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FALKLANDS: NEWS RELEASE POLICY

With immediate effect I should like you to establish a News Release Group.

2. The role of the Group will be to decide what current operational information should be made available to the press and to FCO posts for dissemination overseas, and the timing of release. As a group you have full delegated authority from CDS and myself to authorise the release of information (subject of course to the wishes of the Secretary of State). Whenever time permits you should arrange for wider consultation as necessary, eg with Single Service staffs and with the FCO.
3. You will be the Chairman and the other permanent members will be ACDS(Ops) and CPR. The duty PR spokesman will participate in the work of the group substituting for CPR as necessary.
4. The Group is to be available at immediate notice during the Falklands daylight hours from 1100-2100A daily. Outside those times representatives (at Captain RN/Colonel/Group Captain/Principal level or above) should be available at one hour's notice.
5. The News Release Group will report to me.

FRANK COOPER
18 May 1982

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