

FALKLANDS SELECTIVE ADVANCES (77)45

PS (6)
PS/MR HURD
PS/MR ONSLOW
PS/PUS
PS/LORD BELSTEAD
MR BULLARD
SIR I SINCLAIR
MR GIFFARD
MR WRIGHT
MR GILLMORE
MR URE
MR BARRETT
HD/S AM D
HD/DEF D
HD/PLANNING STAFF
HD/UND
HD/NEWS D
HD/ERD
HD/PUSD
MR REED, PUSD
~~EMERGENCY ROOM~~
RESIDENT CLERK

PS/NO 10 DOWNING STREET (2 copies)
PS/S OF S DEFENCE
PS/HOME SECRETARY
PS/HOME SECRETARY (c/o NO 10 DST)
PS/ATTORNEY GENERAL
PS/CHANCELLOR DUCHY OF LANCASTER
PS/SIR R ARMSTRONG
PS/SIR M PALLSER
PS/SIR A DUFF
MR WADE-GERY
MR FULLER
MR COLVIN
MR O'NEILL HD ASSESS-
MENTS STAFF
DIO
MR J M STEWART AUSD STAFF MOD
ADMIRAL SIR ROY HALLIDAY DGI MOD
DIRECTOR G.C.H.Q. (via Room 8)

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W.A. SAD

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FM DELHI 310600Z MAY 92
TO IMMEDIATE MODUK
TELEGRAM NUMBER 310600Z MAY
INFO ROUTINE FCO

FROM NAVAD. MODUK FOR DPR(N) INFO DEFSALES, RY03. FCO FOR SAD.
SEA HARRIER PERFORMANCE IN SOUTH ATLANTIC.

1. DELIBERATIONS IN DELHI FOR THE NEXT PURCHASE OF SEA HARRIERS FOR THE INDIAN NAVY ARE AT A CRUCIAL STAGE. INDIAN AIR FORCE, WHICH BITTERLY OPPOSES THIS PURCHASE, IS USING INFLATED ARGENTINIAN CLAIMS OF SEA HARRIER LOSSES AS EVIDENCE OF AIRCRAFTS POOR PERFORMANCE IN OPERATIONS.

2. I AM PASSING TO NAVAL HQ EXTRACTS FROM TIMES OF MR HOTT'S STATEMENT TO COMMONS ON 25 MAY TOGETHER WITH THE TOTE OF BRITISH LOSSES WHICH APPEARED ON PAGE 3.

3. ALTHOUGH I HAVE SEEN FCO'S TEL NO 460 OF 30 MAY TO DELHI WHICH DECLINED TO GO INTO ANY DETAILS OF THE SEA HARRIERS PERFORMANCE IN THE AIR TO AIR COMBAT ROLE, IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IN THE PROGRESS OF THIS IMPORTANT DEAL TO HAVE SOME SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE OF THIS ASPECT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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