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COS 58TH MEETING/82

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
CHIEFS OF STAFF COMMITTEE

CONFIDENTIAL ANNEX
TO
COS 58TH MEETING/82 HELD ON
MONDAY 24 MAY 1982 AT 9.00 am

OPERATION CORPORATE

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). He gave an assessment of Argentine naval intentions; of Argentine air capability in the light of known losses; and of Argentine perception of the future intentions of our land forces, and their reactions to these. He concluded by saying that reports of Argentine attempts to procure arms from Israel were being investigated and appropriate diplomatic action was being taken.

ITEM 2. OWN FORCES

3. REAR-ADMIRAL BROWN (Assistant Chief of the Defence Staff (Operations)) summarised the deployment and future intentions of the Task Force.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC RELATIONS

4. MR TAYLOR (Chief of Public Relations) reported on Press coverage. He said he would investigate that day whether any further control over live reporting via MARISAT was either feasible or necessary; although the incident involving HMS ANTELOPE had been successfully controlled initially, the news that she had been badly damaged had nevertheless leaked out.

Note:

1. INTSUM No 100, 240600Z MAY 82.

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5. In discussion the following points were made:
- a. The Secretary of State was due to make a statement in the House of Commons that afternoon. The announcement of further details of the previous day's operations should be coordinated with that statement.
 - b. It was intended to publish the names of the casualties of HMS ARDENT that day.
 - c. The timing of an announcement about the accident involving a Sea Harrier from HMS HERMES needed careful consideration; it could not in any event be announced before the next of kin had been informed.
6. Summing up, SIR TERENCE LEWIN invited the Permanent Under Secretary to consult military staffs in the preparation of the draft statement for the Secretary of State, and said that he would wish to see that draft.

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 57th Meeting/82.

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For attachment to the MINUTES of the
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Committee:

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101. CANCELLATION OF JMC 823RESTRICTED

The Chiefs of Staff have agreed a paper (1) prepared by ACDS(Ops). ACDS(Ops) has been informed and the signal (2) has been sent.

Notes:

1. Attachment to COS(Misc) 217/742/1 dated 18 May 1982.
2. Annex B to COS(Misc) 217/742/1 dated 18 May 1982.

102. AIR DEFENCE RADAR COVER FOR THE FALKLAND ISLANDSRESTRICTED

The Chiefs of Staff have taken note of a note (1) prepared by the Air Force Department and agreed its recommendation. ACDS(Ops) and the Air Force Department have been informed.

Note:

1. Attachment to COS(Misc) 235/742/1 dated 21 May 1982.

103. AIR DEFENCE ENHANCEMENT - GROUND FORCESRESTRICTED

The Chiefs of Staff have taken note of a note (1) prepared by the Army Department and agreed its recommendations subject to telephone comment. The Army Department has been informed and the submission to the Secretary of State has been forwarded.

Note:

1. Attachment to COS (Misc) 230/742/1 dated 21 May 1982.

ANNEX A TO
COS 58TH MEETING/82
24 MAY 1982

OPERATION CORPORATE - ACTIONS IN HAND

ITEM	ARISING FROM COS MEETING	DECISION OR ACTION REQUIRED	SPONSOR	ACTION/ DECISION BY	CONTINUED	CURRENT STATE
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
0023	6/82 Item 1 (re-titled 40/82)	Military Options for Repossession of the Falkland Islands	ACDS(Pol)	DPS/DS 11	7/82 Item 4 12/82 Item 6 35/82 Item 4 40/82 Item 7 43/82 Item 5 50/82 Item 5 54/82 Item 5	To be updated for COS 27 May
0091	54/82 Item 5	Contingency Studies	ACDS(Pol)	ACDS(Pol)		For COS 25 May