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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 *AGENDA 122/82* FLAG A
- INTSUM NO 56 020600Z May 82 (1) *D246/PET D250/82* FLAG B
- Own Force Tote (Map at TAB 1) (1) *FC 747 LMAP* FLAG C
- Minutes of COS 39th Meeting/82 (Saturday) FLAG D
- Op CORPORATE Actions in Hand *[ANNEX A REPEI to COS - 3/4 MTR/82]* FLAG E
- Record of Decisions/Action Completed *- COS RECORD ONE* FLAG F
- ROE in Force 020600Z May 82 *- FC 745* FLAG G
- Defence of Ascension Is - Signal to CTF 317 *- 01158Z* FLAG H
- Military Options for Repossession of the Falkland Islands *COS(MISC) 127/742/1 [ANNEX 1] ON P20 3/5* FLAG I
- US Assistance - AUS D Staff Note *FC 665* FLAG J
- US Assistance - Draft COS Paper *AGS COS(MISC) 124/742/1* FLAG K
- US Assistance - Intelligence Aspects (ENCLOSED SEPARATELY)
- Maintenance of a British Garrison in the Falkland Islands - VCDS(P&L)'s Paper *COS(MISC) 128* FLAG L
- Op SUTTON - ACDS(Ops) signal re Air Troop SAS *- 302000Z APR 82* FLAG M
- Op SUTTON - CTF 317 request for 21 Troop SAS *302100Z APR* FLAG N

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- 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.

*see also COS(MISC) 128/742/1*

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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.

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