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HELICOPTERS WITH 5 INF BDE

1. CGS asked DMO to look into the numbers of helicopters to move with 5 Inf Bde. When CGS returned from Chequers I briefed him and he seemed reasonably content.

2. For interest the figures for ground support are:

a. 3 Cdo Bde (5 bns).

8 x Scout (all ATGW)

9 x Gazelle

13 x Sea King

14 x Wessex

b. 5 Inf Bde (3 bns).

3 x Scout (all ATGW)

6 x Gazelle

16 x Wessex

10 x Sea King

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3. Additional Support Helicopters.

5 x Chinook (2 to stay in AI)

4. Sea King and Wessex. Although these aircraft have been listed under the two Bdes, clearly they will be pooled with the Chinooks to support the whole force.

P S MORTON
Colonel
MO4

2 May 82

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ACDS(Ops)

DEPLOYMENT OF 5 INF BDE - RAF HELICOPTER SUPPORT

Reference: OP C/ARMY OPS/105 dated 30 Apr 82.

1. ACAS(Ops) has asked me to reply to your Reference minute requesting formal agreement to the inclusion of 10 Puma SH in the orbat of 5 Inf Bde if they are deployed on OP CORPORATE. You will have been briefed that the Puma would be prone to overbalancing, because of its high centre of gravity, if operated from rolling or pitching decks. Also, the flying controls could be damaged during rotor starting in severe conditions. Thus although the Puma can be operated from a CVA or LPH, operations from any other kind of ship would be limited since they could only be flown off in fairly calm weather. Accordingly ACAS(Ops) has directed that 10 Wessex SH be earmarked for support of 5 Inf Bde on OP CORPORATE.

John Price

J W PRICE
Air Cdre
for ACAS(Ops)

2 May 82

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