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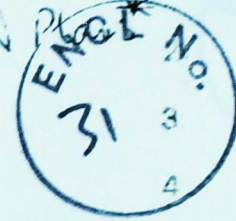
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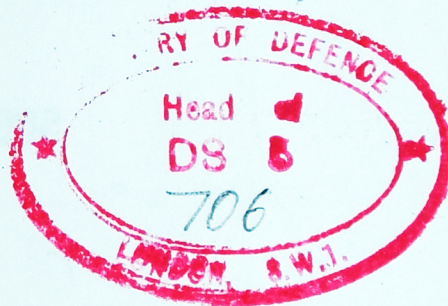
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Reference: COS(Misc)110/742/1 dated 12 April 1982

The paper at Reference is timely and has value in highlighting the main considerations which will influence the Navy's planning for Operation Corporate in the longer term, should that become necessary. However, the assumptions will apply to the other Services as well. For example, the RAF will need to replenish AIM 9L and BL 755 stocks and are already considering the need in a drawn-out or escalatory operation to accelerate the VC10 tanker and Mk 2 Nimrod conversion programmes, retain the Vulcan for its bombing and MRR capability and develop an aerial minelaying capability. The list is not exhaustive. CAS believes that the Army department will be thinking on similar lines.

2. The costs of all this will of course need to be calculated and weighed. CAS suggests therefore that we should now transfer the exercise to ACDS(Pol) and task him with developing from the Navy's valuable groundwork a paper on which tri-Service planning can be based. In the meantime CAS is content to take note of the assumptions as the basis for the further work that must be done.

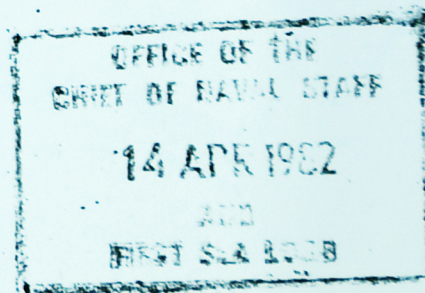


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