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FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. The COS took note (Part II Minute No 122 of COS 21st Meeting 181 dated 17 September) of a draft submission on the "Defence Implications of Argentine Action against the Falkland Islands", subject to certain amendments proposed by CWS. The draft was prepared as a note to be annexed to an FCO memorandum to OD on the Falkland Islands. In the event no such memorandum went to OD and the annex was not therefore required. The FCO have now revived the idea at short notice. DS II has sought and received comments to update the draft annex. The FCO are drafting their OD memorandum & the attached draft is identical to that of which the COS took note in September except for the sidelined passages, reflecting the development of Navy Department thinking on the withdrawal from service of specialist amphibious shipping has also been omitted following the decision to run an FRODO as interim.

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3. I should be grateful if you would arrange for the attached draft to be circulated to the COS. It would be extremely helpful to have their comments, if any, by noon to-morrow so that the draft may be submitted to SS/S by close of play.

18 March.


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