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SUPPLY OF STINGER FOR THE SAS

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During a restricted session of the Chiefs of Staff this morning, the Chief of General Staff raised the question of whether the Americans should be asked to help us with the supply of STINGER for use by the SAS in any operations against the airfield or against aircraft in the Falkland Islands.

2. I understand that STINGER is a heat-seeking missile of the same type as (though smaller than) REDEYE. There has allegedly been a telegram from Washington on the subject (which I do not think I have seen) and which requires a reply. The point was made at the meeting that no requirement had yet been established by the Task Force, and the Chief of General Staff said that he was personally "rather against it". There was general agreement that a request to the Americans might possibly cause them difficulties and that we should be careful not to put at risk intelligence or military cooperation with them in other fields.

3. No action for the present, but we shall need to keep an eye on this.

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(P.R.H. Wright)
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cc Mr. Gillmore

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