

COS 54TH MEETING/82

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

CHIEFS OF STAFF COMMITTEE

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TO

COS 54TH MEETING/82 HELD ON
THURSDAY 20 MAY 1982 AT 11.00 am

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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 commented on Argentine deployments in the Falkland Islands, and their strategic air mobile reserve on the mainland.

ITEM 2. OWN FORCES

3. BRIGADIER GOODSON (Representing the Assistant Chief of the Defence Staff (Operations)) summarised the deployment of the Task Force.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC RELATIONS

4. MR McDONALD (Deputy Chief of Public Relations) reported on press coverage.

ITEM 4. ACTIONS AND DECISIONS REQUIRED

5. The Committee noted the summary of actions in hand (2).

ITEM 5. MILITARY OPTIONS

6. The Committee had before them a paper (3) setting out the military options for Operation CORPORATE.
7. Summing up a short discussion, SIR MICHAEL BEETHAM said they would wish to take note of the paper. The Assistant Chief of the Defence Staff (Policy), in conjunction with the Service Departments and the

Note:

1. INTSUM No 92, 200600Z May 1982.
2. Annex A to COS 53rd Meeting/82.
3. Attachment to COS(Misc) 223/742/1 dated 19 May 1982.

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Defence Secretariat, should produce for their further consideration on 27 May 1982 a revised paper taking account of developments in the intervening period. Referring to their earlier agreement (4) to set in hand contingency studies for a variety of possible operational situations, he said they would also wish the Assistant Chief of the Defence Staff (Policy) to present for their consideration on Tuesday 25 May 1982 a paper setting out the contingencies which had been identified and the work which was in hand on them. In preparing the contingency studies paper, the Assistant Chief of the Defence Staff (Policy) should consult the Service Departments, the Defence Secretariat and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, taking particular account of any politico/financial contingencies which might be identified.

ITEM 6. LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER ASTIZ

8. BRIGADIER GOODSON said that, if it were decided to send Lieutenant-Commander Astiz to the United Kingdom by sea (5), the earliest available ship would be the BRITISH ESK which was due at Ascension Island on 25 May, and which would arrive in the United Kingdom about 5 June. The Assistant Chief of the Defence Staff (Personnel and Logistics) was examining the problems of guarding Lieutenant-Commander Astiz should the latter be transferred to that ship.

Annex:

- A. Operation CORPORATE - Actions in Hand (1 page).

Notes:

4. COS 50th Meeting/82, Item 5.
5. COS 53rd Meeting/82, Item 5.

OPERATION CORPORATE - ACTIONS IN HAND

ITEM	ARISING FROM COS MEETING	DECISION OR ACTION REQUIRED	SPONSOR	ACTION/ DECISION BY	CONTINUED	CURRENT STATE
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
0023	6/82 Item 1 (re-titled 40/82)	Military Options for Repossession of the Falkland Islands	ACDS(Pol)	DPS/DS 11	7/82 Item 4 12/82 Item 6 35/82 Item 4 40/82 Item 7 43/82 Item 5 50/82 Item 5 54/82 Item 5	To be updated for COS 27 May
0091	54/82 Item 5	Contingency Studies	ACDS(Pol)	ACDS(Pol)		For COS 25 May