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A. MO5/21 dated 23 Apr 82.

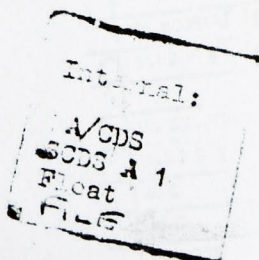
I attach copies of recent correspondence on the help which we might, in certain circumstances, be able to call upon from the US. I would be grateful if you would take the lead in co-ordinating Service inputs and bring the decisions required forward for consideration by the COS as necessary.



P C ABBOTT
 Capt RN
 Acting PSO/CDS
 Ext 3353 MB

23 Apr 82

Att.



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Please see the attached letter I have received from No. 10. The telegram referred to is one to you from the Head of British Defence Staff, Washington (copy of telegram attached).

2. I should be grateful if you could liaise with Head of DS11 and arrange for a draft reply to reach me as soon as possible please, so that we may keep the Prime Minister informed.

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YOU SHOULD ANSWER IN ONLY THE MOST GENERAL TERMS. PD YOU CAN
TAKE LINE THAT YOU ARE NOT AT PRESENT UNDER INSTRUCTIONS
FROM LONDON TO MAKE OFFICIAL REQUESTS FOR HELP IN CONNECTION
WITH OPERATION CORPORATE PD SUCH REQUESTS COULD BE MADE
THROUGH A NUMBER OF DIRECT LINKS BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS
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- ON MON 19 APR WITH MINISTER, NAVAL AND AIR ATTACHES I MET SENATOR JOHN TOWER, CHAIRMAN SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE. AT THE END OF A PRIVATE DISCUSSION ON THE FALKLAND SITUATION SEN TOWER AFFIRMED HIS STRONG SUPPORT FOR UK AND HIS VIEW THAT THIS WAS SHARED BY THE MAJORITY OF CONGRESS AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. HE CONCLUDED BY ASKING THAT IF HAIG'S NEGOTIATIONS FAILED WHAT HELP UK WOULD WANT FROM US. I GAVE INTELLIGENCE AND AIR SUPPORT AS WHAT I TAKE TO BE YOUR FIRST PRIORITIES.
- ALTHOUGH UNPREPARED BY THIS INQUIRY WE MUST EXPECT SIMILAR QUESTIONS FROM OUR US COLLEAGUES IF DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES FAIL. I WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR EARLY CONSIDERATION OF WHAT OUR RESPONSE SHOULD BE.

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

22 April 1982

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Dear David,

Falkland Islands: US Assistance

The Prime Minister has seen Washington's unnumbered telegram of 20 April describing a conversation with Senator John Tower about the help which the United Kingdom would require from the United States if Haig's negotiations failed.

With reference to the last sentence, Mrs. Thatcher has commented that she too would be grateful for early consideration of what our attitude on this matter should be. Perhaps you could let me know your thinking as soon as possible.

I am copying this letter to John Holmes (Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

you see
John Holmes.

David Omand, Esq.,
Ministry of Defence.

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