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Mr Emsley

DEFENCE MATTERS

1. Today was remarkably quiet. I have marked some of the topmost papers on the attached files (containing action papers, papers on POWs, political and military subjects respectively) for you to read. Action may be required during the day on the following points:

(a) Gurkhas

The MOD will be making an announcement on 3 May about preparations for the despatch of 5 Infantry Brigade, which includes Gurkhas, to the South Atlantic. The draft announcement has still to be cleared with Mr Nott and will be typed to us. The attached action file includes a draft telegram to Katmandu instructing our Embassy to inform the Nepalese. You might like to include the MOD statement in the telegram. The telegram should be sent off some time tomorrow, in consultation with the MOD;

(b) Lt Cdr Astiz

There are papers about this contained on the inside cover of the action file; the latest papers record a call by the Swedish Embassy and my subsequent conversation with Legal Advisers and the MOD. I have also done a draft telegram to the Commander of the Antrim, the reason for which is explained in the papers. We should probably try to get this off on 3 May. Legal Advisers, MOD (who will have to send the telegram) and Mr Gillmore, who has taken an interest in this subject, or Mr Weston should be consulted;

(c) UK Cooperation with Chile

* ~~~~~ * We have as yet heard nothing from Mr Peters about a form of words for a telegram to Santiago. Please check with him on this;

(d) The Santa Fé

See my minute to Mr Fearn covering a telegram from CINCFLEET. It is possible that the MOD may come back to you on this;

(e) Venezuela

I have also minuted on this subject, copy on the action file. This is another point on which the MOD may return to you during the day;

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/(f) Action

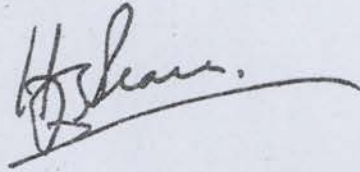
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(f) Action in NATO

Sir J Graham is considering the possibility of calling a meeting of the NAC on 3 May to brief his colleagues. He will be calling in at UKDEL NATO at 0730Z to read the papers and decide in the light of developments whether to go ahead with this. I have asked the Night Shift to ensure that he receives a Sitrep covering the military situation and any telegrams reporting the Secretary of State's talks in Washington by 0730Z;

(g) Chiefs of Staff Meeting

You may wish to bear in mind so that you can make the necessary preparations and pass the point on to whoever takes over from you that Mr Wright would welcome papers being suitably prepared for him before he comes in on 4 May for the Chiefs of Staff Meeting - e.g. ensure that we have papers to be taken at the meeting, the Agenda etc.



2 May, 1982

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