

COS 38TH MEETING/82

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
CHIEFS OF STAFF COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a Meeting held in Room 5301, Ministry
of Defence, Main Building, Whitehall,
on FRIDAY 30 APRIL 1982 at 4.30 pm

PRESENT

Admiral of the Fleet Sir Terence Lewin,
Chief of the Defence Staff

Admiral Sir Henry Leach,
Chief of the Naval Staff

General Sir Edwin Bramall,
Chief of the General Staff

Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Beetham,
Chief of the Air Staff

ALSO PRESENT

Air Chief Marshal Sir David Evans,
Vice Chief of the Defence Staff
(Personnel and Logistics)

Lieutenant General Sir James Glover,
Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff
(Intelligence)

Lieutenant General Sir Maurice Johnston,
Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff
(Operational Requirements)

Rear-Admiral D W Brown,
Assistant Chief of the Defence Staff
(Operations)

Sir Frank Cooper,
Permanent Under Secretary

Mr J M Stewart,
Assistant Under Secretary
(Defence Staff)

SECRETARIAT

Brigadier J A C G Eyre
Captain J E S Raymond RN
Lieutenant Colonel J B R Peacock
Wing Commander A M Wills

C O N T E N T S

PART I - ITEMS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING

1-3 (1) OPERATION CORPORATE

PART II - ITEMS DEALT WITH PRIOR TO THE MEETING

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Note:

1. Recorded as a Confidential Annex.

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TO
COS 38TH MEETING/82 HELD ON
FRIDAY 30 APRIL 1982 AT 4.30 pmOPERATION CORPORATEITEM 1. OD(SA).

1. SIR TERENCE LEWIN informed the Committee of the decisions taken by OD(SA) that day.

ITEM 2. HMS ILLUSTRIOUS.

2. The Committee had before them a draft submission (1) to the Secretary of State seeking his endorsement of the Navy Department plan to bring forward the acceptance-into-service date of HMS ILLUSTRIOUS to 18 June 1982.

3. In discussion the following points were made:

- a. The draft submission concerned only HMS ILLUSTRIOUS. The other ships mentioned were of concern to the Navy Department only.
- b. The provision of Vulcan Phalanx would be handled through Operational Requirements Committee channels.
- c. Sea Harriers would be provided from those already allotted to the Task Force.

4. Summing up, SIR TERENCE LEWIN said they would wish to invite the Chief of the Naval Staff to amend the draft submission taking account of the views they had expressed in discussion, and to agree that he should then forward it to the Secretary of State that afternoon.

ITEM 3. SUPPLY OF US EQUIPMENT.

5. The Committee noted that the Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff (Operational Requirements) would shortly present a paper listing equipment which we might wish to

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1. Attachment to COS(Misc) 183/742/1 dated 30 April 1982.

obtain from the United States. The question whether that equipment should be bought or leased needed careful attention. It would be important to ensure a uniform line within the various branches and departments involved.

6. Summing up SIR TERENCE LEWIN said they would wish to instruct the Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff (Operational Requirements) to bring forward his paper no later than Tuesday 4 May 1982 so that appropriate issues could be raised in bi-lateral discussions during the forthcoming NATO meeting.