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18 52ND MEETING/82

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CHIEFS OF STAFF COMMITTEE

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TO
COS 52ND MEETING/82 HELD ON
TUESDAY 18 MAY 1982 AT 11.20 am

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ITEM 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), and gave a revised assessment of Argentine naval intentions in the light of that intelligence.

ITEM 2. OWN FORCES

3. REAR-ADMIRAL BROWN (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.
- 5. In discussion the following points were made:
 - a. The television satellite trial was unlikely to be completed before the end of the week.
 - b. It was hoped that the future of Lieutenant Commander Astiz would soon be resolved; the Permanent Under Secretary hoped to forward a submission to the Secretary of State that day, covering a draft minute for him to send to his OD(SA) colleagues.
 - c. OD(SA) that morning had agreed to the setting up of a radio station under Government control to make Spanish language broadcasts to the Falkland Islands.

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6. Summing up, SIR TERENCE LEWIN said they would wish to invite the Assistant Under Secretary (Defence Staff) to consider using photographs of Lieutenant Commander Astiz signing the South Georgia surrender document as leaflets for dropping on the Falkland Islands.

ITEM 4. ACTIONS AND DECISIONS REQUIRED

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

Annex:

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

Note:

2. Annex A to COS 51st Meeting/82.

ANNEX A TO COS 52ND MEETING/82 18 MAY 1982

OPERATION CORPORATE - ACTIONS IN HAND

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