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NOTES OF ACTIONS ARISING FROM PUS'S MEETING ON 27 MAY 1982

	<u>Action</u>
1. Follow up degree of injuries to 9 casualties in 3 PARA, and their current location.	<u>Head of DS6</u> (7 on UGANDA - 2V I 1 SI; 2 already R U)
2. Initiate preparation of paper for OD(SA) on handling of POW from Falklands (including whether they should be repatriated or, if not, where they should be held)	<u>DUS(P)</u> (Draft paper with DUS(P))
3. Brief Ambassador Designate to Santiago.	<u>Head of DS8</u> <u>Head of DS11</u> (Being arranged)
4. Arrange for News Release group to examine estimates of UK and Argentine losses and casualties (DS11/10/6/17 of 27 May).	<u>AUS(D Staff)</u> (Being done 28 May)
5. Prepare guidance for PR and Montevideo Embassy on arrival of UK casualties (and POW) in Uruguay.	<u>Head of DS11</u> (Not due to arrive in Montevideo for another week)
6. Prepare PR line on AM2 matting in consultation with FCO and US.	<u>Head of DS8</u> (In draft)
7. Consider public rebuttal and action at ICRC over Argentine statements on location of Uganda.	<u>Head of DS5</u> (Has spoken)
8. Consider PR facilities on service welfare arrangements for families of those serving with the Task Force.	<u>CPR</u> (In hand)
9. Inform Lee of BBC that his story about helicopter losses on ATLANTIC CONVEYOR was inaccurate.	<u>DCPR</u> (Checked!)
10. Issue denial of attack on QE2.	<u>DCPR</u> (Done)

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(Not recorded: SAS' remarks about intelligence of an attack)

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FALKLAND ISLANDS:  
 THE CHALLENGE OF THE RIGHT OF LANCASTER'S  
 GROUP ON PUBLICITY

Note of a meeting held in the Privy Council Office  
at 11.30 AM on Monday 24 May 1982

Present: Rt Hon Cecil Parkinson MP	Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Paymaster General
Sir Frank Gouper	Ministry of Defence
R L Wade-Saxby	Cabinet Office
D Colvin	
Lord Nicholas Gordon Leveson	Foreign and Commonwealth Office
K Holman	
S W J Fuller	South Atlantic Presentation Unit
R P Hatfield	
H N Mills	Chancellor of the Duchy Office

1. It was suggested that Janet Whiting (FOO) might be invited to attend meetings of the Group.
2. The members of the group confirmed that, by and large, no particular problems had been encountered in the previous week. There had been some representations from United States correspondents that they had been actively misled on 21 May to believe that the raids taking place in the Falkland Islands were not a major invasion. It was noted that the briefing was not false in that raids did take place on the night of the invasion and that this briefing had been overtaken by the news of an invasion breaking out on the American side of the Atlantic. In any event, the use of a presentation plan to conceal the fact that an invasion was taking place was common military practice.
3. The Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster asked about the briefing arrangements for TV and radio programmes. It was pointed out that the press line for the day was discussed at Mr Ingham's 10.00 AM meeting, a note of which was circulated. An officer from No 10 Press Office or the Presentation Unit could provide additional material as necessary.

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