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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
CHIEFS OF STAFF COMMITTEE

MEETING to be held in Room 5301, Ministry  
of Defence, Main Building, Whitehall  
on THURSDAY 10 JUNE 1982 at 9.30 am

AGENDA

1. INTELLIGENCE
2. OWN FORCES
3. PUBLIC RELATIONS
4. ACTIONS AND DECISIONS REQUIRED
5. UNFORESEEN MATTERS WHICH THE CHIEFS OF STAFF  
OR THE SECRETARY MAY WISH TO RAISE

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Brigadier  
Secretary  
Chiefs of Staff Committee

THE FOLLOWING WILL BE ATTENDING

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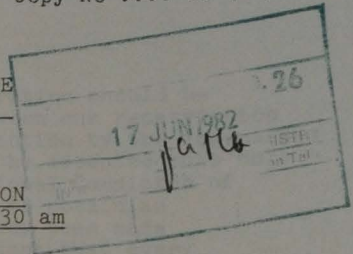
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TO

COS 72ND MEETING/82 HELD ON  
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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 reported on the latest position concerning Argentine orders for ships and submarines from the Federal Republic of Germany valued at some £3 Billion, and assessed Argentine intentions regarding Southern Thule. He outlined the current deployment of Argentine aircraft in the Falkland Islands, and said he would give a reappraisal of the Argentine Air Force order of battle on the mainland at their meeting the next day.

3. In discussion, the point was made that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office should continue their efforts to have a representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross located in Port Stanley, and for safe areas for the civilian population to be established. It would be to our advantage to let it be known that we were making these efforts, and that the Argentines were in breach of the Geneva Convention in refusing to agree.

ITEM 2. OWN FORCES

4. SIR TERENCE LEWIN informed them of the latest position regarding the attack two days before on SIR GALAHAD and SIR TRISTRAM, and the effects the losses of equipment would have on Task Force plans and operations.

## Note:

1. INTSUM No 134, 100600Z June 1982.

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5. SIR MICHAEL BEETHAM said consideration should be given to publicising the contrast between our repatriation of all wounded Argentines and the retention by the Argentines of Flight Lieutenant Glover, although he accepted that this should not be done until the International Committee of the Red Cross had had the opportunity to obtain an answer to the approach which had already been made to Argentina. He considered it important that every effort should have been made to secure the release of Flight Lieutenant Glover before news leaked out that we intended to retain some 50 special category prisoners.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC RELATIONS

6. MR McDONALD (Deputy Chief of Public Relations) reported on press coverage.

7. In discussion the following points were made:

a. The News Release Group had done all that could be done at present to publicise the incident (2) involving the tanker HERCULES. Any diplomatic protest would have to be made by the United States.

b. The Army presentation on the successful landing of 5 Infantry Brigade, which had been planned (3) for the previous day, had not been given in view of the air attack on the two LSLs in Bluff Cove. It might be given at a later date.

c. The News Release Group were reviewing the principles that should be followed in announcing casualties resulting from major incidents, in the light of criticism of the way in which the news about the attack on Bluff Cove had been handled.

8. In further discussion it was agreed that the Deputy Chief of Public Relations should congratulate the Public Relation Officers with the Task Force on the work they were doing under difficult conditions.

ITEM 4. ACTIONS AND DECISIONS REQUIRED

9. The Committee noted the Summary of actions in hand (4).

Notes:

2. COS 70th Meeting/82, Item 3a.
3. COS 70th Meeting/82, Item 3d.
4. Annex A to COS 71st Meeting/82.

ITEM 5. PRISONERS OF WAR

10. SIR TERENCE LEWIN said there were still about 300 Argentine prisoners of war (PW) in the Falkland Islands in addition to those being repatriated in MV NORLAND. Of these 300, we wished to retain about 50 who were considered to be in a special category for intelligence or specialist reasons. The Assistant Chief of the Defence Staff (Personnel and Logistics) was examining where these PW should be detained, but it was already clear that they would have to be brought to the UK; it was militarily essential to remove PW from the Falkland Islands as soon as possible, and it would be impracticable to set up PW camps on Ascension Island, St Helena or Tristan da Cunha. They would therefore wish to agree to invite the Army Department to examine the requirement to hold PW in the UK, to determine the total numbers for which provision could reasonably be made, and to identify the manpower, administrative and other factors involved; and to make recommendations to their Committee as soon as possible.

11. In subsequent discussion about the problem of handling the very much greater number of PW likely to be taken at Port Stanley, and the possibility of asking for US assistance in their repatriation, the point was made that it might be desirable to retain some PW in addition to those who came into a special category, in sufficient numbers to ensure Argentine good faith in any subsequent negotiations. This, however, was a matter which would have to be discussed in greater detail at a later date.

ITEM 6. LEBANON

12. REAR-ADMIRAL BROWN (Assistant Chief of the Defence Staff (Operations)) reported that, if it became necessary to evacuate British civilians from Lebanon, HMS LEANDER could reach the country in 4 days and it would be possible to pre-position RAF aircraft at Akrotiri.

13. Summing up a short discussion SIR TERENCE LEWIN said they would wish to invite the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, in conjunction with the Defence Secretariat, to prepare a note for OD(SA) the next day on the possible need to evacuate British civilians from the Lebanon, and on the implications of giving assistance to the United States and Nigerian authorities if this should be requested.

Annex:

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

OPERATION CORPORATE - ACTIONS IN HAND

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0092	59/82 Item 6	Future Garrison Studies	CDS	ACDS(Pol)	COS(Misc) 259/ 742/1 dated 4 Jun	For COS 9 Jun
0093	61/82 Item 6	Rules of Engagement	ACDS(Ops)	OD(SA)	OD(SA) 28 May	Periodic review by OD(SA)
0095	67/82 Item 1	Replacement of Stores and Equipment	DCDS(OR)/ DUS(P)	OD Jul 82		
0096	68/82 Item 7	Garrison Planning and Command Arrangements	CDS	ACDS(Pol)		
0097	69/82 Item 5	Provision of Press facilities	PUS	CPR/AUS (D Staff)		
0098	69/82 Item 6	South Sandwich Islands	CDS	CINCFLEET		
0100	72/82 Item 5	Prisoners of War	AD	AD		

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