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

1. The Chiefs of Staff have agreed (1) the attached Terms of Reference for a Study into the Scope for Delaying Landing Operations on the Falkland Islands.

Attachment:

Terms of Reference (1 page).

Note:

1. COS 22nd Mtg/82, Item 7.

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OPERATIONS ON THE FALKLAND ISLANDSTerms 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. VCDS(P&L). The practicability of maintaining the Amphibious Task Force at Ascension Island for up to 2 months from 20 April 1982.

b. CGRM. On the assumption that the option at paragraph 1a. above is implemented, the ability of the Amphibious Task Force to conduct effective landing operations on the Falkland Islands up to mid-July 1982.

c. Navy Department. The practicability of maintaining an effective sea/air blockade of the Falkland Islands from the end of April to the end of August 1982.

2. The studies are to be completed and available to ACDS(Pol) by 0930 18 April 1982. ACDS(Pol) is to make an overall assessment of these studies, to be available to the Chiefs of Staff by 1800 18 April 1982.

3. The Defence Secretariat are invited to prepare a draft submission to the Secretary of State, summarising the main features of the studies and assessment.

4. The Defence Policy Staff assessment and the draft submission to the Secretary of State are to be tabled for consideration by the Chiefs of Staff at their meeting on Monday 19 April 1982.

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