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The substance of the line to be taken at Cabinet tomorrow would depend entirely on the overnight Haig news; and on OD(SA)'s decisions in the light of that news.

2. Procedurally, you could begin by inviting the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary and the Secretary of State for Defence, in that order, to report and yourself filling in any gaps they leave.

3. If Mr Haig has failed, or if the situation remains unclear, your summing up need only invite the Cabinet to take note of the diplomatic and military situations, and of the prospects, including the TEZ announcement (which may be being made while the Cabinet is in session). If Mr Haig has succeeded, you will need to establish at least a preliminary consensus on the acceptability of his proposals from Britain's point of view.

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