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COS COMMITTEE MEETING AT 1000A HRS  
MONDAY 19 APRIL 1982

BRIEF FOR CDS

1. Relevant Papers. The following papers are enclosed:

✓	✓	Agenda - COS 24th Meeting/82	<u>FLAG A</u>
✓	✓	INTSUM No 30 190600Z Apr 82	<u>FLAG B</u>
✓	✓	Force Tote/Summary at a glance	<u>FLAG C</u>
✓	✓	Minutes of COS 23rd Meeting/82	<u>FLAG D</u>
✓	✓	Decisions/Actions required	<u>FLAG E</u>
✓	✓	Forecast of Major Decision Points	<u>FLAG F</u>
✓	✓	Forecast of Major Decision Points (alt format)	<u>FLAG G</u>
✓	✓	Op CORPORATE - Scope for Delay in Landing Ops	<u>FLAG H</u>
✓	✓	Op CORPORATE - Aim	<u>FLAG I</u>
✓	✓	Op CORPORATE - Military Appreciation	<u>FLAG J</u>
✓	✓	Op CORPORATE - ROE	<u>FLAG K</u>
✓	✓	ROE for SSNs	<u>FLAG L</u>
✓	✓	Op PARAQUET - CINCFLEET OP O 2/82	<u>FLAG M</u>
✓	✓	Op PARAQUET - ROE (COS MISC 133/742/1/ 18 Apr)	<u>FLAG N</u>
✓	✓	Op PARAQUET - RECCE by Victor Tanker	<u>FLAG O</u>
✓	✓	Op SUTTON - Planning Directive to CINCFLEET	<u>FLAG P</u>
✓	✓	ROE for Main Force (COS MISC 134/742/1 18 Apr)	<u>FLAG Q</u>
✓	✓	CHILE - Submission to S of S	<u>FLAG R</u>
✓	✓	CHILE - Draft S of S note to PM	<u>FLAG S</u>
✓	✓	JIC note on Argentine Forces	<u>FLAG T</u>
✓	✓	Argentine Naval Auxiliaries	<u>FLAG U</u>
✓	✓	Announcements of Naval Engagements	<u>FLAG V</u>
✓	✓	Special Forces - C <sup>2</sup>	<u>FLAG W</u>

\* MARITIME ROE STATE AS AT 190600 FLAG X

2. Introduction.

a. All overnight signals of interest are enclosed in a separate folder. Haig's latest signal from Buenos Aires, the Press report/HMA comment from Washington and the SITREP No 17 are of particular interest.

b. The CCTV brief will commence at 0930 and as usual ACDS(Ops) will be present to watch it with you and answer questions.

c. I do not know whether or not S of S intends to attend COS meeting, but I will clarify the point on your arrival in office.

d. The Minutes of yesterday's COS Meeting are at FLAG D.

e. The Agenda for today's COS Meeting is at FLAG A.

3. Item 1 - INTELLIGENCE. The latest INTSUM (No 29 DTG 181800Z Apr 82) is underneath this brief together with the map as usual. On arrival in office this INTSUM will be removed and INTSUM 30 DTG 190600Z Apr will be entered at FLAG B.

4. Item 2 - OWN FORCES. The usual Force Tote and Summary at a glance is at FLAG C. You will note that TG 317.9 (PARAQUET Group) have picked up some time and are now due to cross the 200 nm limit AM Tue 20 Apr 82 as originally planned.

5. Item 3 - PUBLIC RELATIONS. DCPR will no doubt dwell upon the Press coverage from Washington (you have seen the signals) and the UK Press coverage for 19 Apr (which we have yet to see). Tomorrow (20 Apr) ~~DCPR~~ **PUS** is due to brief London editors as arranged.

6. Item 4 - ACTION/DECISIONS REQUIRED. The status of action/decisions required is at FLAG E. Item 0023 (Op CORPORATE - Military Appreciation) is overdue for completion, but all other action is in hand: Item 0055 (Scope for delay in Op SUTTON) appears as the next item on this Agenda; CINCFLEET's detailed plan for Op SUTTON will be taken by COS tomorrow; ACDS(P&L) has both the POW and Battle Casualty Replacement issues in hand, and the Op PARAQUET ROE are discussed later this meeting at Item 6. The forecast of Major Decision Points is presented as a Flow Chart (FLAG F) and in tabular form (FLAG G). It is a matter of personal preference which format is best. I prefer my version.

7. Item 5 - SCOPE FOR DELAY OP SUTTON. ACDS(Pol)'s paper is

at FLAG H; clearly it has been written in haste and the conclusions at Tab 1 are, in my opinion, a fairly crude cockshy. I am not an expert in these matters but my instincts tell me that a delay of 7-14 days would be acceptable if the force was held at Ascension Island. On the high seas I believe that a 7 day delay would be the maximum permissible. I don't agree that a 2 month delay at Ascension would be a practical proposition.

8. Item 6 - Op PARAQUET. FLAG N requires an immediate decision either to delay or to proceed with Op PARAQUET and also requests Phase B ROE be confirmed wef 191200Z for all units involved.

9. Item 7 - ROE for MAIN FORCE ON HIGH SEAS. The Navy Department note at FLAG Q has been prepared in the form of a submission for you to send to S of S; it has ~~has not yet~~ ~~(to be confirmed)~~ been approved by ACNS(O). Clearly, this paper must be treated as urgent if the COS are to approve it for submission to OD(SA)(82) at 1115A hrs this morning for approval by lunchtime. FLAGs C and F in your OD(SA) Folder refer.

10. Item 8 - UNFORESEEN MATTERS. At the time of writing the unforeseen matters are still unforeseen.

*late addition FLAG X will be a useful piece of paper if kept up to date. Perhaps omniates need for ACSS(Ops)' study?*

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