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COS 65TH MEETING/82

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
CHIEFS OF STAFF COMMITTEE

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TO  
COS 65TH MEETING/82 HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 2 JUNE 1982 AT 11.30 am

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PA	Action Taken

OPERATION CORPORATEITEM 1. INTELLIGENCE

1. SIR TERENCE LEWIN 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 assessed the possible Argentine options for reinforcement of West Falkland, and summarised the latest position on arms purchases by Argentina.

ITEM 2. OWN FORCES

3. REAR-ADMIRAL BROWN (Assistant Chief of the Defence Staff (Operations)) outlined the deployment and operations of the Task Force. He said that the airstrip at Goose Green could not be used by our aircraft before a complete Explosive Ordnance Disposal Operation had been carried out. However, the Harrier site at Port San Carlos was now ready for use.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC RELATIONS

4. MR McDONALD (Deputy Chief of Public Relations) reported on press coverage.
5. In subsequent discussion the following points were agreed:
  - a. The News Release Group should prepare an appropriate statement about the leaflet raid over Port Stanley the previous night. Consideration should be given to releasing copies of the leaflets to the press in London.

## Note:

1. INTSUM No 118, 020600Z June 1982.

b. The News Release Group should also consider preparing a statement about the Argentine bombing attack on MV BRITISH WYE. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office would consider whether diplomatic action would be appropriate in the light of further information which had emerged during their discussion.

ITEM 4. ACTIONS AND DECISIONS REQUIRED

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

ITEM 5. BURIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR BRITISH SERVICEMEN

7. SIR TERENCE LEWIN drew the attention of the Committee to a draft OD(SA) paper (3) which their Secretary had circulated for their information. He informed them that the 2nd Permanent Under Secretary had amended the recommendations, which now read as follows:

"I invite my colleagues to note the factors involved in arranging for the burial of British servicemen killed in action of the Falkland Islands, and to agree that the established military practice remains appropriate in this instance. I should be grateful for their agreement to an early but sympathetic announcement of this policy, coupled with a recognition of the weight that must be attached to public opinion, particularly that of next of kin."

ITEM 6. SITUATION REPORTS

8. SIR TERENCE LEWIN said that, although there had been a reduction (4) in daily situation reports on the Operation, he considered the number of different reports and the scale of their distribution were still too great. He invited all concerned to review the need for any reports they issued.

Annex:

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

Notes:

2. Annex A to COS 64th Meeting/82.
3. D/DS 11/10/6/20 dated 2 June 1982.
4. D Ops Staff 7/10/2 dated 30 May 1982.

ANNEX A TO  
 COS 65TH MEETING/82  
 2 JUNE 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 43/82 Item 5 50/82 Item 5 54/82 Item 5 62/82 Item 5	For COS O/C
0091	54/82 Item 5	Contingency Studies	ACDS(Pol)	ACDS(Pol)	62/82 Item 5	For COS O/C
0092	59/82 Item 6	Future Garrison Studies	CDS	ACDS(Pol)		
0093	61/82 Item 6	Rules of Engagement	ACDS(Ops)	OD(SA)	OD(SA) 28 May	
0094	62/82 Item 6	Replacement for ships lost in Operation CORPORATE	ND	S of S		For COS 3 June

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For attachment to the MINUTES of the  
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101. OPERATION CORPORATERESTRICTED

The Chiefs of Staff have taken note of a note (1) prepared by ACDS(Ops) and approved a draft submission (2) to the Secretary of State subject to written amendment (3). SCDS has been informed and the submission (4) has been forwarded.

Note:

1. Attachment to COS(Misc) 246/742/1 dated 28 May 1982.
2. Annex A to Attachment to COS(Misc) 246/742/1 dated 28 May 1982.
3. VCAS 91179 dated 30 May 1982.
4. CDS 2038/1/1 dated 30 May 1982.

102. OPERATION CORPORATERESTRICTED

The Chiefs of Staff have taken note of a note (1) prepared by DOMS. DOMS has been informed.

Note:

1. Attachment to COS(Misc) 248/742/1 dated 31 May 1982.

103. OPERATION CORPORATERESTRICTED

The Chiefs of Staff have taken note of a note (1) prepared by the Army Department and agreed its recommendation. DASD has been informed.

Note:

1. Attachment to COS(Misc) 247/742/1 dated 31 May 1982.