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HANDOVER NOTES

1. Generally a quiet shift. CDS came in for COS at 1000 hours, spent some time with CNS, returned to Nutley for lunch/walk round the garden and then back to MOD for an 1830 meeting with "Sir Robert Armstrong's Group" before departing for nightstop at Greenwich.
2. The usual bag has gone to Greenwich containing a Folder for COS Meeting (191000A hrs), a Folder for OD(SA)(82) Meeting (191115A hrs) and a selection of overnight signals. The latest INTSUM (190600Z No 30) is to be inserted on arrival of CDS at about 0900 this morning. CCTV brief has been arranged for 0930; ACDS(Ops) as usual will attend with CDS.
3. On the ^{*}political front nothing has been heard from Haig since FLAG A which gave rise to some small hopes. Meanwhile, just in case the worst should happen and the talks break down in Buenos Aires, preparations are well in hand for the UK to submit a UN resolution which might either do the trick (if the Argentines accept it) or leave us with the goodwill of our allies (if the Argentines apply the veto). The important point is that we must get in first with our resolution and not be forced into a corner where we are compelled to veto someone else's submission. Some news from Buenos Aires should break early today.
4. On the military side the COS today meet at 1000 hrs (I must check whether or not S of S will be in attendance) and the Agenda is:
 - a. Intelligence
 - b. Own Forces
 - c. Public Relations
 - d. Action/Decisions Required
 - e. Scope for delay in landing ops
 - f. Op PARAQUET
 - g. Unforeseen matters
5. On the Intel theme you should get chance to read INTSUM No 30 190600Z before CDS arrives.
6. Own forces carry on South as planned. The PARAQUET Group

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(TG 317.9) is approaching the 200 nm limit and thus a change of ROE will be required today. Similarly TU 317.8.1 is outbound from Ascension and they require "high seas" ROE as a matter of urgency today (subject of OD(SA) Meeting at 1115A hrs). Two Canberras PR9 and two support Hercules (to arrive in Chilean colours) are en route to Chile via Belize. Nine Victors MRR/PR deploy to Ascension (getting crowded) today.

7. You have probably heard the news/press summary for today. When CDS arrives the folder of 'overnight signals' contains one or two items of interest.

8. Action/Decisions Required covers the Military Appreciation (which is still overdue), the scope for delay in amphib landing (ACDS(Pol)'s paper), POWs and Battle Casualty Replacements (which ACDS(P&L) has in hand) and the Op PARAQUET ROE which are a subject of urgency. In this context there is some controversy between CDS (who likes the critical path presentation of Major Decision Points and CNS who prefers a tabular presentation).

9. Scope for delay in Op SUTTON, (ACDS(Pol)'s paper) is a poor one in my view: the conclusions are vague and in my opinion quite unrealistic.

10. Finally, as I have said earlier our Naval forces require ROE changes as a matter of urgency today and, after the COS have put their chop on it, this issue is the primary topic for discussion at OD(SA)(82) at 1115A hrs.

11. Miscellaneous items include:

a. A B/F today for CDS to send a note to Adm Maximiano (Brazil) (FLAG B - PSO copy only).

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b. CDS letter to CHODs - draft as per FLAG C (A1 copy only).

c. Staff study into 'Education on ROE' - FLAG D (PSO/A1 only). FC239

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