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COS 6TH MEETING/82

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

CHIEFS OF STAFF COMMITTEE

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MINUTES of a Meeting held in Room 5301, Ministry  
of Defence, Main Building, Whitehall,  
on MONDAY 5 APRIL 1982 at 2.00 pm

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PRESENT

Admiral of the Fleet Sir Terence Lewin,  
Chief of the Defence Staff

Admiral Sir Henry Leach,  
Chief of the Naval Staff

General Sir Edwin Bramall,  
Chief of the General Staff

Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Beetham,  
Chief of the Air Staff

ALSO PRESENT

Air Chief Marshal Sir David Evans,  
Vice Chief of the Defence Staff  
(Personnel and Logistics)

Lieutenant General Sir James Glover,  
Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff  
(Intelligence)

Air Vice-Marshal J A Gilbert,  
Assistant Chief of the Defence  
Staff (Policy)

Rear-Admiral D W Brown,  
Assistant Chief of the Defence  
Staff (Operations)

Sir Frank Cooper,  
Permanent Under Secretary

Mr M Stewart,  
Assistant Under Secretary  
(Defence Staff)

Mr P R H Wright,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

SECRETARIAT

Brigadier J A C G Eyre  
Commander M Bickley  
Lieutenant Colonel J B R Peacock

C O N T E N T S

PART I - ITEMS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING

1. (1) OPERATION CORPORATE - MILITARY APPRECIATION
2. (1) OPERATION CORPORATE - RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

PART II - ITEMS DEALT WITH PRIOR TO THE MEETING

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Note:

1. Issued as a Confidential Annex.

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CONFIDENTIAL ANNEX  
TO  
COS 6TH MEETING/82 HELD ON  
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ITEM 1. MILITARY APPRECIATION

1. SIR TERENCE LEWIN said they would wish to discuss the first draft of the Falkland Islands Military Appreciation (1) which had been prepared in accordance with their instructions (2).

2. Following the discussions, SIR TERENCE LEWIN in summing up said they would wish to instruct their Secretary to bring forward a revised draft of the Military Appreciation for their further consideration at their meeting on 6 April 1982.

ITEM 2. RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

3. SIR HENRY LEACH said he had prepared draft rules of engagement for SSNs operating in the South Atlantic which they had requested (3).

4. Summing up a short discussion, SIR TERENCE LEWIN said they would wish to invite the Navy Department to bring forward a revised draft for their further consideration at their meeting on 6 April 1982.

Note by the Secretary: An updated forecast of decisions or actions required is at Annex A (attached).

Annex:

A. Operation CORPORATE - Forecast of Decisions or Actions Required (3 pages).

Notes:

1. Attachment to COS(Misc) 85/742/1 dated 5 April 1982.
2. COS 3rd Meeting/82.
3. COS 2nd Meeting/82.

OPERATION CORPORATE - FORECAST OF DECISIONS OR ACTIONS REQUIRED

ITEM	ARISING FROM COS MEETING	DECISION OR ACTION REQUIRED	BY	PROGRESS	CONTINUED
0001	2/82 Item 4 para 8a	ROE for SSNs	Ministers	ND have under review	0019
0002	2/82 Item 4 para 8a	Likely employment of SSNs	Ministers	COS to discuss	
0003	2/82 Item 4 para 8b	Directive for Task Force Commander	Ministers	ND have under review - can be signalled after Force sails	
0004	2/82 Item 4 para 8b	Directive for Embarked Military Force Commander	Ministers	ND have under review - can be signalled after Force sails	
0005	2/82 Item 4 para 8c	Instructions for RFA FORT AUSTIN	-	ND action	
0006	2/82 Item 4 para 8d	Legal position of UK in dispute with the Argentine	Ministers	FCO are investigating	See also 0014
0007	2/82 Item 4 para 8e	Advice on evacuation of British Nationals (1000) from Argentina.	Ministers	FCO advise that this could be undertaken by routine civilian air services.	TWC 5 Apr

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ITEM	ARISING FROM COS MEETING	DECISION OR ACTION REQUIRED	BY	PROGRESS	CONTINUED
0008	3/82 Item 4 para 11	Use of facilities at Ascension Island	-	PUS reports no difficulty with blanket use of facilities at Ascension.	Complete
0009	4/82 Item 3 para 11	Availability of Chilean airfields	Ministers	FCO are investigating	
0010	4/82 Item 5	Movement of HMS ENDURANCE either East or West	CNS	ENDURANCE being withdrawn to Ascension Island	Complete
0011	4/82 Item 5	Movement of Spearhead Bn and an SAS Sqn	COS	Spearhead Bn to deploy with 3 Cdo Bde. SAS decision out of committee.	Complete
0012	4/82 Item 5	Clearance for staging facilities at Dakar, Freetown and Cape Verde.	Ministers	Facilities at Dakar approved.	
0013	4/82 Item 6 para 15	Positioning of RM SBS	COS	1 section to embark SPLENDID At Ascension; 1 section to embark CONQUEROR	Complete
0014	4/82 Item 7 para 16	Clarification of legal aspects of Article 51 of UN Charter	Ministers	FCO are investigating	

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0015	5/82 Item I para 7	Sale of Hunter aircraft to Chile.	FCO	FCO are actioning	
0016	5/82 Item I para 7	Falkland Island airfield	ACDS(O)	COS Brief by Royal Engineers.	
0017	5/82 Item 1 para 7	Details of Argentine's ROLAND weapon systems	DCDS(I)	DCDS(I) investigating with US.	
0018	5/82 Item 2 para 11	Swiss Government to be invited to represent interests of BAS civillians	FCO	FCO are investigating.	
0019	5/82 Item 5 para 16	ROE for SSNs	COS	COS 6/82.	0024
0020	5/82 Item 6 para 19b	South Georgia	COS	COS 6/82.	
0021	5/82 Item 5 para 17a	SSN Communications	Navy Dept	COS Brief by Navy Department.	
0022	5/82 Item 7	Delay Belize Withdrawal by 3 months	VCDS(P&L)	Draft submission complete.	
0023	6/82 Item 1	Military Appreciation	COS	To review draft paper	
0024	6/82 Item 2	ROE for SSNs	COS	Navy Department re-draft	