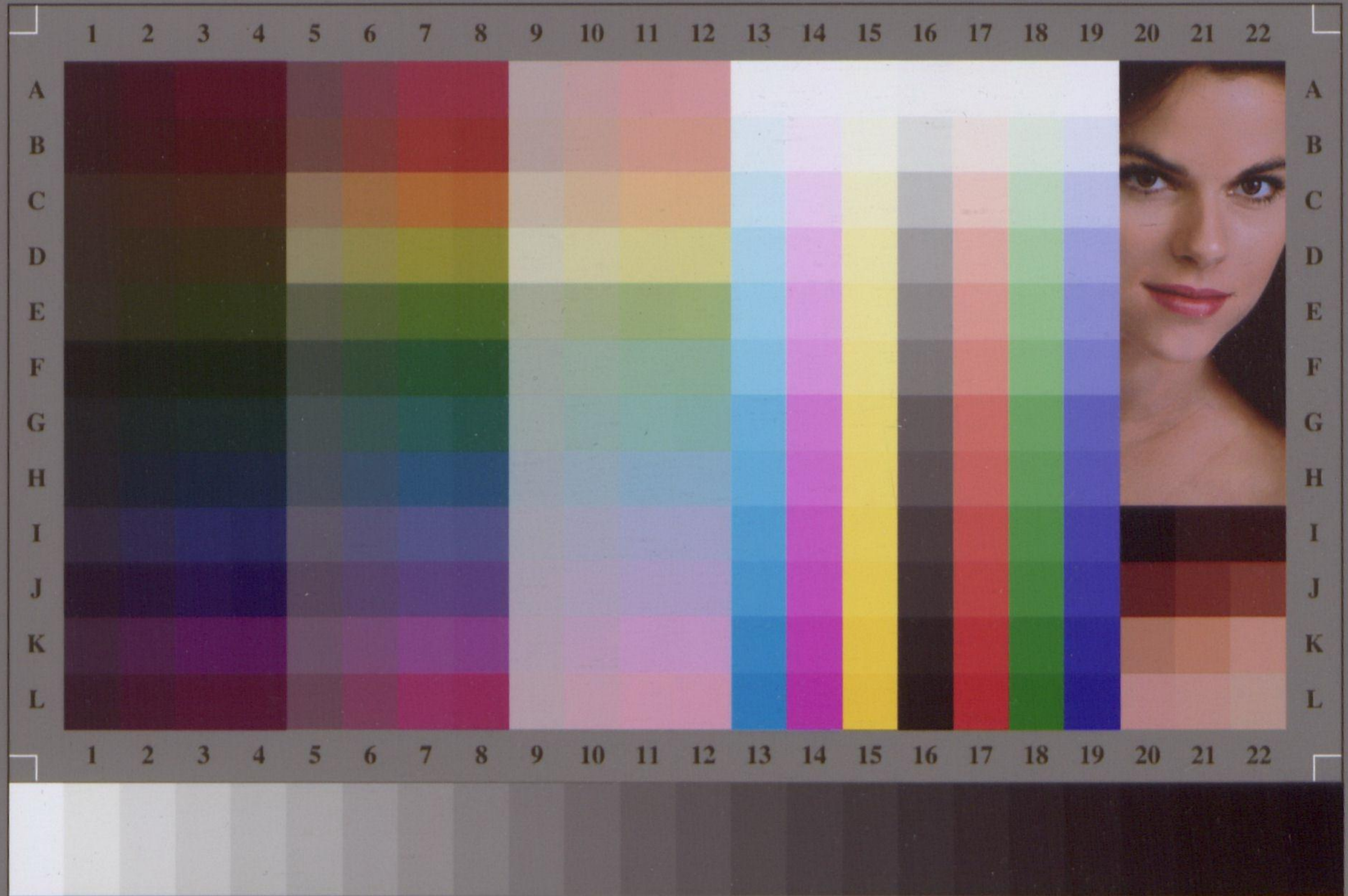
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