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Mr. Fearn
Emergency Unit

1) Action taken as from 15 April

2) Copy for Admin taken for wider note.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS: JIC ASSESSMENTS AND DAILY SITREPS

Following a meeting chaired by Sir R. Armstrong today, at which the PUS, Sir A. Duff, Sir F. Cooper and I were present, it was agreed that the JIC should continue their present practice of issuing daily assessments on the Falkland Islands, but that these should, if possible, be issued in time for them to reach desks by the beginning of each afternoon.

2. It was also agreed that the Ministry of Defence would give wider distribution to their daily INTSUMS. These are highly classified summaries (but not assessments) of military and political intelligence which are normally issued in the early morning and the late evening. In view of their classification, I would be grateful if PUSD would make appropriate arrangements for them to be distributed to those who wish to see them.

3. We also agreed that the Emergency Unit daily Sitrep would in future be sent, in addition to the new recipients added to the list this morning, to Sir R. Armstrong, Sir M. Palliser and Mr. Wade-Gery in the Cabinet Office; and to Mr. John Coles at No. 10. Sir R. Armstrong proposes to have a word with Mr. Coles to suggest that both the INTSUMS and the daily Sitreps should be regarded primarily as background information for the Private Office, rather than as papers to be submitted necessarily to the Prime Minister.

4. I should be grateful if you could please ensure that distribution of the Sitrep is arranged accordingly, and that they are delivered by the quickest means each morning.

[Signature]

(P.R.H. Wright)
14 April, 1982.

- cc PS
- PS/Mr. Onslow
- PS/PUS
- Mr. Giffard
- Mr. Ure
- Mr. Gillmore
- Mr. Weston
- Sir Ian Sinclair
- Mr. Mallaby
- Lord Bridges
- Mr. Bayne
- Mr. Nigel Williams
- Mr. Fenn
- Mr. Warren-Gash, PUSD

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