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OP CORPORATE - ADDITIONAL FORCES

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4. I will inform you when suitable movement resources have been identified.

16th April 1982

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Attached is a draft note as requested. It has been seen by ACDS(Ops), A/DMO, DNOT and DD DOMS who were content.

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1. Draft Note to SofS.

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1. You will recall that at OD(SA) this morning it was agreed that a further battalion should be deployed to the South Atlantic to meet up with the force already on passage. This will be a Battalion Group formed by the 2nd Battalion the Parachute Regiment and supporting elements (900 men). It will be placed at 72 hours notice to move from 0900 17 April.
2. The numbers and freight involved exceed HMS INTREPID's capacity and an accompanying LSL would delay arrival in FI area until late May. A study of using the MV NORLAND has revealed certain problems which are being actively examined. She has not yet been ruled out. However, we are currently investigating other civil shipping to identify suitable ships which could transport the battalion to arrive as soon as possible.
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