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MILITARY APPRECIATION - LANDING OPERATIONS

The Chiefs of Staff have agreed (1) the attached Directive to ACDS(Pol) to prepare a Military Appreciation on Landing Operations.

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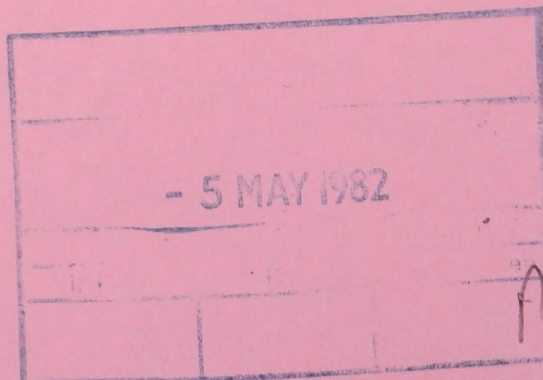
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Note:

1. COS 12th Meeting/82, Item 5.

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OPERATION CORPORATE MILITARY APPRECIATION - LANDING OPERATIONSDirective to ACDS(Pol)AIM

1. You are to develop an appreciation of the options for Landing Operations in the Falkland Islands in support of HMG's express policy aim to bring about the withdrawal of Argentine forces from the Falkland Islands and re-establish British administration.
2. The specific aim of the appreciation for Operation SUTTON is "to assess the various military options for putting a force ashore in the Falkland Islands, with a view to repossessing the islands."

ASSUMPTIONS

3.
  - a. South Georgia has been taken.
  - b. An effective sea/air Exclusion Zone has been established around the islands.
4.
  - a. Civilian casualties must be kept to a minimum.
  - b. Safeguarding property is a lesser but important consideration.

INPUTS

5. You are to obtain inputs on the factors affecting the above aim from:
  - a. Defence Intelligence Staff - to include, inter alia, material on Argentine build up in the Falklands in particular the state of the airfield, radar area coverage, helicopter gunships and heavy weapons, estimated Argentine naval/air capability to interdict the landing, and UK tactical intelligence capability.
  - b. Navy Department in consultation with the Air Force Department - to include assessment of local sea/air superiority and potential landing locations, special operations and pre-landing support operations.
  - c. CGRM in consultation with Army Department - to include assessment of initial objectives, landing phase, sustainability and subsequent operations.
  - d. Navy Department in consultation with other Departments as necessary - to assess the timeframe, both earliest and latest, within which a landing operation could be conducted.

TIMESCALE

5. Inputs are to be supplied to ACDS(Pol)'s duty office (Room 7126) by 1200 Sunday 11 April. The first draft of the appreciation is to be available to the Chiefs of Staff at 0930 Tuesday 13 April 1982.