

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEFENCE OPERATIONS EXECUTIVE

MINUTES of a Meeting held in
Room 5301, Ministry of Defence,
Main Building, Whitehall, on
SUNDAY 25 APRIL 1982 at 10.00 am.

ITEM 1. INTELLIGENCE

1. A review of the intelligence published in the latest summary (1) was given to the Executive.

ITEM 2. OWN FORCES

2. The situation was set out in the Force Tote Sitrep (2). In addition the Executive was informed that HMS BRILLIANT had now joined the ANTRIM group (TG/317.9) and that the HERMES Carrier Battle Group would R/V with TU 317.8.2 later that day.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC RELATIONS

3. The Executive heard a report on the day's Press coverage. In discussion the following points were made:
 - a. Facilities for international Press would be completed in the south entrance hall of the Main Building, Ministry of Defence that day and filming would be permitted in this area.
 - b. In any discussions with the media the area around a Task Unit should be referred to as, "A Defensive Area".

ITEM 4. SECURITY

4. The Executive agreed that continual effort should be made to maintain and improve all aspects of security, particularly in the distribution of papers and in the control of photocopying of documents.

ITEM 5. FLOW CHART

5. The Executive agreed that the Decision Briefing Sheet (3) should be amended in light of their discussions.

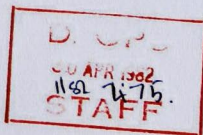
Notes:

1. INTSUM No 42. 250600Z April 1982.
2. Force Tote Sitrep (Issue 31).
3. D Ops 2038/1/2 dated 25 April 1982.

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DATE	CARRIER BATTLE GROUP (MAIN)	ADVANCE GROUP	AMPHIBIOUS GROUP	OTHER FORCES	DECISIONS BY:	
					COS	OD(SA)
26 APR MON				a. Approve deployment of Vulcans to ASI. b. Approve Canberra PR Ops	-	am
	[Carrier Battle Group joins up with Advance Group] a. Approve ROE for Surface Ships and aircraft to enforce Total Exclusion Zone. ✓ b. Approve insertion of advanced elements into Falkland Islands.		Review decision to sail.		-	am
27 APR TUE	Approve announcement of Total EZ if not already done.			[Earliest Canberra PR sortie]	-	am
28 APR WED						
29 APR THU	[Commence Ops in MEZ] [Insert advanced elements into FI]			[First Vulcan option pm]		
30 APR FRI						

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