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MANDARINS' MEETING AT 1100A HOURS  
AND  
OD(SA)(82) 8TH MEETING AT 1200 HOURS  
FRIDAY 16 APRIL 1982

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PSO/CDS

RELEVANT PAPERS

1. The following papers are included:

ROE OP PARAQUET	<u>FLAG A</u>
OP CORPORATE ROE Ships/Aircraft	<u>FLAG B</u>
ROE for SSN	<u>FLAG C</u>
OD(SA)(82) 8th Meeting AGENDUM	<u>FLAG D</u>
Minutes of OD(SA)(82) 7th Meeting	<u>FLAG E</u>
PYM/HAIG Message 151630Z April	<u>FLAG F</u>
Redraft of Agreed Memorandum	<u>FLAG G</u>
Draft note to S of S - Task Group Refors	<u>FLAG H</u>
PM/HAIG Telecons 14 April	<u>FLAG I</u>
HAIG Talks on 13 April	<u>FLAG J</u>
- Argentinian 5 points	<u>FLAG K</u>
HAIG/COSTA MENDEZ Telecon 13 April	<u>FLAG L</u>
PM/HAIG Telecon 12 April	<u>FLAG M</u>
HAIG Talks 12 April	<u>FLAG N</u>

ACTION BEFORE MANDARINS MEETING

2. Before the Mandarins' Meeting CDS will wish to read the latest INTSUM (24) 160600Z Apr 82 and he may wish to scan the ROE for OP PARAQUET at FLAG A which were produced by ACDS(Ops)/Head of DS11 and circulated last night to the Mandarins concerned. I have no knowledge of any subject for discussion at the Mandarins Meeting other than FLAG A.

ACTION BEFORE OD(SA)(82) 8th MEETING

3. The Agendum for the OD(SA)(82) 8th Meeting (FLAG D) shows simply "The Situation in the South Atlantic".

4. CDS will be conversant with the latest INTSUM 24 160600Z Apr and before the Meeting he may wish to refresh his memory at FLAG E (Minutes of OD(SA)(82) 7th Meeting). Action arising from the OD(SA)(82) Meeting yesterday may be seen at FLAG F (FCS message to HAIG), FLAG G (redraft of Agreed Memorandum) and FLAG H (a draft note from CDS to S of S about Task Group reinforcements).

ACTION AT OD(SA)(82) 8th MEETING

5. CDS will wish to mention FLAG H which has been/will be sent to S of S.

16 Apr 82

Head SCS(A)

I am grateful for the assistance which you provided at short notice last night to meet a request from the Prime Minister to have on a single piece of paper some of the important military dates of present operations. I attach a copy of the letter and enclosure which I sent to No 10 last night.

2. With a little more time it would have been possible to have a rather more useful paper. I understand that we now set this in hand. I understand that a brief discussion of this same point at the Chiefs of Staff's meeting this morning and agreement that this should be achieved.

3. I have had a first discussion of the requirement with Captain Lord and have explained that what I believe is needed is a critical path analysis of the key political decisions required to implement various military options. The chart would be most helpful if it identified the dates which "go decisions" should be given by Ministers, and the latest dates at which they could issue "no-go" orders. The chart should also help to identify for Ministers those "windows" through which certain military operations may be possible - a point to which the Prime Minister attached some importance when she was briefed by the Chiefs of Staff on Thursday.

4. The Secretary of State is aware of the note sent over to No 10 last night and fully supports the proposal to draw up a more comprehensive flow chart identifying the time-scale for these crucial Ministerial decisions. Perhaps you could let me know when you think you will be in a position to let S of S have such a chart.

17th April 1982

PS/S of S