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DEFENCE AND OVERSEA POLICY COMMITTEE

SUB-COMMITTEE ON THE SOUTH ATLANTIC AND
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

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MINUTES of a Meeting held at
10 Downing Street on
SATURDAY 22 MAY 1982 at 11.00 am

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PRESENT

The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP
Prime Minister

The Rt Hon William Whitelaw MP
Secretary of State for the
Home Department

The Rt Hon Francis Pym MP
Secretary of State for Foreign
and Commonwealth Affairs

The Rt Hon John Nott MP
Secretary of State for Defence

The Rt Hon Cecil Parkinson MP
Chancellor of the Duchy of
Lancaster and Paymaster General

THE FOLLOWING WERE ALSO PRESENT

The Rt Hon Sir Michael Havers QC MP
Attorney General

Admiral of the Fleet
Sir Terence Lewin
Chief of the Defence Staff

Sir Antony Acland
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Sir Michael Palliser
Cabinet Office

SECRETARIAT

Sir Robert Armstrong
Mr R L Wade-Gery
Mr R L L Facer
Brigadier J A C G Eyre

SUBJECT

1.   MILITARY ISSUES

2.   POLITICAL ISSUES

1. MILITARY ISSUES

THE CHIEF OF THE DEFENCE STAFF briefed the Sub-Committee on the latest
military situation.

THE DEFENCE SECRETARY said that he would be making a further statement to
the press at about 1 pm.   The Chief of the Defence Staff would be present.

> The Sub-Committee -
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> Took note.

2. POLITICAL ISSUES

The Sub-Committee had before them telegrams no. 811-5 from the United Kingdom
Mission to the United Nations in New York, reporting proceedings in the
Security Council; and other telegrams reporting international reactions to
the current situation.

THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY said that proceedings in the
Security Council had gone reasonably well so far.   Steps were being taken
to ensure that a correct text of the final Argentine proposals to the
United Nations Secretary General was published; and to stimulate well-
disposed states to join in the Security Council debate.

> The Sub-Committee -
>
> Took note.

Cabinet Office

24 May 1982