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JOINT INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a Meeting held in  
Room 215, Cabinet Office on  
THURSDAY 10 JUNE 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 Brian Tovey  
Government Communications Headquarters

Sir Antony Duff  
Cabinet Office

THE FOLLOWING WERE ALSO PRESENT

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Mr J A Cradock  
Security Service

Mr C O Spencer  
Canadian High Commission  
(Items 1 and 2)

Mr P R Anderson  
Canadian High Commission  
(Items 1 and 2)

Mr B S Gorman  
Australian High Commission  
(Items 1 and 2)

New Zealand High Commission  
(Items 1 and 2)

Mr B J O'Neill  
Assessments Staff

Mr P G Wallis  
Assessments Staff

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Captain N L Browne  
Assessments Staff  
(Items 1 - 4)

Mr A J Colquhoun  
Assessments Staff  
(Items 1 - 5)

Mrs J P Hamilton-Eddy  
Assessments Staff  
(Items 1 - 4)

Mr A Heath  
Assessments Staff  
(Items 1 - 4)

Wing Commander D I Scott  
Assessments Staff  
(Items 1 - 4)

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Mr T W Savage  
Commander A H R York  
Mr F J Wilson  
Mr R D Lawrence  
Mr D J Kiernan  
Mr P Lakey

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1. CURRENT ASSESSMENTS

The Committee had before them Part II of the draft Weekly Survey of Intelligence (JIC(82)(WSI) 23) which contained items entitled "El Salvador", "Spain" and "Chad".

After a detailed discussion on each of the above items the Committee -

Approved JIC(82)(WSI) 23 as amended by their discussion, instructed the Secretary to issue it in final form and agreed that the item on Chad should be edited for release to NATO.

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2. IMMEDIATE ASSESSMENTS

The Committee took note of the following immediate Assessments -

ISRAEL/LEBANON JIC(82)(IA)s 112, 115, 118

ISRAEL/LEBANON/SYRIA JIC(82)(IA)s 122, 125

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3. FALKLAND ISLANDS: DAILY ASSESSMENTS BEARING A NATIONAL CAVEAT

The Committee had before them JIC(82)(IA)s 119, and 123, Falkland Islands Daily Assessments issued since Monday 7 June.

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The Committee -

1. Took note of JIC(82)(IA)s 119, and 125.
2. Invited the Intelligence Co-ordinator to proceed in accordance with the Committee's discussion.

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## 4. IMMEDIATE ASSESSMENTS: ITEMS BEARING A NATIONAL CAVEAT

The Committee had before them the following Immediate Assessments: JIC(82)(IA) 121 "Argentine Sabotage" and JIC(82)(IA) 126 "Belize/Guatemala". During a discussion the Committee -

a. agreed with regard to JIC(82)(IA) 121 that there were additional aspects of the Argentine sabotage threat which needed consideration, particularly Argentinian motivation and capabilities. The Assessments Staff should prepare a further paper which would assess the value which Argentina might place on particular acts of sabotage against United Kingdom assets, the techniques of sabotage which they might normally be expected to adopt and the resources they might have at their disposal. SIS would seek additional information on these latter points from CIA.

b. agreed with regard to JIC(82)(IA) 126 that, as the Chief of the Assessments Staff had not intended to issue the piece as an Immediate Assessment, it should now be superseded by an assessment entitled "Belize/Guatemala" based on JIC(82)(IA) 126 as amended by the Committee's discussion.

c. agreed that in view of the latest developments in Guatemala the question of intelligence collection requirements on Belize should be considered at the Intelligence Co-ordinator's meeting on 15 June, (Minute 3 above).

The Committee -

1. Took note of JIC(82)(IA) 121.
2. Approved the assessment entitled "Belize/Guatemala" as amended by their discussion and instructed the Secretary to issue it in final form as part of JIC(82)(WSI) 23.
3. Invited the Intelligence Co-ordinator and Chief of the Assessments Staff to proceed in accordance with their discussion.

5. ASSESSMENTS FORECAST

During the review of proposed work for the immediate future the Committee agreed that the Assessments Staff should, in addition to those papers already in preparation, prepare a paper which would examine the wider implications of the Israel/Lebanon/Syrian crisis, giving particular regard to the possible involvement of the Soviet Union and the United States. In dealing with the United States military presence in the Eastern Mediterranean, the paper should consider possible American objectives and perceptions of how the situation might develop, and their possible involvement with Israeli actions so far. In view of the critical nature of the situation and Ministers' concern about the extent to which the Soviet Union and United States might get involved, the paper should be ready for presentation to the Committee on Monday 14 June.

The Committee -

Invited the Chief of the Assessments Staff to proceed in accordance with their discussion.

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11 June 1982