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OPERATION SUTTON - INSERTION OF SPECIAL FORCES
FOR INTELLIGENCE GATHERING

1. I attach a note on this subject. It was agreed at OD(SA) this morning that CDS should raise it at the Mandarin's Meeting this afternoon.
2. I would be grateful if you would arrange to copy this to others attending the meeting.

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Note

1. D ops clearance given 291030 2.
2. SCDS(A) worried that the last sentence in para 1 may need explanation - likely to be the comment from PS/PUS.

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ANNEX A TO2038/1/2DATED APR 82OPERATION SUTTON - INSERTION OF
SPECIAL FORCES FOR INTELLIGENCE GATHERING

1. It is important that the Task Group Commander should have the option to insert special forces (SAS/SBS) into the Falkland Islands before any landing takes place, in order covertly to gather intelligence. The essential process of intelligence gathering needs 15 days.

2. The Task Group Commander needs approval to initiate insertion of special forces as soon as the Carrier Battle Group is within helicopter range of the Falkland Islands. The earliest that this is likely to apply is 29 April.

3. Ministerial approval is therefore sought for the covert insertion of special forces from the morning of 29 April onwards.