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COS COMMITTEE 17TH MEETING/82 - TUE 131000A APR 82

1. Relevant Papers. The following papers are enclosed:

COS 17th Meeting/82 - AGENDA FLAG A

? Overnight DIPTeLs of Interest FLAG B

? Latest INTSUM (130600 Apr 82) FLAG C

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✓ Own Force Tote FLAG D

? Minutes of COS 16th Meeting/82 FLAG E

✓ Forecast of Decisions Required FLAG F

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✓ Draft ROE for Surface Ships/Aircraft FLAG G

✓ ROE for SSN FLAG H

✓ OD(SA) Note on ROE FLAG I

✓ Falkland Is - Military Appreciation FLAG J

OP CORPORATE - Aim FLAG K

- Directive to CINCFLEET FLAG L

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- Directive to ACDS(Pol)  
Military Appreciation  
Landing Operations FLAG M

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- Ops/Support Planning  
Assumptions FLAG N

✓ OP PARAQUET - CINCFLEET's Signal FLAG O

✓ *Planning Directive plus Op order Paraquet.*  
- Planning Directive FLAG P

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- ✓ Enemy Forces - JIC Note Argentine Forces FLAG Q
- Note on Argentine Auxiliaries FLAG R
- Note on Falkland Airfields FLAG S
- Friendly Forces - CLOSED FOR 40 YEARS UNDER  
FOI SECTION 27
- Draft Announcement of Naval Engagements FLAG U
- Outline of DCDS(I)/ACDS(Ops)  
Presentation to OD(SA) FLAG V

2. Action Before the COS Meeting. If time permits before the COS Committee Meeting you should read the Agenda (FLAG A), the over-night DIPTELS of Interest (FLAG B) and the latest INTSUM (FLAG C). Please also note Agenda Item 7 below.

3. Action at the COS Meeting

Agenda Item 1 - INTEL Assessment

- Invite VCDS(I) to give update on current situation in the Falkland Islands and South Georgia
- If the points not covered by VCDS(I) seek to clarify:
  - Argentine forces in situ in Falkland Islands (important read across at FLAG M, TAB 8 to ACDS(Pol)'s report under Item 5)?
  - Whereabouts of 22 RM and 7 BAS captured last week?
  - News of Argentinian oil tanker reported off Cape Verde Is 11 Apr?
  - Reports of mining in sea areas around Falkland Is?
  - Estimate of time required for Argentinian withdrawal from Falkland Islands (14 days was estimate used in Haig talks)?
  - What news of electronic/photog/surveillance equip on board Cuban 1L62 aircraft at Brazilia?

Agenda Item 2 - Own Forces

- FLAG D refers

Agenda Item 3 - Public Relations

- In addition to update on current PR DCPR might seek COS approval to the draft skeleton press releases at FLAG U.

Agenda Item 4 - Decisions Required

- FLAG F refers

Agenda Item 5 - Amphib Ops Appreciation

- Directive at FLAG M refers
- Invite ACDS(Pol) to present update on progress

Agenda Item 6 - ROE Surface Ships/Aircraft

- ND paper at FLAG G for discussion
- Proposals reflect standard FOTIs ROE adapted to meet specific circumstances envisaged in OP CORPORATE

Agenda Item 7 - Unforeseen Matters

- You may wish to mention that Mr Haig did not leave for Buenos Aires last night. A further meeting with the PM, FCS, SofS and CDS has been arranged for 130900A Apr 82. It is possible (but doubtful) that CDS will return in time to brief COS before end of Meeting 17/82.

Drafted by: SCDS  
Dated: 13 Apr 82

(Gp Capt J Hardstaff)