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## MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

## CHIEFS OF STAFF COMMITTEE

CONFIDENTIAL ANNEX  
TOCOS 46TH MEETING/82 HELD ON  
SUNDAY 9 MAY 1982 AT 10.30 am

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OPERATION CORPORATEITEM 1. INTELLIGENCE

1. SIR HENRY LEACH (Representing the Chief of the Defence Staff) invited the Director of Service Intelligence to update them on current intelligence.
2. AIR VICE-MARSHAL ARMITAGE (Director of Service Intelligence) reviewed the latest summary (1). He said it appeared that 4 EXOCET missiles might already be en route from France to Argentina, but that the British Ambassador in Paris had been instructed by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to attempt to have this shipment stopped. More EXOCET missiles could be sent from France through Spain in about 10 days time, and there was also evidence that Argentina was seeking the supply of EXOCET missiles from Brazil, South Africa, Libya and Iraq.
3. In subsequent discussion the point was made that it appeared that if the Argentine army and naval forces ashore in the Falkland Islands pooled their existing food stocks there could be sufficient rations, including compo, to sustain them until 23 May without re-supply.

ITEM 2. OWN FORCES

4. The Task Force organisation was set out in the Force Tote Sitrep (2).

ITEM 3. PUBLIC RELATIONS

5. MR McDONALD (Deputy Chief of Public Relations) reported on press coverage. He said that, in accordance with their instructions (3), he had met the editors of those embarked correspondents who had earlier expressed dissatisfaction (4) with the arrangements for the release of their material. He would prepare a signal for the Secretary of State's and their approval later that day, informing the Task Force Commander of the outcome of this meeting.

## Notes:

1. INTSUM No 70 090600Z May 1982
2. Force Tote Sitrep Issue 45.
3. COS 45th Meeting/82, Item 3.
4. CTG 317.8 I9F/EVA 071700Z May 82.

6. In discussion it was agreed that, for the present, no change should be made to the arrangements which had already been promulgated whereby mail for personnel involved in Operation CORPORATE should be addressed via BFPO 666.

7. Summing up a short discussion, SIR HENRY LEACH said they would wish to invite the Vice Chief of the Defence Staff (Personnel and Logistics) urgently to examine and report to them the arrangements for handling the mail of personnel involved in Operation CORPORATE.

Note by the Secretary

The report has been circulated (5).

ITEM 4. ACTIONS AND DECISIONS REQUIRED

8. The Committee noted the summary of action in hand (6).

ITEM 5. RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

9. The Committee were informed that the Rules of Engagement for surface ships against Argentine commercial aircraft conducting surveillance (7) had yet to be promulgated.

10. Summing up a short discussion, SIR HENRY LEACH said they would wish to instruct the Assistant Chief of the Defence Staff (Operations), in conjunction with the Defence Secretariat, to prepare a submission to be forwarded to the Secretary of State immediately after their meeting.

ITEM 6. DEFENCE OF ASCENSION ISLAND

11. SIR HENRY LEACH said they had before them a draft submission (8) to the Secretary of State prepared by the Air Force Department.

Notes:

5. COS 1077/742/1 dated 9 May 1982.
6. Annex A to COS 45th Meeting/82.
7. COS 44th Meeting/82, Item 4.
8. Attachment to COS(Misc) 207/742/1 dated 9 May 1982.

12. Summing up a short discussion, SIR HENRY LEACH said they would wish to invite the Air Force Department to amend the draft submission in the light of their comments, for it to be forwarded to the Secretary of State immediately after their meeting.

Note by the Secretary

The submission has been forwarded (9).

Annex:

A. Operation CORPORATE - Actions in Hand.

Note:

9. CDS 2038/1/4 dated 9 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 43/82 Item 5	To be updated for COS 13 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 11 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	
0076	33/82 Item 9	Long Term Logistic Requirements	VCDS(P&L)	VCDS(P&L)		Included in 0065
0084	43/82 Item 6	Concept of Operations - Op CORPORATE	CDS	CINCFLEET		
0085	43/82 Item 6	Concept of Operations - Op SUTTON	CDS	CINCFLEET		

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0086	43/82 Item 7	ROE Package	ND	COS		For OD(SA) 10 May
0087	43/82 Item 8	Active Service arrangements for RFA/ MS personnel	ND	S of S		
0088	43/82 Item 9	Honours and Awards	CDS	DS Sec		
0089	43/82 Item 11	Special Forces Plans	ACDS(Ops)	ACDS(Ops)		For COS 12 May

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## CHIEFS OF STAFF COMMITTEE

MEETING to be held in Room 5301, Ministry  
of Defence, Main Building, Whitehall  
on SUNDAY 9 MAY 1982 at 10.30 am

REVISED AGENDA

1. INTELLIGENCE
2. OWN FORCES
3. PUBLIC RELATIONS
4. ACTIONS AND DECISIONS REQUIRED
5. DEFENCE OF ASCENSION ISLAND  
(COS(Misc) 207/742/1 dated 9 May 1982)
6. UNFORESEEN MATTERS WHICH THE CHIEFS OF STAFF  
OR THE SECRETARY MAY WISH TO RAISE

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J A C G Eyre  
Brigadier  
Secretary  
Chiefs of Staff Committee

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DCDS(I)	PUS	ACAS(Ops)
DCDS(OR)	AUS(D Staff)	D of D(Ops)
ACDS(Pol)	DCPR	Hd DS 11
ACDS(Ops)	FCO(Def Dept)	Hd DS 5
ACDS(P&L)	ACNS(O)	Hd DS 8
ACDS(S)	COS CGRM	D of DPS(C)