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COS MEETING AT 1000 ON
SATURDAY 17 APRIL 1982

RELEVANT PAPERS

1. The following papers are enclosed:

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| × Agenda | <u>FLAG A</u> |
| × Latest INTSUM | <u>FLAG B</u> |
| × Force Tote and Summary at a Glance | <u>FLAG C</u> |
| 2 Minutes of COS 21/82 | <u>FLAG D</u> |
| × Decisions/Actions Required | <u>FLAG E</u> |
| × GIBRALTAR - Defence Capability | <u>FLAG F</u> |
| × OP CORPORATE - Study of Scope For Delaying
Landing OPS On the FIs | <u>FLAG G</u> |
| ×  | <u>FLAG H</u> - ? |
| ×  | <u>FLAG I</u> - ? |
| Aim of Operation CORPORATE | <u>FLAG Q</u> |
| Military Appreciation | <u>FLAG R</u> |
| ROE for Op CORPORATE | <u>FLAG S</u> |
| ROE for SSNs | <u>FLAG T</u> |
| Op PARAQUET - CINCFLEET's Op Order 2/82 | <u>FLAG U</u> |
| ROE for Op PARAQUET | <u>FLAG V</u> |
| Op SUTTON - Planning Directive for CINCFLEET | <u>FLAG W</u> |
| JIC Note on Argentinian Forces | <u>FLAG X</u> |
| Argentinian Naval Auxiliaries | <u>FLAG Y</u> |
| Announcement of Naval Engagements | <u>FLAG Z</u> |

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COMMENT

2. ITEM ONE - INTELLIGENCE. INTSUM for 0600Z is at FLAG B; map illustrating Argentine and UK deployments is at LII Side. Argentinian deployments to the South are far greater than is necessary for the FIs alone. Soviet satellites are in regular operation. Argentine ships are clear of MES. Tigercat SAMs are positioned near STANLEY, and maritime and recce of the Atlantic Ocean near the FIs appears to have been implemented.

3. ITEM TWO - OWN FORCES. Summary at a glance and the detailed Tote is at FLAG C. Warships of TU 317.8.1 are now at ASI, although some RFAs have yet to arrive. CINCFLEET is to visit them today for briefing. INVINCIBLE stbd coupling has been rectified and she can make speeds in excess of 25 kts. COVENTRY, GLASGOW and ARROW are limited to 21 kts because of engine defects. NORLAND is requisitioned on arrival at Hull today. 848 Sqn is reforming with 12 x Wessex 5 and will be at 24 hrs notice to deploy wef 19 Apr. Third Nimrod Mk 2 due at ASI today. RAF Harriers are making good progress towards ski-jump CA release. 2 Para are at 72 hrs notice wef 0900Z today.

4. ITEM THREE - PUBLIC RELATIONS. Firstly, you should lay down a marker with DCPR that the media must be more responsible with their reporting. Specifically, TV reports last night and the press this morning have openly praised the two newly-released RAF airmen for their intelligence gathering. The effect of this, I believe, is to destroy any hope we might have had of an early release for the Marines currently in Argentinian custody. Secondly, you should be aware that journalists are not being allowed to land at ASI, and this will probably make them miffed.

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6. ITEM FIVE - GIBRALTAR. The note tabled for COS consideration is at FLAG F. This was not cleared out of committee at CGS' insistence. Army Dept indicated last night that there should be little quibble over the latest note, but CGS nevertheless wanted the subject to be aired formally.

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