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SAmD

FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. It may help you to have a check-list of points decided at the PUS's meeting this afternoon:

next stage UN?
i) UN action: Draft instructions were agreed for Sir A Parsons for the continuation of the debate in the Security Council. The intention being to press for a vote and to complete this phase of discussion as soon as possible. (Action: Head of UND)

ii) HMS Endurance: We needed to establish as soon as possible what precise instructions had been given to the Endurance, in particular what were its present rules of engagement and its instructions with regard to the marines still ashore in South Georgia. (Action: Head of Defence Department)

*1) Press on Receipt Min. must be seen to receive.
2) Take personal to No. 10?
3) See Porters with Min. to No. 10 too?*
iii) Falkland's Governor and marines: The Governor and marines will return to the UK by a RAF flight reaching Brize Norton at 0840 of Monday 5 April. The flight should bring 33 members of the Embassy staff from Buenos Aires. It was hoped that HM Ambassador would come on that flight too. (Action: Head of SAmD)
It was agreed that it should be recommended that Mr Luce, the Chief Clerk and members of Welfare Section should go out to meet the Governor and that Ministers should be consulted about whether or not the Governor and the Captain of the marines should be interviewed at Brize Norton. (Action: Heads of SAmD and News Department)

Complete check list required of other sources
iv) Economic Measures: The implications of the Government's decision to freeze Argentine financial assets was under discussion in the Treasury. The Head of ERD was asked to discuss the possibility of persuading friendly countries to mount additional economic pressure against Argentina, e.g. by discouraging their banks and to provide an assessment of what economic hostages to fortune we had in Argentina.

v) Organisation: A separate minute is circulated.

Meet to determine overall strategy/structure
vi) Guidances: It was agreed that the principle diplomatic action would now be to explain the purpose of the despatch of the task force to a large number of allied and friendly states around the world. (Action: Mr Ure)
It would also be necessary to provide more detailed briefing to the United States on the use of the base at Ascension Island. (Action: Mr Weston)

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Santa Maria?

*Produce or
causes* vii) Chile: HM Ambassador at Santiago to be brought up-to-date on latest developments. (Action: Head of SAmD)

*Sabotage of an
interest in Arg* viii) UK Citizens in Argentina: The Strategy Action Group would need to consider future policy towards British citizens in Argentina and what, if any, advice should be given them. (Action: Mr Giffard)

ix) Action at the United Nations: The Strategy Action Group should give urgent consideration to the next steps at the UN.

x) The texts of the two debates today should be studied closely to establish the points of criticism that needed to be answered (action Mr Ure) and the positive suggestions which needed to be followed up (action Mr Giffard).



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