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CHIEFS OF STAFF COMMITTEE
COS 27TH MEETING/82 IN ROOM 5301
AT 1100 HOURS ON THURSDAY, 22 APR 82

RELEVANT PAPERS

1. I enclose the following papers:

Agenda COS 27th Meeting/82
INTSUM no 36 220600Z Apr 82
Force Tote Summary (Map at TAB 1)
Minutes of COS 26th Meeting/82
Decisions/Actions Required
Critical Path Decisions/Actions
Maritime Exclusion Zone - ROE
Maritime ROE State 220600Z Apr 82
SSNs - ROE
ROE - High Seas
OP CORPORATE - ROE
OP CORPORATE - Aim
OP CORPORATE - Military Appreciation
OP PARAQUET - SAS Recce Party Landed
OP PARAQUET - Haig Message 21 Apr 82
OP SUTTON - CINCFLEET's Outline Plan
OP SUTTON - Decisions Required
GIBRALTAR - Request for Buccaneers

FLAG A - Agenda 9/82
FLAG B - D100/82
FLAG C - Issue No 28
FLAG D -
FLAG E -
FLAG F -
FLAG G - COS (MISC) 144/82
FLAG H -
FLAG I - FC 001
FLAG J - COS MISC 174/82
FLAG K - 2038/1/1 dtd 13/4/82
FLAG L - 271615Z 42G
FLAG M - COS MISC 90/82
FLAG N - 211428Z CTF 317
FLAG O - 211950Z WASHINGTON
FLAG P - COS (MISC) 177/82
FLAG Q -
FLAG R - 211430Z GIBRALTAR

ACTION BEFORE THE MEETING

2. In preparation for the meeting if time permits you should take note of the Agenda (FLAG A), scan the overnight messages (especially those from Santiago and Gibraltar) in the enclosed folder, read the latest INTSUM (FLAG B) and study the minutes of the last meeting (FLAG D).

ACTION AT THE MEETING

3. Item 1 - INTELLIGENCE. DCDS(I) will expand upon the INTSUM No 36 at FLAG B. Some useful information has been gleaned from refugees from the Falkland Islands during the last 24 hours, but the major point of interest other than Spain/Gibraltar is likely to be the 707 over-flight of Hermes Group yesterday. It would appear that the 707 crew knew exactly where to find Hermes and one must consider what are the implications arising from this development. You may wish to thank DCDS(I) for his note on the South Sandwich Islands (enclosed in a separate folder).

4. Item 2 - OWN FORCES. The Force Tote Summary is at FLAG C with the map at TAB 1.

5. Item 3 - PUBLIC RELATIONS. DCPR will no doubt mention the generally favourable press coverage. One is forced to reflect that much informed press coverage presents a remarkably accurate picture of our current operations, plans and intentions.

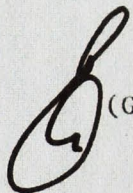
6. Item 4 - ACTIONS/DECISIONS REQUIRED. FLAG E refers. The only outstanding action, other than the 0023 OP CORPORATE Military Appreciation, is the ACDS(P&L) paper on POWs which was circulated for clearance yesterday. The general idea was that RRS BRANSFIELD (the BAS ship) should be recalled to South Georgia immediately post-PARAQUET to transport POW to Ascension Island for onmove by air to Uruguay. A submission had been prepared for you to contact Sir Herman Bondi re BRANSFIELD, but I am now told by DS11 that the Navy Department is having second thoughts. You should press for clarification as a matter of some urgency.

7. Item 5 - ROE FOR CARRIER BATTLE GROUP. FLAG F is for consideration by the COS Committee.

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8. Item 6 - UNFORESEEN MATTERS. CAS will probably raise the issue of Buccaneers for Gibraltar (FLAG R).

Drafted by: SCDS
Dated: 22 Apr 82



(Gp Capt J Hardstaff)

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