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COS 31st MEETING/82
AT 1000 HRS ON MONDAY 26 APR 82

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RELEVANT PAPERS

1. The following papers are attached:

- Agenda COS 31st Meeting/82 FLAG A Agenda 99/82
- Over-night signals traffic - SEPARATE FOLDER
- Latest JIC(82)(IA)42 - Falkland Is - SEPARATE FOLDER
- Supplement to INTSUM 42 DTC 251950Z Apr FLAG B - D147/82
- INTSUM No 43 DTC 260600Z Apr 82 FLAG C
- Own Force Tote (Map TAB 1) FLAG D FC494
- Press Reaction to Op PARAQUET FLAG E - AT
- Minutes COS 30th Meeting/82 FLAG F } COS 30th Mtg/82
- OP CORPORATE - Actions in Hand FLAG G }
- OP SUTTON - Major Decisions Required FLAG H FC 477
- OP SUTTON - PUS Note on Military Options FLAG I FC 439
- OP SUTTON - CINCFLEET Outline Plan FLAG J FC 259
- OP SUTTON - Strategic Options COS Misc 150/742/1 FLAG K cos(misc) 150/82
- OP SUTTON - Special Forces Operations FLAG L 241758Z APR
- OP SUTTON - Vulcan Option PS/SofS Note FLAG M FC 420
- OP SUTTON - Vulcan Option Submission to SofS FLAG N 2038/1 of 23/4/82
- OP SUTTON - Vulcan Option - Military Appreciation FLAG O - COS 29th Mtg
- ROE - See Separate Folder
- Argentine Military Reaction to UK Operations FLAG P FC 432
- Argentin Withdrawal from Falkland Islands FLAG Q FC 405
- Falkland Islands - US Assistance FLAG R cos(misc) 161/82
- OP CORPORATE - Record of Decisions/Action taken FLAG S - cos(misc) 160/82

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INTERNATIONAL - some Aug concern re bluffs

NAVAL - no MRR since 24 Apr
diship vessels gathering in
most units at sea

TA 79.1 in Area B on exercise

79.2 north of 79.1

79.3 en route RV base San Diego

nothing new on subs

LAND - 5 1st Marine Batt on F1
battle killed mines in Goose
Green area

Attempts to tighten security

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ACTION BEFORE THE MEETING

2. The standard Agenda is shown at FLAG A. If time permits before the Meeting you should scan the over-night signals traffic of interest (separate folder), read the latest JIC assessment on the Falklands Islands (separate folder) and scan the enclosed (FLAG B) Supplement to INTSUM 42. The latest INTSUM No 43 DTG 260600Z will be inserted into this folder as FLAG C on arrival in office. ACDS(Ops) will attend as usual to watch the 0930 CCTV brief with you in office.

ACTION AT THE MEETING

3. Item 1 - INTELLIGENCE. The latest INTSUM will be presented to the COS; the main points are:

(unable to obtain advance information) →

(see INTSUM No 43 260600Z Apr 82)

4. Item 2 - OWN FORCES. Own Forces Tote together with the usual map is at FLAG D. The major news item about the surrender of Grytviken will be familiar to you. TIDESPRING, with M Coy RM embarked closed on TG 317.9 at 252300 Apr. The Battle Group (renumbered TU 317.8.4) continues at best speed with 1000 miles to run to the FI. The Sheffield Group joined the Main Battle Unit at 251800Z. The Amphibious Group (TG 317) is still on hold at Ascension and the Argonaut Group (now included in 317.8.4) is off DAKAR estimate Ascension 29 Apr. MVNorland with 2 Para embarked should depart at 1200 today. One Victor MRR sortie was flown yesterday. Two Victor tankers arrive Ascension today to step up MRR. Three Nimrod II are at Ascension; all 3 will be Stingray capable by 260900Z Apr.

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5. Item 3 - PUBLIC RELATIONS. The general UK press reaction to Op PARAQUET has been very favourable. However, the reactions of our Allies around the world (small sample) have been muted - perhaps because many nations are awaiting the outcome of both the OAS Meeting today and possible initiatives in the United Nations. The Argentine Foreign Minister COSTA MENDEZ has broken off all diplomatic negotiations with Haig following Op PARAQUET and we await (with many others) to see the US reaction today. The Junta in Buenos Aires has released news slowly and will not accept that the Argentine Garrison in South Georgia has surrendered. PUS released a statement to the press yesterday explaining why the names of ships/types of weapons systems should not be reported publicly.

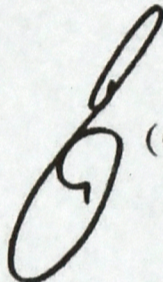
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6. Item 4 - ACTIONS AND DECISIONS REQUIRED. The Minutes of COS 30th Meeting/82 (Saturday 24 Apr 82) are at FLAG F; the actions currently in hand (FLAG G) are both with ACDS(P&L). The paper on "Maintenance of a British Garrison in the Falklands Islands" is due for presentation today and the "Battle Casualty Replacements" paper is still in gestation. However, the major military decisions are shown at FLAG H. PUS' note on military options is at FLAG I for reference as required together with FLAGs J-Q.

7. Item 5 - UNFORESEEN MATTERS. COS colleagues are not expected to raise any unforeseen matters.

Drafted by: SCDS
Dated: 26 Apr 82



(Gp Capt J Hardstaff)