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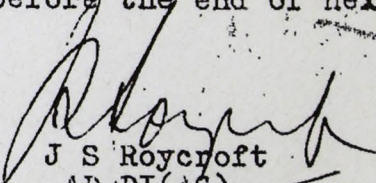
1. You should know that I had a visit this afternoon from a Wg Cdr Carruthers of DPS(C) in connection with a Falklands post mortem. He has been charged by ACDS (Pol) - in response to a remit from CDS - to produce a report of the events leading to the Argentine invasion of the Falklands. He has been instructed to go back to 1977, or earlier if necessary, and expects to complete his report in 2 - 3 weeks time.

2. I explained to Wg Cdr Carruthers the extent of my researches to date and how I was meeting my second remit ie a detailed examination of the intelligence received by the DIS during the period 19 March to 2 April 1982. I gave him the references to the various JIC documents he should read.

3. My intelligence 'post mortem' is clearly relevant, and complementary, to the ACDS (Pol) report but to avoid any wire crossing Wg Cdr Carruthers has agreed to use me, and only me, as his point of entry into the DIS if he needs intelligence information. Although I propose discussing my researches with him as necessary during the next few days - he can help me as much as I can help him - I shall not give him a copy of my report until it has been approved.

4. I have made good headway on the compilation of a detailed log of all intelligence reports received during the period but have to go back to the originators on some of them. I anticipate having my report completed before the end of next week.

13 May 82

  
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**MINISTRY OF DEFENCE**

to Mr Roycroft DI (AG) <sup>to B</sup>  
(or Lt. Col. Betley in his absence)

Herewith list of papers so  
far collected on the back-  
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Reference	Date	From	To	Subject	Encl. No
	July 76	Lord Shackleton		Economic Survey of the Falkland Islands by Lord Shackleton	
DOP(76)18	26 Nov 76	Foreign Secretary	DOPC	Paper for the DOPC by the FCS on the Falkland Islands : Future Policy. Recommends feasibility studies into some of Lord Shackleton's recommendations - in particular the extension of the airport runway - and an examination of the scope for Anglo-Argentine cooperation in developing Falkland Islands.	
SofS Brief	7 Dec 76 (E27/1)	DS22	SofS	Brief for SofS on DOPC paper DOP(76)18 on the Falkland Islands : Future Policy. Supports negotiations with Argentina ("Fortress Falklands policy is unacceptable"); reviews question of running on Endurance; says an extension of Port Stanley runway (proposed by Lord Shackleton) would not solve military problems.	
FCO Signal 181729Z	18 Jan 77 (E35)	FCO	Buenos Aires	Protest to Argentine over unannounced presence on Southern Thule.	
Hansard 923-934	21 Jan 77 (E36/1)			Parliamentary Statement on the economic future of the Falkland Islands.	

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Reference	Date	From	To	Subject	Ea No
Buenos Aires signal 211725Z	21 Jan 77 (E37)	Buenos Aires	FCO	Detailed report on Argentine presence on Southern Thule.	
FCO	31 Jan 77 (E38/1)	FCO	DOPC Members	Draft Parliamentary Statement covering Falkland Islands and relations with Argentina. Mentions the Shackleton Report and action to be taken on it	
JIC(77)(N)11	10 Feb 77 (E42/1)	Cabinet Office	JIC	Note on the Argentine Military threat to the Falkland Islands. Concludes there is a risk of direct military action if talks break down or progress towards Argentine sovereignty appears blocked.	
FCO Guidance Tel No 44	25 Feb 77 (E49)	FCO	Missions	Summary of visit by Mr Ted Rowlands to Falkland Islands 16-21 Feb 77.	
M05/21	20 May 77 (E5/1)	APS/SofS	DS5	Covering minute to Foreign Secretary notifying intention to deploy Endurance once more before paying off in May 78.	
DOP(77)15	29 Jun 77 (BOX)	DOPC	Paper	Paper on Strategy for Anglo/Argentine negotiations. Considers Sovereignty Options, lease-back etc. Defence content negligible.	
SofS Brief	1 Jul 77 (E10)	DS12	SofS	Brief on OD Paper DOP(77)15 on "Falkland Islands : Strategy for Anglo/Argentine Negotiations". Stresses difficulty of defending Islands against a determined attack and of protecting off-shore resources.	



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MO5/21	8 Jul 77 (E12)	APS/SofS	DS5	Covering minute from Foreign Secretary proposing a "hold" on action to pay off Endurance.
MO5/21	22 Jul 77 (E15)	SofS	Foreign Secretary	Notification of intention to pay off Endurance in May 1978.
FCO	26 Jul 77 (E16)	FCO	PS/PM	Report on the Anglo/Argentine negotiations in Rome, 13-15 July.
JIC(77)(IA)40	11 Oct 77 (E24)	Cabinet Office	JIC	Immediate Assessment of the risk of hostile action being taken against a RN vessel carrying out reconnaissance to check whether Argentines were present, illegally, on South Sandwich Islands. Assessed as unlikely but not to be discounted altogether.
D/DS11/10/6	31 Oct 77 (E25)	DS11	DofD Ops etc	Initiation of paper which developed into COS(Misc)523/742 of 3 Nov 77, in response to FCO letter attached.
FCS/77/110	31 Oct 77 (E25/1)	Foreign Secretary	SofS	Minute proposing that Endurance should be kept in commission until such time as a solution to the Falklands problem has been found and put into effect.
JIC(77)(N)46	1 Nov 77 (E25/2)	Cabinet Office	JIC	JIC Note on the Argentine Threat to the Falkland Islands. Concludes "if the Argentines conclude.... that there is no prospect of real progress towards a negotiated transfer of sovereignty there will be a high risk of their then resorting to more forceful measures, including military action. .... Although invasion of the Falklands cannot be discounted we think it unlikely."



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COS(Misc)523/ 742	3 Nov 77 (E28)	COS	(Paper)	COS paper on Military options to counter possible Argentine actions, forwarded to SofS on 4 Nov 77. DPS input to draft on 3 Nov 77
SofS Brief for DOP(77) 6th Meeting	15 Nov 77 (E33)	DS12	SofS	Brief for DOP Meeting on DOP(77)29 and 31, on the Falkland Islands. Considers options to counter possible Argentine actions following a breakdown in negotiations.
ACDS(Ops)7/10/2	15 Nov 77 (E34)	ACDS(Ops)	Two star clearance	Draft of paper that became COS(Misc)547/742, 17 Nov 77.
COS(Misc)547/ 742	17 Nov 77	COS	(Paper)	Paper on Defence of the Falkland Islands - Measures to Deter the Argentine Threat. Recommends sending 2 destroyers/frigates and an SSN with RFA support. Also draft letter from SofS to PM asking for agreement to despatch this deterrent force.
Part II to COS 30th Mtg/77	17 Nov 77 (E35/1)	COS	(Minutes)	COS agree draft paper draft submission and draft minute on the Falkland Islands - COS(Misc) 547/742 dated 16 Nov 77. Submission CDS 2038/1 dated 17 Nov 77 is forwarded.
MO5/21	15 Dec 77 (E42)	APS(SofS)	PS/PM	Situation report on the Royal Navy Task Force off the Falkland Islands.
FCS/77/129	Dec 77 (E43)	Foreign Secretary	SofS	Recommendation for withdrawal of FI Task Force.



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MO5/21	23 Dec 77 (E45)	SofS	Foreign Secretary	Arrangements for withdrawal of the ships sent to reinforce the Falkland Islands.	
FCO Guidance Tel 238	22 Dec 77 (E46)	FCO	Missions	Summary of Ministerial talks with Argentina in New York from 13-15 December 77.	
MO5/21	24 Jan 78 (E49)	SofS	Foreign Secretary	Minute agreeing that Endurance should be deployed to Falkland Islands in 1978/79.	
PM/78/6	6 Feb 78 (E52)	Foreign Secretary	PM	Minute on UK approach to negotiations with Argentina. Suggests that plans should be put in hand for naval reinforcement, in case situation deteriorates.	
Conf Annex to COS 4th Mtg	7 Feb 78 (E51)	COS	(Minutes)	CNS comment on FCS proposal that contingency plans for a Falklands Island naval task force be prepared.	
Pt 2 Minutes COS 5th Mtg 78	Feb 78 (E53)	COS	(Minutes)	Chiefs of Staff take note of a draft minute and letter for SofS (attached to COS(Misc) 69/742A dated 8 Feb 78) subject to amendment CNS 7331/5 dated 9 Feb 78 (Becomes D/DS11/10/6 of 9 Feb 78).	
D/DS11/10/6	9 Feb 78 (E53/1)	DS11	APS/SofS	Draft comment by SofS on PM/78/6 of 6 Feb 78. Becomes MO5/21 of 10 Feb 78. Explains background to MOD position.	



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MO5/21	10 Feb 78 (E55)	SofS	PM	Minute opposing Foreign Secretary's proposal (in PM/78/6 dated 6 Feb 78) to put in hand plans to send naval reinforcements to the Falkland Islands. Problems of naval reinforcement explained.
PM/78/34	7 Apr 78 (E1)	Foreign Secretary	PM	Report on the Anglo-Argentine negotiations in Lima from 15-17 February.
MO5/21	12 Apr 78 (E4)	APS/SofS	Cabinet Office	Minute endorsing the Foreign Secretary's minute to the PM on Falkland Island negotiations, dated 7 April 78.
D/DS5/78/83/74	12 May 78 (E6)	DS5	DS11	Draft answer to PQ, addressed to SofS, on the future of the RM detachment stationed in the Falkland Islands.
Port Stanley signal 011912	1 Sep 78 (E7)	Governor FI	FCO	Report of Argentine boarding of a Polish fishing vessel 60 miles N of the Falklands.
FCS/78/155	21 Sep 78 (E7/1)	Foreign Secretary	SofS	Minute outlining possible future Anglo-Argentine cooperation, with implications for defence.
MO5/21	4 Oct 78 (E9)	SofS	Foreign Secretary	Reply to FCS/78/155 of 21 Sep. Opposes regular RN visits; prefers to use Endurance.
FCS/78/178	31 OCT 78 (E10)	Foreign Secretary	SofS	Minute on defence commitments likely to arise from Anglo/Argentine negotiations - run on Endurance, fishery protection.



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M05/21	13 Nov 78 (E15)	SofS	Foreign Secretary	Reply to FCS/78/178 dated 31 Oct. Agrees to two further FI deployments for Endurance. Makes reservation on possible future commitment to fishery protection.	
PM/78/139	13 Dec 78 (E15)	Foreign Secretary	PM,	Minute on the Anglo-Argentine talks, due to take place in Geneva from 18-20 Dec 78. Proposes a Scientific Cooperation Agreement for the Dependencies and a Fisheries Cooperation Agreement for the maritime zones of the Dependencies.	
D/DS5/3/5/71	13 Dec 78 (E17)	DS5	APS/SofS	Draft minute, SofS to FCS, commenting on PM/78/139 dated 13 Dec 78. Agrees line on Southern Thule. Proposes negotiations without commitment.	
PM/78/28	13 Mar 79 (E18/1)	Foreign Secretary	PM	Minute reviewing the position on Anglo/Argentine negotiations. Concessions proposed for Argentines on Southern Thule. Falkland Islanders object. Argentines propose meeting in New York 21-25 Mar 79.	
NAW/AFW1/2241 <i>Ch. of Govt.</i>	18 Apr 79 (E21)	DS13b	DNAW	Minute on Sea Harrier sales to Argentina. DNAW recommends that talks with Argentine Navy should not be above restricted level.	
PM/79/81	20 Sep 79 (E27)	Foreign Secretary	PM and OD Members	Minute on the future handling of the Falkland Island dispute. Three options described: "Fortress Falklands," "Protracted Negotiations" and "Substantive Negotiations on Sovereignty." Recommends the third of these (Annex I to this minute, with a section on Defence of the Falkland Islands, was drafted in consultation with MOD. Letter D/DS5/3/5/7 of 13 Sep refers).	



Reference	Date	From	To	Subject	ECMA No
MO5/21	24 Sep 79 (E29)	MOD	FCO	Letter referring to Foreign Secretary's minute of 20 Sep and saying SofS "is quite content that Lord Carrington should indicate to the Argentine Foreign Minister our willingness to enter into negotiations over the Falkland Islands fairly soon. [He] assumes that MOD officials will be consulted before substantive negotiations begin, in view of the potential defence implications of any "lease-back" arrangement."	
Qa04274	27 Sep 79 (E32)	CPRS (Cabinet Office)	SofS for Energy	Proposed lease-back arrangement for Falkland Islands: Economic considerations.	
OD(79)31	12 Oct 79 (BOX)	DOPC	(Paper)	Paper on negotiating options for Anglo/ Argentine discussions. Annex 5: the Argentine Threat. Annex 8: Implications of defending the Falkland Islands, says "Should the Argentines invade before a deterrent force is deployed, or if the deterrent force failed, recovery of the Islands would require a force at least Field Force (formerly called a Brigade Group) strength. Such a force would require protection similar or greater than the force mentioned in para 3 [1] guided missile destroyer, 3 frigates and supporting RFAs and, possibly, one nuclear powered submarine."7"	
D/DS11/10/6	16 Oct 79 (E33)	DS11	DPS(C) etc	Draft brief for SofS on OD Paper OD(79)31 on Falkland Islands. Line to take includes statement; "A refusal to negotiate seriously with Argentina could encourage the military response which neither we nor the Islanders want."	



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JIC(79)(N)74	28 Nov 79 (E36)	Cabinet Office	JIC	JIC Note: The Argentine Threat to the Falkland Islands and Dependencies. States: "...the changes in the Argentine hierarchy have tended to lessen the likelihood of Argentina's making forcible moves against the Falkland Islands..... If negotiations break down, or if for some other reason the Argentine Government calculates that Her Majesty's Government are not prepared to negotiate seriously on sovereignty, there will be a high risk of its resorting quickly to more forcible measures against British interests; in such circumstances direct military action against British shipping or against the Falkland Islands cannot be discounted; but we generally believe the risk of such action would not be as high as hitherto."	
D/DS13/215	24 Jan 80 (E40)	DS13	DS11	Comment on OD paper OD(79)31 drawing attention to the defence sales penalties of the FI dispute.	
D/DS11/10/6	25 Jan 80 (E41)	DS12	SofS	Brief for SofS on OD Paper OD(79)31. States "As a deterrent measure, value of our current defence presence (some 40 Royal Marines and patrols by HMS Endurance) is limited."	
ALW 014/1	28 Jan 80 (E41/1)	Governor FI	Foreign Secretary	Valedictory report on the Falkland Islands by the Governor.	
D/DS11/10/6	5 Feb 80 (E41/1)	DS11	APS/SofS	Briefing for SofS on the Falkland Islands, prepared for visit of the Governor and Commander-in-Chief designate. Reviews problems of the defence of the Islands and requirements to deal with Argentine aggression.	



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MO5/21	6 Feb 80 (E44)	APS/SofS	DS11	Covers SofS for Energy's letter of 5 Feb on desirability of retaining access to oil and gas in Falkland Islands waters.	
D/DS11/10/6	14 Feb 80 (E45)	DS11	APS/SofS	Advice to SofS on SofS for Energy's letter dated 5 Feb. States "There is no specific MOD interest in the UK's retention of access to oil and gas in the Falkland Islands waters."	
MO5/21	22 Feb 80 (E46)	Foreign Secretary	PM	Proposed meeting of representatives of British and Argentine Governments to discuss the Falkland Islands. Proposal agreed by PM on 25 Feb. Meeting took place in April.	
JIC(80)12	19 May 80 (TS)	Cabinet Office	JIC	Assessment of Intelligence requirements and priorities. Placed information on Argentine intentions towards the Falkland Islands in the 4th (and lowest) category of national Intelligence requirements. — <i>for covert collection</i>	
DS11/10/6	2 Jul 80 (E51)	DS12	SofS	Brief for SofS on OD Paper OD(80)46 on Falkland Islands. Line to take includes: "Current defence presence of only limited value. ....Risk of Argentine aggression if <u>the negotiations</u> broke down. Hope that <u>leaseback</u> could lead to withdrawal of current defence presence."	
D/DS11/10/6	7 Nov 80 (E55)	DS12	SofS	Brief for SofS on OD paper OD(80)66 on Falkland Islands. "Line to take" similar to that of 2 Jul 80 submission.	



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ALW 040/325/12	8 Dec 80 (E59/1)	Governor FI	Foreign Secretary	Report on visit of Hon Nicholas Ridley to FI 22-29 Nov 80, to consult the Islanders on possible ways HMG might make progress in negotiations over the dispute.	
D/DS11/10/6	14 Jan 80 (E62)	DS11	APS/SofS	Advice to SofS regarding Home Secretary's minute on the nationality treatment of Falkland Islanders. "No [Defence] departmental points."	
D/DS11/10/6	29 Jan 81 (E65)	DS11	SofS	Brief for SofS at OD. "Line to take" includes: "Risk of Argentine aggression if negotiations are seen to break down. Current defence presence of limited value."	
PM/81/12	13 Mar 81 (E1)	Foreign Secretary	PM	Report on Anglo-Argentine Talks in New York 23/24 Feb 1981.	
D/DS11/10/6	24 Mar 81 (E3)	DS11	FCO	Letter summarising: Argentine capability to attack FI; our existing defences; forces we might require to deal with large scale Argentine action. Forwarded a copy of COS(Misc) 523/742, 1977.	
D/DS11/10/6	15 Apr 81 (E3/1 and att.)	DS11	DofDP(C) et al	Invitation to discuss FCO letter concerning need to plan for contingency of Argentine Military action against the FI.	



Reference	Date	From	To	Subject	Ref No
DI4/REGY/1600	21 Apr 81 (E4)	DI4	DS11	Brief summary of developments since JIC Assessment JIC(79)(N)74 dated 28 Nov 79.	
D/DS11/10/6	24 Apr 81 (E5)	DS11	FCO	Invitation to discuss "how military contingency plans for the Falkland Islands should be developed and with what objectives in mind."	
D/DD Ops (AT) (RAF)/6/660/109	14 May 81 (E6/1)	Ops(AT) (RAF)	D Ops (ROW)	Difficulties of operating Air Transport into Port Stanley to support contingency plans.	
D/DS11/10/6	10 Jun 81	DS11	DDOps(ROW), DPS, FCO etc	Note on meeting to consider military contingency planning. Concludes that "specific military planning" not required. Proposes instead "politico military assessment of UK's ability to respond militarily to a range of possible Argentinian actions."	
D/DN Plans 6/31	11 Jun 81 (E10)	DNP	DS5	Suggestion that contingency plans for both Reinforcement and Services Assisted Evacuation should be drawn up. (Comment on current work to produce a politico-military assessment of the UK's ability to respond militarily to possible Argentine actions).	
JIC(81)(N)34	9 Jul 81	Cabinet Office	JIC	JIC Assessment: The Argentine Threat to the Falkland Islands and Dependencies. (Conclusions include: "If for any reason Argentina concludes that there is no hope of a peaceful transfer of sovereignty there will be a high risk of its resorting to more forcible measures against British interest, and it might act swiftly and without warning. In such circumstances military action against British shipping or a full-scale invasion of the Falkland Islands cannot be discounted.")	
D/DS8/24/81 + 2 attachments	30 Jun 81 (E15)	DS8b	DS11	Technical difficulties of reinforcing/supplying FI by air, landing at Port Stanley.	



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COS(Misc) 268/742	14 Sep 81 (E25)	SECCOS	COS	MOD Note: "Defence Implications of Argentine Action Against the Falkland Islands." Noted by COS (COS 21st Meeting/81, Minute 122) and conclusions agreed. Prepared as Annex to FCO memorandum to OD. Memorandum was not, in the event, sent to OD. Annex not therefore used. Resubmitted as COS 1036/742 of 19 Mar 82.	
PM/81/42	14 Sep 81 (E28)	Foreign Secretary	PM	Note on FI dispute. (Includes comment "We cannot discount the risk that we might ultimately become involved in a military confrontation with Argentina. Contingency studies are currently being undertaken....")	
COS 17/81	22 Sep 81 (TS)	COS	(Paper)	MOD Priority Intelligence requirements. Places Argentine intentions and capabilities at Priority B (the second highest of 4 priorities) for the provision of assessed intelligence for the Chiefs of Staff.	
SVC/BA/3/32	14 Oct 81	DA Buenos Aires	MOD	Request to visit Falkland Islands 12-9 Jan 82. Reply from MOD (10 Nov 81), and notification of intention to travel (4 Dec 81) attached.	
FCO	16 Oct 81 (E32)	FCO(SAD)	DS11	FCO draft on "Cost of Defending the Falkland Islands," for use in Parliament, to defend Government Policy.	
D/DS11/10/6	28 Oct 81 (E34)	DS11	FCO	Comment on FCO draft on "Cost of Defending the Islands" dated 16 Oct 81.	



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ALV 014/1	19 Jan 82 (E38/1)	Governor FI	Foreign Secretary	The Falkland Islands: Annual Review for 1981. Stressed that the Islanders wish to remain under British rule.	
Signal 251955Z JAN	25 Jan 82 (E39)	HMS ENDURANCE	MODUK Navy	Report on visit to Ushuaia. (Unfriendly reception. Ships pilot mentioned "an article in reliable Argentine paper about possibility invasion of Falklands later this year.")	
Tel No 23	28 Jan 82 (E41)	Buenos Aires	FCO	Bout de Papier: "Argentine position on the question of the Malvinas, South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands." (Proposes permanent negotiating commission for rapid resolution of the question of sovereignty.)	
Tel No 186	28 Feb 82 (E46)	UKMIS NY Parsons	FCO	Report on Anglo-Argentine Informal Working Paper. (Terms of reference of Commission on the FI dispute).	
Tel No 187	28 Feb 82 (E47)	UKMIS NY Parsons	FCO	Joint Communique on Anglo-Argentine Talks, New York.	
Tel No 188	28 Feb 82 (E48)	UKMIS NY Parsons	FCO	Text of Anglo-Argentine Informal Working Paper. (Terms of reference of Commission on the FI dispute).	
Tel No 58	2 Mar 82 (E4)	Buenos Aires	FCO	Argentine statement on Falkland talks. Ends "Should an early solution of the dispute not occur Argentina reserves <u>right</u> to terminate the <u>monthly meetings</u> proposed by Argentina <u>and</u> to chose freely the procedure which best accords with her interests."	



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Tel No 57	2 Mar 82 (E2)	Buenos Aires	FCO	Review of Press Comment and "Government Source" comment on Falklands Talks communique.	
050/492/1	2 Mar 82 (Attached to E17)	DA Buenos Aires	Governor FI	Report on Argentine Military threat to FI. (Growing press talk of the use of military force as a natural follow on to any breakdown in the current negotiations.)	
D/DS11/10/6	9 Mar 82 (E14)	DS11	D Ops (ROW) DPS(C) DS5	Draft paper on Defence implications of Argentine action against FI. (Assesses Argentine and UK capabilities and options Becomes COS 1036/742, 19 Mar 82). No comment by DPS.	
DI4A/6618	10 Mar 82 (E15)	DI4A	DGI	Secret report that Argentine Navy advocates tough measures, including military action if necessary, if no progress towards recognition of Argentine sovereignty. Others still favour a diplomatic solution. Military options not under active consideration. Navy attitude not considered to pose an increased threat to FI beyond that described in JIC(81)(N)34 of 9 Jul 81.	
D/DS5/3/5/71	18 Mar 82 (E18)	DS5	DS11	Comment on D/DS11/10/6 of 9 March. (Paper should reflect decision to run on LPDs LSLs and value of SSN deployment.)	
COS 1036/742	19 Mar 82 (E19)	SECCOS	COS	MOD assessment: Defence implications of Argentine action against FI. (For clearance OOC, 19 Mar. Noted COS 2nd Meeting 1982, Part II Item 122. Passed to SofS 19 Mar 82. Becomes M05/21, 26 Mar).	



Reference	Date	From	To	Subject	En No
DS6/167/DDO	22 Mar 82 (E22)	COS Duty Officer	(Report)	Report on events in South Georgia on 20th & 21st March. Illegal landing, despatch of Endurance with 9 RM.	
MO5/21	29 Mar 82 (E24/1, 24/2)	SofS	OD Members	MOD assessment of the defence implications of Argentine action against the Falkland Islands. Reviews Argentine and UK capabilities and options.	
MO5/21	29 Mar 82 (E25)	SofS	PM	Report on action taken (retain Endurance, despatch SSN and RFA) and possible further action for defence of FI.	
D/MIN(AF)/PB/ 5/1/5	30 Mar 82 (E29)	Min (AF)	PM	Steps taken, and further steps that could be taken, to reinforce FI. (Air reinforcement impracticable. CTF preferred. Options to be considered at OD on 1 April).	
DOE 1st Mtg/82	30 Mar 82 (E30)	(Minutes of	DOE Mtg)	Item 1. FI Intelligence briefing. (Bohia Paraiso and 2 Corvettes off S Georgia. Task Force exercising 3-900 miles north of FI. Amphibious lift less than 1 Marine brigade). Item 3. Review of Options for defence of FI. Draft submission to be cleared out of Committee am 31 Mar. (Becomes 2038/1, 31 Mar).	
D Ops Staff 7/10/2	30 Mar 82 (E31)	ACDS(Ops)	SofS	Assessment of Air Reinforcement of Falkland Islands. (Concludes not feasible.)	
MO5/21	31 Mar 82 (E32)	PS/SofS	ACDS(Ops)	Request for report on feasibility of sending Rapiet to Falkland Islands.	



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2038/1	31 Mar 82 (E34)	Acting CDS	SofS	Review of existing force posture for defence of FI. (Endurance, RM, RFA FORT AUSTIN, SSNs) and options to counter Argentine action. Considers SSN, Task Group, Destroyer/Frigate and Air Deployments.	