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JOINT INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a Meeting held in
Room 215, Cabinet Office on
THURSDAY 27 MAY 1982 at 11.00 am

PRESENT

Mr P R H Wright
Foreign and Commonwealth
Office (In the Chair)

Mr R P Flower
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Vice-Admiral Sir Roy Halliday
Ministry of Defence

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Sir Antony Duff
Cabinet Office

THE FOLLOWING WERE ALSO PRESENT

Mr C O Shipp
Security Service

Mr J A Johnson
Government Communications
Headquarters

Mr R J O'Neill
Assessments Staff

Mr P G Wallis
Assessments Staff

Mr A J Colquhoun
Assessments Staff
(Items 1 and 2)

SECRETARIAT

Mr T W Savage
Commander A H R York
Mr F J Wilson
Mr P J Bulstrode
Mr D J Kiernan (Items 1 and 2)

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1. FALKLAND ISLANDS

The Committee had before them JIC(82)(IA)s 91 and 92, Falkland Islands daily assessments issued since 24 May 1982.

During a brief discussion on the Falkland Islands it was noted that there would be advantage in the Assessments Staff preparing a paper for the Committee's meeting on Thursday 3 June on the situation immediately following an early repossession of the Islands. It should be based on the alternative premises of Argentinian withdrawal as a consequence of either an early ceasefire or a capitulation of their forces. It would not be appropriate for the paper to address the military aspects of the situation after the liberation of the Islands, except for consideration of whether, and in what form, the Argentinians might be likely to continue military action against British forces in the area.

The Committee -

1. Took note of JIC(82)(IA)s 91 and 92.
2. Invited the Chief of the Assessments Staff to proceed in accordance with their discussion.

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2. IMPLICATIONS OF THE IRAN/IRAQ WAR

The Committee had before them JIC(82)(N) 51, a draft Note on the above subject.

After a detailed discussion, the Committee -

1. Approved JIC(82)(N) 51 as amended by their discussion and instructed the Secretary to issue it in final form.
2. Noted that the Assessments Staff were preparing a paper on the Internal Situation in Iraq; and that when the outcome of the Iran/Iraq War became clearer, would produce an assessment of Iran's attitude towards its Arab neighbours.

3. ASSESSMENTS FORECAST

The Committee reviewed Assessments Staff proposals for the preparation of items for assessment in the near future.

During discussion it was noted that it had already been agreed that further items should be prepared in relation to Falkland Islands (Item 1) and Iran/Iraq (Item 2). In addition it was agreed that items on The Yemens, Opposition Groups in Poland, the Meeting of the CPSU Central Committee in Moscow and ~~Agreement~~ ^{SOVIET} Grain ~~Sales~~ ^{PURCHASES} should be prepared.

The Committee -

1. Took note.
2. Invited the Chief of the Assessments Staff to proceed in accordance with their discussion.

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