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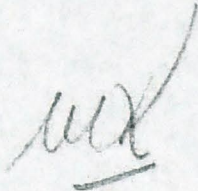
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HANDOVER NOTES

1. Programme Mon 3 May 82. 0930 CCTV, 1000 DOE (chaired by VCDS(Pol)). CDS will leave Nutley at 8 pm (bag required by Colours at 1830 with the usual material plus latest Own Forces and DCDS(I) Paper 'Capabilities of the Argentine Forces') and arrive later in MOD to polish up his presentation to Cabinet on Wednesday. Expect a run of questions from CDS that will need to be answered late Tuesday evening!! Benjie will call you am - he intends to come in pm to catch up but I suggest you put him off if nothing much has developed.
2. Programme Tue 4 May 82. 0900 OD(SA); 1000 Cabinet inc CDS Presentation; 1130 OOS (on call?).
3. Argentine Naval Re-grouping.
 - a. 79.1. Carrier, Destroyers TRINIDAD, HERCULES, COMMEDORO PY, SEGUI, and tanker CAMPO DURAN.
 - b. 79.3. BELGRANO, Destroyers BOUCHARDS, PUERTO BUENO, Tanker PUERTO ROSALES.
 - c. 79.4. Frigates GUERRICO, DRUMMOND, GRANVILLE, and tanker PUERTO MEADANOS.
4. ROE Change. Check daily summary, but after Chequers our forces ROE are now encompassed by only 2 sets of rules: those which apply within TEZ, and those outside TEZ. The current situation is 'open-house' for enemy military ships, and for ~~fleet~~ auxilliaris within TEZ only.
5. PR-Ship Loss. CDS says we should quickly publish the name of any of our ships that are sunk. This will minimise the risk of phone calls from distressed relatives etc.
6. Defence of Ascension Island. Paper in due course when ACDS(Ops) team reports back.
7. Spec Forces. Decision to insert Air Troop SAS delayed to ~~5 May~~ ^{Wed} 5 May, when we will have better idea on feasibility of Hercules in-flight refuelling.
8. Reinforcement. Cabinet approved requisition of QE2 + 2 other ships to move a 'slimline' 5 Bde. More ships will be needed for Heli and Harrier uplift. This is all sensitive pending announcement on Tuesday.
9. Attack on Sub 'San Luis'. BRILLIANT and YARMOUTH supported by 3 Sea Kings prosecuted an attack with torpedoes, depth-charges and mortar on a firmly held sonar contact 510655825W at 012200Z. No results observed.

10. Attack on Cruiser 'BELGRANO'. BELGRANO ingested two tinfish at last light and the bangs from its belly were heard by CONQUEROR as it took up escape profile from the cruisers two destroyer escorts.

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