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TRAINING WITH THE FRENCH

In my minute of 21 April I told you of the proposed RAF training exercise with French Air Force Mirage and Etendard aircraft on 22 and 23 April.

Secretary of State may be interested to see the attached signals from RAF Wittering setting out some of the lessons learned from the exercise.

R J Harding
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Head of DSB

24 Apr 82

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REFERENCE EX TYPHOON SORTIES FLOWN HARRIER VERSUS FAF MIRAGE AND SUPER ETENDARD. WE FLEW SIX SORTIES ONE VERSUS ONE WITH MIRAGE AND ONE SORTIE ONE VERSUS ONE WITH SUPER ETENDARD IN ADDITION TO SIX SORTIES TWO VERSUS TWO AGAINST MIRAGE AND SUPER ETENDARD. EXCELLENT TRAINING VALUE FROM THIS EXERCISE FOR 1 SQN PILOTS CONCERNED. AT FACE TO FACE DEBRIEF TODAY WE LEARNED A LOT ABOUT TACTICS AGAINST THESE AC PLUS MANY DETAILS OF WEAPON SYSTEM PERFORMANCE. WE ARE NOW CONFIDENT THAT WE KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT THESE TWO LIKELY ADVERSARIES

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