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CHIEFS OF STAFF 41ST MEETING 1982  
(ON CALL)  
AT 1150 TUESDAY 4 MAY 1982

RELEVANT PAPERS

1. I enclose the following:

- Agenda FLAG A
- Intsum No 60 040600Z May FLAG B
- Own Force Tote (Map at TAB 1) *FL829* FLAG C
- Minutes of 40th Meeting (Sunday) FLAG D
- Minutes of 6th DOE (Monday) FLAG E
- Op CORPORATE - Actions in Hand *Att 1 to cos - sub* FLAG F
- Record of Decisions - Actions Completed FLAG G
- ROE in Force 040600A May *FL828* FLAG H
- CTF 317 031558Z May 82 - Security of Press Reports FLAG J
- Defence of Ascension Island, ACDS(Ops) FLAG K *(cos(misc))*
- US Assistance-COS(Misc)189/742/1 dated 2 May 82 FLAG L
- Op CORPORATE Two-Star Headquarters *FL774* FLAG M

AGENDA

2. Intelligence. Any updates that we might have will be behind FLAG B.

3. PR. After SofS' Press Conference and the Washington DIPELs of last night, there is an urgent need to counter the "Bullying British" line. You might also wish to air security breaches by correspondents with the Task Groups (FLAG J) and the disparity between the MOD Press Conference announcements and the more open reports from the South Atlantic.

4. Defence of Ascension Island (FLAG K). The paper might not have arrived, in which case ACDS(Ops) will raise the matter orally. CNS is concerned about command and control at Ascension and thinks that CTF 317 should be given full authority over defence and logistics. A tidy solution, but is he not making a rod for his own back? It cannot be easy to control logistics at one end of a pipeline and not the other. Does he want to do both?

5. US Assistance (FLAG L). As mentioned in the Monday BUTD, I think DCDS(OR) should be given a major role in scrutinising these demands - quickly - and bringing their implications to COS when necessary.

6. AOB.

a. Debrief of OD(SA)/Cabinet.

b. Two-Star Land Forces HQ. The relevant documents are behind FLAG M. The subject might come up if not agreed by all beforehand.

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