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SPECIAL JIC, SUNDAY 4 APRIL.

2. THERE WAS LITTLE TO SHOW FOR THIS TWO-HOUR MEETING IN THE WAY OF OUTPUT:

A. JIC(82)(IN)28, ON ARGENTINE MILITARY CAPABILITY, WAS FOUND TO BE NOT IN ACCORD WITH LATEST MOD THINKING, WILL ACCORDINGLY BE TAKEN AGAIN BY CIG TO-MORROW, AND WILL REAPPEAR AT A FURTHER SPECIAL JIC AT 1430 ON TUESDAY 6 APRIL.

B. A REVISED AND EXPANDED VERSION OF J/150 (A NOTE BY HEAD OF ASSESSMENT STAFF) WILL BE REDRAFTED TO-NIGHT AND SUBMITTED TO THE FOREIGN SECRETARY TO-MORROW MORNING: THEREAFTER IT WILL COME BEFORE JIC ON TUESDAY (SEE SUB-PARA A. ABOVE) AND WILL THEN BE CONVERTED (WITHOUT CHANGE, IT IS HOPED) INTO A FULL-BLOWN JIC NOTE.

ITS PURPOSE IS PRIMARILY TO DEFEND MINISTERS, AND INDEED THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY, AGAINST FAR-FETCHED ACCUSATIONS OF QUOTE AN INTELLIGENCE FAILURE UNQUOTE.

3. OTHER MAIN POINTS OF INTEREST TO ARISE WERE:

A. THE CIG WILL MEET DAILY AT 1400 TO PRODUCE A DAILY SITREP FOR ISSUE AT 1500:

B. FCO/MOD ARE JOINTLY CONSIDERING QUOTE KNOCK-ON EFF<sup>EC</sup>TS UNQUOTE INCLUDING, FOR EXAMPLE, THE SPAIN/GIBRALTAR ISSUE: I URGED, AND IT WAS AGREED, THAT THEIR JOINT THOUGHTS SHOULD BE MADE KNOWN TO JIC AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. LAST BUT NOT LEAST WE WERE GIVEN THE FOLLOWING UPDATE ON UK MILITARY PLANS, NAMELY:

A. THREE SSN WILL ARRIVE IN FALKLANDS AREA ON (RESPECTIVELY)  
12, 17 AND 21 APRIL: THE SECOND WILL EMBARK A SPECIAL BOAT SQUADRON  
FROM ASCENSION EN ROUTE:

B. SIX FRIGATES PLUS THREE RFA WILL ARRIVE 17 APRIL:

C. MAIN TASK FORCE, WITH COMMANDO BDE EMBARKED, WILL ARRIVE 27  
APRIL:

D. A FURTHER FORCE (SPEARHEAD BATTALION GROUP) WILL ARRIVE IN  
EARLY MAY IN THE SPECIALLY REQUISITIONED SS CANBERRA.

5. MY OWN PART WAS CONFINED TO:

A. ENSURING THAT THE PAPER AT PARA <sup>2B</sup>~~1X~~ TOOK FULLEST ACCOUNT OF  
BOTH ARD AND ARN CONTRIBUTIONS:

B. WARNING DCDS(II), IN FRONT OF THE COMMITTEE, THAT GCHO WOULD  
BE MAKING A STRONG PITCH FOR A LARGER CONTINGENT OF CT RATINGS  
TO BE EMBARKED WITH THE TASK FORCE AT PARA 3C:

C. STRONGLY SUPPORTING THE CHAIRMAN'S INTENTION OF HAVING MR TED  
ROWLANDS SUMMONED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF THE CABINET  
IN RESPECT OF HIS INJUDICIOUS EXPOSURE OF OUR PAST SIGINT  
SUCCESS AGAINST ARD DURING YESTERDAY'S COMMONS DEBATE:

D. OUTLINING OUR PRESENT COVER/PROCESSING PLANS AND WARNING THAT,  
GIVEN THE LIKELY DURATION OF THE CRISIS, NOTICEABLE INROADS INTO  
OTHER TASKS COULD NOT BE RULED OUT.

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