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OPERATION CORPORATE - STUDY OF SCOPE FOR DELAYING LANDING OPERATIONS ON THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. In accordance with the instructions (1) of the Chiefs of Staff, the attached draft Terms of Reference for studies into the Scope for Delaying Landing Operations on the Falkland Islands have been prepared by ACDS(Pol).
2. In view of the urgency, it is understood that work has been set in hand already, on the basis of clearance of these Terms of Reference at 2-Star level.
3. Unless the Secretary, Chiefs of Staff Committee hears to the contrary by telephone (Ext 6575) by 0900 on Saturday 17 April 1982, it will be assumed that the Chiefs of Staff have agreed the Terms of Reference.

Attachment:

Draft Terms of Reference (1 page).

Note:

1. COS 20th Mtg/82, Item 2.

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Terms of Reference

1. In accordance with the instructions (1) of the Chiefs of Staff, the studies below are to be carried out by the Staffs indicated in consultation with the appropriate Central Staffs and single Service Departments:
 - a. The practicability of maintaining the landing force at Ascension for up to 2 months. VCDS(P&L).
 - b. The ability of the Amphibious Task Force to conduct effective landing operations on the Falkland Islands after this time. CGRM.
 - c. The practicability of maintaining an effective sea/air blockade of the Falkland Islands during this period. Navy Department.
2. The studies are to be completed and available to the Chiefs of Staff by 0930 19 April 1982. ACDS(Pol) is to make an overall assessment of these studies, to be available to the Chiefs of Staff by 1800 19 April 1982.

Note:

1. COS 20th Meeting/82.

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