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To: DMO (then DDMO)

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. I attended a DOE on your behalf yesterday. The meeting discussed items from OD and military options in response to an invasion of the Falkland Islands. I will brief you on the latest intelligence personally.

2. OD Meeting

a. FM took firm line that a peaceful negotiated solution must be achieved. Whilst taking certain precautionary measures a low profile must be maintained.

b. OD agreed that no surface ships should be deployed, but that third SSN (HMS Conqueror) should prepare to sail.

c. The RM C6y should not deploy, but that some RMs with Blowpipe should be embarked on RFA Port Austin from Ascension.

d. Not more than 4 x C130 flights should take place to Ascension.

3. Arising from OD discussions DOE recommended that:

a. 30 RMs and 8 Blowpipes should be deployed to Port Stanley.

b. An army satellite strategic communications link of 6 men, 1 x 502 equipment and 3000 lbs of freight to Port Stanley via Ascension. There is no operational penalty and CGS has approved. They are scheduled to depart 020001Z.

c. 2 RN Lynx heli to Port Stanley via Ascension.

d. RAF Tac Comms Wing and Fuel Storage det to Port Stanley via Gibraltar on tanker.

4. Naval staff are clearing a signal containing a number of specific ROBs for HMS Endurance.

5. ACDS(Ops) staff are preparing a short paper setting out various options that the three services have. I have

*Chile, C130 and
3 Para
outboard West
South Sea*

*Anti-air
US chival asaf*

13 18

*30 R4
arr 15/16
4/82*

Profile.

*SBS one
have SWS
SBS (Gen)*

*air
C3000*

*1. Cabinet
2. Chilean SIG
via West, Argentine No
US
3. UKish West, R-74
Hampshire LPD,
No No, C-130
3 C-130, M. P. 1000
2000-0000*

*4 open Ph. photos
5. Get 9 ships away from Port Stanley,
6. Finked idea - Spain
further into
6. Gibraltar R4 (21) - sign
duped,*

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5 days
confined out input to offering additional communications, forces up to 5 Inf Bde (in extremis) and, inevitably, the SAS! *Event out*

6. DOE is now at 2 hrs notice. The DSC is being manned up to State 2 ie 24 hour manning on a reduced scale from 021700A. I am not convinced we need to man the Ops Rm as there is an MO duty officer. I will be on call at home throughout the period at max 1½ hours.

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7. Not discussed at OD. Next meeting either Tuesday 6 April or after Easter. We are still planning to roulement the gunners!

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