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COS 42ND MEETING/82

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
CHIEFS OF STAFF COMMITTEE

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CONFIDENTIAL ANNEX
TO
COS 42ND MEETING/82 HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 5 MAY 1982 AT 10.30 am

OPERATION CORPORATEITEM 1. INTELLIGENCE

1. SIR MICHAEL BEETHAM (Acting 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).

ITEM 2. OWN FORCES

3. The Task Force organisation was set out in the Force Tote Sitrep (2).
4. The operations of the previous 24 hours had been summarised in the television briefing preceding their Meeting.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC RELATIONS

5. MR McDONALD (Deputy Chief of Public Relations) reported on press coverage. In discussion the point was made that it would be desirable to release to the press as soon as possible the names of the casualties from HMS SHEFFIELD, although it was agreed that this could not be done until all the next of kin had been informed, and it was noted that full details of the casualties were not yet available.

ITEM 4. ACTIONS AND DECISIONS REQUIRED

6. The Committee noted the summary of Actions in Hand (3). In discussion the point was made that coordination of further action on US assistance now lay with the Deputy Under Secretary (Policy) (Procurement Executive), in

Notes:

1. Intsum No 62 050600Z May 1982.
2. Force Tote Sitrep, Issue 40.
3. Annex A to COS 41st Meeting/82.

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conjunction with the Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff (Operational Requirements), for equipment matters; with the Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff (Intelligence) for intelligence matters; and with the Defence Secretariat (DS 11) for logistics matters.

ITEM 5. SPECIAL FORCES

7. The Committee had before them a Note (4) on the deployment of Special Forces, prepared by the Assistant Chief of the Defence Staff (Operations).

8. Summing up a short discussion, SIR MICHAEL BEETHAM said they would wish to agree the recommendations of the note.

Annex:

A. Operation CORPORATE - Actions in Hand.

Note:

4. COS(Misc) 198/742/1 dated 5 May 1982.

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	Revised paper for COS 6 May
0065	-	Maintenance of a British Garrison in the Falkland Islands	VCDS(P&L)	VCDS(P&L)	VCDS(P&L)127/3/3 dated 19 Apr 82 33/82 Item 9	For COS 7 May
0066	-	Long Term Measures to Sustain Op CORPORATE	CDS	DCDS(OR)	CDS 2038/1/1 dated 22 Apr 82 D/DORS/58/1 dated 26 Apr 82	For COS o/c by 7 May
0076	33/82 Item 9	Long Term Logistic Requirements	VCDS(P&L)	VCDS(P&L)		Included in 0065