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Reference:

- A. COS(Misc)187/742/1 of 1 May 82.
- B. ACDS (Pol) 115/82 of 4 May 82.

1. I have one major reservation about this paper namely the inclusion of the Lease/Lend additional carrier from the US or Australia in Option 3. Our principal efforts are presently being directed towards the bringing forward of HMS ILLUSTRIOUS in the earliest possible timescale. Coincident with this we are investigating the availability of HMS BULWARK.
2. I regret that I cannot accept the paper unless the Lease/Lend Carrier proposal is deleted.
3. Detailed amendments are attached in a marked up copy to ACDS (Pol) only.

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