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CABINET

JOINT INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a Meeting held in
Room 215, Cabinet Office on
MONDAY 14 JUNE 1982 at 3.30 pm

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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THE FOLLOWING WERE ALSO PRESENT

Mr J A Cradock
Security Service

Mr A W Saunders
Government Communications Headquarters

Mr R J O'Neill
Assessments Staff

Mr P G Wallis
Assessments Staff

Mr A J Colquhoun
Assessments Staff
(Items 1-4)

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

Mr A Heath
Assessments Staff
(Items 1 and 2)

Captain J J R Tod
Assessments Staff
(Items 1 and 2)

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Mr T W Savage
Commander A H R York
Mr F J Wilson
Mr P J Bulstrode

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1. THE ARGENTINE THREAT TO A BRITISH GARRISONED FALKLAND ISLANDS AND ITS DEPENDENCIES

The Committee had before them JIC(82)(N) 59 a draft Note on the above subject.

After a detailed discussion -

The Committee -

Approved JIC(82)(N) 59 (Draft) as amended by their discussion and instructed the Secretary to issue it in final form.

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2. FALKLAND ISLANDS: DAILY ASSESSMENTS

The Committee -

Took note of JIC(82)(IA)s 127, 130, 133, 136 and 137; Falkland Islands Daily Assessments issued since their previous meeting.

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3. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION IN THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS

The Committee had before them JIC(82)(N) 58; a draft Note on the above on the above subject.

THE CHAIRMAN, summing up a detailed discussion, said that the Committee would wish to agree that the general structure and argument of the paper were sound but there would be advantage in providing detailed updating and

further comment particularly with regard to the future role of the United Nations International Military Force. The Assessments Staff should redraft the paper, taking into account the points made in discussion. The revised draft should be circulated for consideration by the Committee at their meeting on Thursday 17 June.

The Committee -

1. Took note, with approval, of the Chairman's summing up.
2. Invited the Chief of the Assessments Staff to proceed in accordance with the Chairman's summing up.

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4. ASSESSMENTS FORECAST

During a review of proposed work for the immediate future, the Committee -

a. agreed that in addition to those papers already in preparation the Assessments Staff should -

i. examine the wider implications of events in the Middle East and prepare a draft paper which should be signalled to appropriate Posts for comment prior to its consideration by the Committee at their meeting on Monday 21 June.

ii. prepare a draft Note on the Argentine economy following British repossession of the Falkland Islands.

iii. prepare a paper on the internal scene and possible political developments in Argentina after repossession, taking into account the views of our Ambassador to Argentina.

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b. Noted that the proposed item on Northern Ireland, (JIC(82) 30th Meeting, Minute 5 refers), would be presented to the Committee at their meeting on Thursday 1 July, and that a Report on the threat to Sovereign Base Areas in Cyprus would be ready for consideration by the Committee by the end of June.

c. Noted that a paper on changes in oil prices, being prepared by the Assessments Staff, would be completed by the end of July or early August.

The Committee -

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

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5. FALKLAND ISLANDS: INTELLIGENCE LIAISON

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6. DISSEMINATION OF JIC MATERIAL IN THE UNITED STATES

MR O'NEILL said that following the Committee's previous discussion of this subject (JIC 31st Meeting, Minute 7 refers) he had been contacted again by the JIC Representative in Washington with regard to the current inclusion of the United States Representative at the United Nations, Mrs Kirkpatrick, in the distribution of Falkland Islands Daily Assessments. He had expressed concern about mention in a recent assessment of Mrs Kirkpatrick's contacts with Argentinian representatives.

THE CHAIRMAN, summing up a brief discussion, said that the Committee would wish to agree it would serve no good purpose at this stage in the Falkland Islands crisis to attempt to get the Americans to amend their

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distribution lists for the dissemination of JIC Material in the United States. It was important that the Assessments Staff and Departments and Agencies should, in preparing the Daily Assessments, bear in mind at all times the circulation given to them in the United States.

The Committee -

1. Took note of the Chairman's summing up.
2. Instructed the Chief of the Assessments Staff and Departments and Agencies to proceed in accordance with the Chairman's summing up.

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