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H1 J J1 K K2 M21 P S V2 W Z COL

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FALKLANDS : NOTES ON MEETING OF 27 APRIL 1982

Present: DR, H1 J J1 K K2 P S V2 W Z D1A

1. Erratum:

Paragraph 4 of D/3262/2304/14 of 26 April 1982:

Please delete the last phrase "and the 4 Bear Ds at present in Cuba were expected in Africa".

2. K reported that the submarine "San Luis" had been ordered on to an offensive patrol in response to the invasion of S. Georgia. The International Red Cross were to visit the Falklands.

3. The 2 TU-95s that had previously turned back were now in Cuba making a total at present of 6 TU-95s on station. COSMOS 1352 had conducted a reconnaissance of the UK on 23 April. The Soviets at present had 7 Elint satellites active.

4. On the V front there was little of significance. A siting report passed from Northwood had confirmed a previous Elint report.

5.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] On the Maritime NIMRODS, no further tapes had been received.

6. ENDURANCE was to stay on station for some time and if moved the CT team would be transferred appropriately. As K would need Sigint facilities in the area whatever the proposed plan of operation, the following action was decided:

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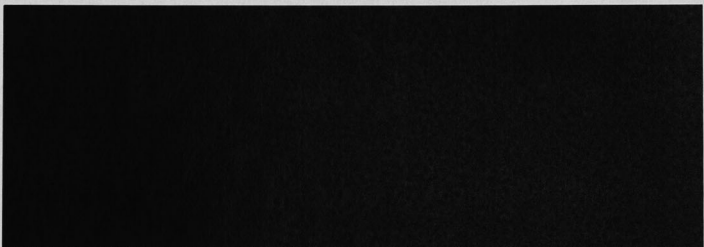
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(a) S was to contact GCREP to inform him that we needed to know as soon as possible what the plans were for the ENDURANCE to enable us to formulate plans to replace the facilities it was at present providing.

Action: S

(b) P was to talk to GCREP (in consultation with S1) to put the thought into the Navy's mind that subject to the prevailing situation, the deployment of the STYLO team was a matter for discussion once they had arrived in the area.

Action: P



Action: DR

8. K had received some [redacted] Comint intercept. It was at present being studied to provide details to [redacted] as there was a chance that further intercept may be available. J reiterated his request that [redacted] priorities /feedback should be channelled through J3. V had received good intercept from the same source which complemented the information from [redacted] and provided valuable information on AR radars. No extra source of [redacted] material had as yet been received.

9. H1 reported a processing fault on HECTRA which had caused all AR traffic to be passed to a reject file, causing a delay of 2 hours. The contents - levels of the data base which dealt with AR [redacted] and [redacted] was critical, and H1 proposed to reduce this by turning off poor quality or duplicated material. Further work was being done on the data base itself. [redacted] had been intercepted by the US but not processed. [redacted]

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10. Z was to issue a minute asking for names of those who needed to have access to Naval Operations information. In future this information would be restricted to these people. The GCOs in MOD and at Northwood would be referred to as follows:

MOD : GCLO  
NORTHWOOD : GCREP

11. On the cancellation of leave etc., DR had spoken to DO and referred to parts of the EPs that were considered relevant.

12. We gave a resume of the concen difficulties. At present the restrictions were intended to avoid any impact on UKUSA. W was to advise SUSLO of the proposals and would take stock of the situation on Friday and report to DR.

Action: W

In connection with the above, P was asked to approach G to provide further OCR typewriters in reasonable numbers.

Action: P

13. W suggested that the problem of VRK clearances might be considered at a later date especially in relation to manpower-intensive jobs and further suggested that a moratorium ought to be considered to stop the issue of retirement notices for the period of the crisis. DR would speak to DO on this matter.

Action: DR

14. Outstanding points:

- (1) Done - all OK
- (2) Information provided
- (3) Director had been briefed and copies of US reply had been sent to MoD and Northwood.
- (4) NEW MOON had been tested in K and had taken 3 minutes only to get end product to Palmer Street.
- (5) S4 is keeping UKLO-1 in touch with the [REDACTED] situation.
- (6) D1A to advise DR when accommodation ready.
- (7) Done for GCLO and GCREP.
- (8) Not worth further pursuit at present. May possibly require further thought at later date if SSA material becomes available.

- (9) Done
- (10) No further action considered necessary.
- (11) Idea abandoned. H/K content.
- (12) Done
- (13) Intercept poor - not possible to process at GCHQ.
- (14) Nothing received from [redacted] despite "chaser".
- (15) Done
- (16) As yet there was no ciphony available. Couriers were available if necessary and the 4.8 kbs link would be in soon.
- (17) (15) S was to approach GCREP to check the frequency of the flights from Ascension and if it was contemplated reducing them from daily to weekly.

Action: S

16. K2 reported the appearance of <sup>in Ascension</sup> [redacted] on a new group (TG 50) which was being covered by HERMES/ENDEAVOUR. It was decided to ship the CADMIA comms. equipment (No 2) to Ascension but to leave it packed. K was to speak to M21 about the possibility of the equipment being used by the Fleet (HERMES). It was thought that it could be transported to the area by INTREPID and then transferred by helicopter. S1 was to be kept informed.

Action: K