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OPERATION CORPORATE - MILITARY APPRECIATION

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1. In accordance with the instructions of the Chiefs of Staff (1) the attached Draft Directive has been prepared by ACDS(Pol).

2. The Secretary, Chiefs of Staff Committee will table this draft for consideration by the Chiefs of Staff at their meeting on Friday 9 April 1982.

Attachment:

Draft Directive

Note:

1. COS 11th Meeting 1982.

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MILITARY APPRECIATION - LANDING OPERATIONS

Directive to ACDS(Pol)

AIM

1. You are to develop an appreciation of the options for Landing Operations in the Falkland Islands in support of HMG's express policy aim to bring about the withdrawal of Argentine forces from the Falkland Islands and re-establish British administration.

2. The specific aim of the appreciation for Operation SUTTON is "to assess the various military options for putting a force ashore in the Falkland Islands, with a view to repossessing the islands."

ASSUMPTIONS

3. a. South Georgia has been taken.
- b. An effective sea/air Exclusion Zone has been established around the islands.
- c. Operations are to be conducted so as to minimise loss of civilian life, and to avoid the complete destruction of Port Stanley.

INPUTS

4. You are to obtain inputs on the factors affecting the above aim from:
- a. Defence Intelligence Staff - to include, inter alia, material on Argentine build up in the Falklands in particular radar area coverage, helicopter gunships and heavy weapons, estimated Argentine naval/air capability to interdict the landing, and UK tactical intelligence capability.
- b. Navy Department - to include assessment of local sea/air superiority and potential landing locations, special operations and pre-landing support operations.
- c. CGRM in consultation with Army Department - to include assessment of initial objectives, landing phase, and subsequent operations. To take into account minimum loss of civilian life.

TIMESCALE

5. Inputs are to be supplied to ACDS(Pol)'s duty office (Room 7126) by 1200 Sunday 11 April. The first draft of the appreciation is to be available to the Chiefs of Staff (at 0930 Tuesday 13 April 1982).