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The Secretary of State saw DCDS(I)'s minute of 28th April. He asked what was being done, as a matter of urgency, to counter the assessed threat to Ascension Island. In particular he wondered whether we were using Nimrods for sea survey and whether there was sufficient provision for radars to monitor approaching aircraft. He was also concerned to know what forces we had on the island to protect fuel tanks and aircraft. The Secretary of State is aware that urgent work is in hand and I should be grateful for a report to answer the points he has raised as soon as possible.

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4th May 1982

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