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COS 10TH MEETING/82

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
 CHIEFS OF STAFF COMMITTEE

CONFIDENTIAL ANNEX
 TO
 COS 10TH MEETING/82 HELD ON
 THURSDAY 8 APRIL 1982 AT 2.00 pm

18 APR 1982

OPERATION CORPORATEITEM 1. DEFENCE AND OVERSEA POLICY SOUTH ATLANTIC
SUB-COMMITTEE (OD(SA))

1. SIR TERENCE LEWIN briefed the Committee on the main points from the OD(SA) meeting that morning.

Instructions to SSNs

2. OD(SA) had agreed instructions (1) for the SSNs.

Nuclear Depth Bombs (NDBs)

3. Ministers had unanimously supported in principle the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary's proposal that NDBs should be off-loaded from ships in the Task Force; however they recognised that there were many short term and long term factors which after study might persuade them to reconsider their position. They would return to the matter on Monday 12 April 1982 after studying a paper to be presented by the Chief of the Defence Staff. The paper was to identify all the military implications of removing the weapons to the Ascension Islands and either storing them there or transporting them by sea or air to the United Kingdom. The paper should also identify any safety regulations that would have to be cancelled and on whose authority. The paper should further examine the military implications of transferring those weapons now in frigates to the carriers as an alternative option.

4. SIR TERENCE LEWIN said they would wish to instruct the Assistant Chief of the Defence Staff (Operations), in conjunction with the Navy and Air Force Departments and the Defence Secretariat, to prepare a paper for their consideration at their meeting on Sunday 11 April 1982.

Note:

1. OD(SA) 82/5.

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Falkland Islands Think Tank

5. The Prime Minister was considering the establishment of a Falkland Islands Think Tank in the Cabinet Office possibly under the chairmanship of Sir Michael Palliser. SIR TERENCE LEWIN said that if this Committee was formed he would wish there to be a 2-star military representative, and he suggested that the Permanent Under Secretary of State would wish to be similarly represented. He asked the Chiefs of Staff to let him know the names of suitable officers who could be made available and who were not involved in Operation CORPORATE. A clear active mind was a pre-requisite for the appointment.