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1. No need for CDS to US  
See at present. DCDS(OR)  
is handling by going to  
see MofS(DP) - You should  
be aware of this PA

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OPERATION CORPORATE - PLANNING ASSUMPTIONS

1. I attach DCDS(OR)'s first conclusions on the logistic planning assumptions study. CDS has been made aware of these by DCDS(OR) when they met on Wednesday. The conclusions are generally reassuring, but DCDS(OR) has not yet started the longer term study of sustaining operations longer than six months.
2. I have heard worrying reports that:
  - a. Ministers (especially Trenchard) are reluctant to bring ILLUSTRIOUS forward.
  - b. The Navy Department are trying to get approval to fit the Phalanx CIWS. I understand this could possibly be done sufficiently quickly to avoid delaying ILLUSTRIOUS' June in-service date. This proposal was not well received, so I am told, because Minister(DP) is reported to have said that the whole business will be over by then anyway.
3. If Minister(DP)'s reported views are correct, we obviously need to revise our planning assumptions. I have brought this to PS/SofS' attention and he is looking into it. I have also suggested to Sec/VCNS that if what I have heard is really true ACNS(OR) should speak to DCDS(OR) who can then take the matter up as he sees fit.

~~PS. DCDS(OR) has now telephoned asking if we have reduced to a 3 month duration assumption. I believe CDS needs to raise with SofS.~~

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