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HANDOVER NOTES - 2 MAY 82

1. Please see attached copies of my briefs for CDS for the COS and OD(SA) Meetings today, together with the SITREP on yesterday's events.

2. Today's programme is:

0850 approx	CDS arrives in office
0950	CCTV brief
1015	COS Meeting
1250	OD(SA)(82) Meeting
	Lunch

3. The topics for review at the COS Meeting are:

a. Defence of Ascension Island - ACDS(Ops) will explain why his paper has not yet been produced (his team of assessors were late arriving in Ascension Island).

b. The old Military Appreciation paper which has re-emerged as "The Military Options for Repossession of the Falkland Islands".

c. Under AOB I have suggested that the COS should discuss the allocation of 24 Troop SAS as requested by CTF 517.0.

d. CDS should also scan the US Assistance and The Maintenance of a British Garrison in the Falkland Islands papers which will both come before the COS tomorrow - which CDS hopes to take as a day off (and should be encouraged to do so).

4. The OD(SA)(82) 25rd Meeting is expected to cover the Reinforcement Forces paper and the associated Requisition of Shipping paper. In addition, it is highly probable that, because FCS has changed his mind on this issue, the question of the attack on the '25th of May' will be reviewed. In the margins of this meeting the Sofs might raise US Assistance with CDS.

5. At the time of writing the outlook for Monday is cloudy, but certainly there will be a COS meeting. CDS hopes to take the day off so I hope the OD(SA) will not gather.

6. Finally, I suggest that you should re-read the SCDS Duty Officer's notes because there have been one or two changes. I will check you out on the new telephones.

RELEVANT PAPERS

1. The following papers are enclosed:
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| Agenda GDS 30th Meeting/82 | FLAG A |
| Our Force Note (Imp of IAS 1) | FLAG B |
| Minutes of GDS 30th Meeting/82 | FLAG C |
| Op COMPSTATE Actions in Hand | FLAG D |
| Record of Decisions/Action Completed | FLAG E |
| WDS in Force 280000Z May 82 | FLAG F |
| Balance of Occupation Is - Signal to CTF 317 | FLAG G |
| Military Orders for Occupation of the Falkland Islands | FLAG H |
| US Assistance - AUS 3 Staff Note | FLAG I |
| US Assistance - Draft GDS Paper | FLAG J |
| US Assistance - Intelligence Aspects (ENCLOSED SEPARATELY) | FLAG K |
| Maintenance of a British Garrison in the Falkland Islands - ACDS(P&I) Paper | FLAG L |
| Op SUTTON - ACDS(maj) signal re Air Troop SAE | FLAG M |
| Op SUTTON - CTF 317 request for 24 Troop SAS | FLAG N |
| (1). If not included will be inserted on arrival in office | |

ACTION BEFORE THE MEETING

2. If time permits before the Meeting, you should read the enclosed JIC report, INTOP and SUTTON together with the overnight decisions/signals of interest.
3. The agenda at FLAG A is the standard four items followed by the 'Balance of Occupation Islands' (no paper as yet) and the Military Appreciation paper, removed 'Military Orders for Occupation of the Falklands' at FLAG I which you should read.

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COS 40TH MEETING/82
AT
1015 HOURS ON SUNDAY 2 MAY 82

RELEVANT PAPERS

1. The following papers are enclosed:

Agenda COS 40th Meeting/82	<u>FLAG A</u>
INTSUM NO 56 020600Z May 82 (1)	<u>FLAG B</u>
Own Force Tote (Map at <u>TAB 1</u>) (1)	<u>FLAG C</u>
Minutes of COS 39th Meeting/82 (Saturday)	<u>FLAG D</u>
Op CORPORATE Actions in Hand	<u>FLAG E</u>
Record of Decisions/Action Completed	<u>FLAG F</u>
ROE in Force 020600Z May 82	<u>FLAG G</u>
Defence of Ascension Is - Signal to CTF 317	<u>FLAG H</u>
Military Options for Repossession of the Falkland Islands	<u>FLAG I</u>
US Assistance - AUS D Staff Note	<u>FLAG J</u>
US Assistance - Draft COS Paper	<u>FLAG K</u>
US Assistance - Intelligence Aspects (ENCLOSED SEPARATELY)	
Maintenance of a British Garrison in the Falkland Islands - VCDS(P&L)'s Paper	<u>FLAG L</u>
Op SUTTON - ACDS(Ops) signal re Air Troop SAS	<u>FLAG M</u>
Op SUTTON - CTF 317 request for 24 Troop SAS	<u>FLAG N</u>
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ACTION BEFORE THE MEETING

2. If time permits before the Meeting, you should read the enclosed JIC report, INTSUM and SITREP together with the overnight diptels/signals of interest.
3. The Agenda at FLAG A is the standard four items followed by the 'Defence of Ascension Island' (no paper as yet) and the Military Appreciation paper, renamed 'Military Options for Repossession of the Falklands' at FLAG I which you should read.

ACTION AT THE MEETING

4. The first four Agenda items are straightforward. Public Relations might be of particular interest and I suggest that follow-up discussion on this item should be deferred to Restricted or even Private Session. Suggest Restricted after Item 4.

5. ACDS(Ops) will explain why the paper on 'Defence of Ascension Island' has not yet been prepared for Item 5. The signal at FLAG II has been sent.

6. Item 6 - 'The Military Options for Repossession of Falklands' is at FLAG I for discussion.

7. At the time of writing there are no unforeseen items for Agenda Item 7. However, I have included FLAGs J and K (US Assistance) and FLAG L (Maintenance of a British Garrison in the Falkland Islands) just in case you might wish to refer to these drafts of papers which will soon be presented to the COS for discussion/clearance. VCDS(P&L)'s paper in particular you should see because it is due to be taken by the COS tomorrow and I understand that you hope to take the day off tomorrow.

8. Finally, please see FLAGs M and N. The allocation of 24 Troop SAS should be discussed by the COS Committee under AOB.

Drafted by: SCDS (Gp Capt J Hardstaff)
Dated: 2 May 82

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OD(SA)(82) 23RD MEETING
AT CHEQUERS
1230 HOURS, SUNDAY 2 MAY 82

RELEVANT PAPERS

1. The following papers are enclosed:

Agendum OD(SA)(82) 23rd Meeting	<u>FLAG A</u>
Minutes of OD(SA)(82) 22nd Meeting	<u>FLAG B</u>
(1) — Force Levels - Reinforcement - OD(SA)(82)39	<u>FLAG C</u>
(2) — Reinforcement - Requisitioning of Ships - OD(SA)(82)40	<u>FLAG D</u>
(2) — Requisitioning of Shipping - SofS Speaking Note	<u>FLAG E</u>
Response to Arg Declaration of War - OD(SA)(82)41	<u>FLAG F</u>
US Assistance - AUS D Staff Note	<u>FLAG G</u>
US Assistance - Draft COS Paper	<u>FLAG H</u>
US Assistance - Intelligence (ENCLOSED SEPARATELY)	
FCS Note re Attack on '25th of May'	<u>FLAG I</u>
Head A Note re Attack on '25th of May'	<u>FLAG J</u>
The Argentine Aircraft Carrier - OD(SA)(82)56	<u>FLAG K</u>

ACTION BEFORE THE MEETING

2. Following the COS 40th Meeting/82 you will be fully briefed on the events of yesterday.
3. In preparation for the OD(SA)(82)23rd Meeting at Chequers today you will wish to note the Agendum at FLAG A. Only two items are scheduled for discussion: the question of Reinforcement Forces (FLAG C) and the proposals for the Requisition of Shipping (FLAGs D and E) which you should scan before the meeting.

4. The Minutes of the last OD(SA)(82) Meeting (FLAG B) are also worth reading in case topical subjects (ie Attack on the Argentine Aircraft Carrier, and US Assistance) are raised at the meeting.

ACTION AT THE MEETING

5. Item 1 - Force Levels - Reinforcements. Refer to FLAG C and enter into discussion as appropriate.

6. Item 2 - Requisitioning of Shipping. Refer to FLAGs D and E and enter into discussion as appropriate.

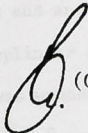
7. Item 3 - Any Other Business. I suggest that you should prompt the Secretary of State to raise the question of the Attack upon the Argentine Aircraft Carrier (FLAGs I, J and K refer).

8. The question of our Response to an Argentine Declaration of War might be raised by the Cabinet Office, but I hope not because FLAG F makes dreary reading. You may be asked to take note of this paper.

9. Finally, I understand from PS/SofS that SofS may wish to discuss with you either before or in the margins of the OD(SA)(82) Meeting at Chequers the question of US Assistance. To this end you should read FLAGs G and H together with the separately enclosed note on the Intelligence aspects of US assistance.

Drafted by: SCDS

Dated: 2 May 82

 (Gp Capt J Hardstaff)