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OD(SA) DEBRIEF - 30 APRIL 1982 (2ND MEETING)

1. Argentine Carrier. Authority was given to attack the Argentine carrier outside the 12nm internationally recognised territorial limit except for a small area North of 35°S and West of 48°W in which it could not be attacked. No warning would be given.
2. Reinforcements.
 - a. The meeting did not reach a decision on the question as to whether 5 Infantry Brigade with supporting elements and additional Harriers is to be made available.
 - b. No decision was reached on passenger ships.
 - c. OD(SA) will consider these matters again in the light of the paper agreed by the Chiefs of Staff. This will be addressed on Sunday 2 May.
 - d. The meeting noted that MOD already had authority to take up ferries and no objection was raised to action being taken in anticipation of the other decisions yet to be taken.
3. It was agreed that CINCFLEET should have authority to move the remaining elements of the Amphibious Force from Ascension Island at his discretion.

4. The meeting considered that the early release of a statement to the press on the morning of 1 May 1982 would be required following the attack on Port Stanley airfield. The statement is to be worded in the most general terms, not identifying the type of aircraft involved, and to be followed by a fuller statement after air recce had confirmed results.

30 April 1982

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Brigadier
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Chiefs of Staff Committee