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28 April 1982

H1 J J1 K K2 M21 P S V2 Z GCOL

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DR - to see on file

FALKLANDS : NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 28 APRIL 1982

1. K reported that the ICRC had themselves asked to visit the Falklands and that the Argentinians appeared to be having some engineering troubles with the fleet.

2. J1 reported that there were 4 TU-95s on station in Cuba not 6 as reported in the previous minutes.

3. V2 said that information from [REDACTED] on the Falklands themselves was of high interest. K reported that the previous [REDACTED] intercept had produced little of interest. DR asked about the operational penalties on J's requirements of covering the Falklands by [REDACTED] and was assured that they were not at present crucial. J1 said that he felt that we should now start to issue proper tasking instructions via J3 (to include details of feedback). V2 said that there was a very high MOD interest in Elint information on the Falklands during the hours of darkness. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Action: V2 (with J3)

4. V2 reported a shortage of expertise/manpower on the technical Elint side. V2 would investigate the possibility of using further experienced personnel both from within V2 and other divisions.

Action: V2

7. There was nothing further to report on the Maritime NIMROD flights - the problem may be that they were not being able to go far enough, for to do that they needed to fly higher and if they flew higher they could not perform their true operational roles.

[REDACTED]

Action: H1

9. S had spoken to GCREP about the movements of the ~~ENDEAVOUR~~ ^{ENDURANCE}.

10. P had signalled GCREP regarding the deployment of STYLO. Part of the equipment had been removed from the vehicles to a cabin on board INTREPID and the STYLO team were asking for tasking instructions. P had also mentioned the possibilities of loading equipment en route and whether a further visit by GCHQ personnel to Northwood on this matter may be beneficial. There was a proposal to put a CADMIA coms equipment and OLD NILE on to INTREPID for the use of the STYLO team. This option was to remain open at present and P was to advise DR when GCHQ needed to make a decision on the disposition of this equipment.

Action: P

[REDACTED]

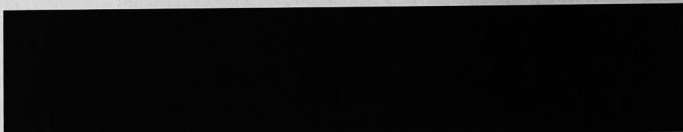
[REDACTED]

13. GCLO had relayed a request from Air Cdre (Int) for a summary of Soviet activities in the Falklands area since April. J1 had the matter in hand.

Action: J1

14. The data-base (HECTRA) problem had been partly relieved by earlier archiving of material. Some improvement in throughput time had been made since last week. H74X had already made a start on cutting down the duplicate of poor quality traffic. The best traffic was being received from UKC102 and [REDACTED] and it was proposed to try and prioritise this traffic to enable it to get through the system first.

Action: H1/H74X)/ K2(K25)



Action: H1

K2 would continue to investigate the usage of the new system and report to DR as soon as possible as DR was a little concerned at the timing and possible effects of the change.

Action: K2

There was nothing further to report on the use of DOLLY-BIRD.

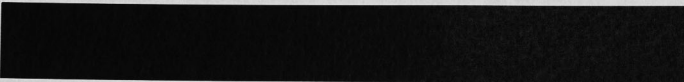
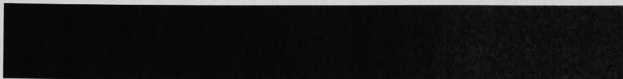
16. P had spoken to AGO (in G's absence) about the provision of further OCR typewriters. AGO had assured P that there were no TEMPEST or T.U side objections and if there was any need for more machines, approaches should be made to AGO.

17. In the context of MINIMISE and especially the fact that in future manuscript signals would not be accepted by W (except MARGAY and short high precedence ones), J should be aware of the offer from AGO to supply further OCR typewriters and take appropriate action with AGO.

18. K reported that S1/M21/W were dealing with the problem of obtaining and transporting the necessary equipment to Ascension for use either at Ascension or on board INTREPID/HERMES. M21 was to build another CADMIA-communications equipment to enable GCHQ to exercise the option of putting it on INTREPID/HERMES.

19. DR asked for an update on the present deployment of the naval Sigint teams at present with the Task Force and their responsibilities.

Action: S/K2



Action: Z

22. There was a short discussion on "action-on" in relation to the Task Force and the rules regarding the despatch of Sigint-derived information at a lower classification than that placed on it originally. Z was to draft a signal for DR to send to the Chief of Staff pointing out that should the present practices continue the Argentinians could take measures that would deny us the requisite intercept/readability and accordingly result in a loss of intelligence.

Action: Z