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COS MEETING AT 1000 ON TUE 13 APR

1. Intelligence.
 - a. Force level. Best assessment, based on ORBAT not movement data, is that FI garrison is now 7,000. This includes 18 x 105 mm guns and 5 bns.
 - b. Withdrawal. Assuming the garrison is 10,000 and the same ships/aircraft are available, it would take 9 days for the Argentines to withdraw from the FI.
 - c. Resupply. DIS are now assessing the Argentine resupply problem. Assuming they can work the one water plant at full capacity, this will be sufficient for the local population and garrison.
 - d. Canada. Now also imposed a trade embargo on Argentina.
2. Own Forces. The CBG ETA Ascension Island is late Fri 16 Apr.
3. PR. Cranley Onslow is to deal with Mr E Carlisle!
4. Op PARAQUAT. COS are to consider CINCFLEET's plan this afternoon. Should be no problem.
5. Op SUTTON. ACDS(Pol)'s paper is circulating for 2-star clearance. COS will take it tomorrow. The earliest date for a landing is 4 May.
6. ROE Surface Ships/Aircraft. ND/AFD will tidy up the paper for CDS or A/CDS to submit to SofS. Is CDS happy with it? (FLAG G in this morning's folder).
7. POW. A ND paper on PoW will shortly come to the centre for staffing.
8. Restricted Session.
 - a. CNS debriefed on the Haig talks etc up to 0915.
 - b. CNS would invite CINCFLEET to confirm if he wants SAS to be armed with STINGER (latest US version of REDEYE).

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