

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

DEFENCE OPERATIONS EXECUTIVE

MINUTES of a Meeting held in
Room 5301, Ministry of Defence,
Main Building, Whitehall, on
SATURDAY 29 MAY 1982 at 10.00 am

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OPERATION CORPORATEITEM 1. INTELLIGENCE

1. DS(Int) reviewed the intelligence published in the latest summary (1). He assessed Argentine dispositions and intentions, and reported that Port Stanley airfield was believed to be still capable of operating Hercules aircraft with limited loads.

ITEM 2. OWN FORCES

2. D of D Ops (ROW) Representative outlined the deployment and planned operations of the Task Force.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC RELATIONS

3. DCPR reported on press coverage and on the likely publication of articles which might include a report on the clash of 2 of our ground patrols earlier in the week. In subsequent discussion it was agreed that a number of items reported during the previous day both in the UK and by correspondents with the Task Force might prejudice the safety of our forces by revealing details of incidents and speculating on possible future operations.

4. Summing up their discussion, the Chairman invited DDMO to attend the meeting of the News Release Group to be held later that morning, to assist with the preparation of a statement about the reported clash between our ground patrols in the light of instructions given earlier (2) by the Chief of the Defence Staff.

Notes:

1. INTSUM No 110, 290600Z May 1982.
2. COS 59th Meeting/82, Item 4.

DOE 9th Meeting/82
29 May 1982

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As for COS Minutes

Attendance:

ACDS (Ops)	(Chairman)
ACNS (O)	
D of Ops (AS) (RAF)	(Representing ACAS (Ops))
DDMO	(Representing DMO)
D of D (Ops) (ROW) Duty Officer	(Representing ACDS (Ops))

DORS 1 (Air)	(Representing DCDS (OR))
D of DP (B)	(Representing ACDS (Pol))
DS Int	
ACDS (S)	
SCPL Duty Officer	(Representing ACDS (P&L))
AUS (D Staff)	
Hd DS 11	
DCFR	
DD Mov 2 (RAF)	(Representing DDOMS)
FCO	(Mr Gillmore)
DSECCOS	(Secretary)

Also present:

CPR
DS 5
DS 8