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5th May 1982

Dear Cas.

As you know we are most grateful to your Government for undertaking to respond positively to requests for material support for British Forces in the current crisis. We are considering separately our needs for intelligence and logistic help, and are preparing a list of items of weapons and equipment and will be making special arrangements both in London and in our Embassy in Washington for processing our needs.

It is not of course clear however that we shall necessarily require to use all the items listed either themselves or in replacement for weapons and equipment consumed from our present stocks. I believe it would greatly simplify administration and accelerate action if we could agree at the outset that such items as you do provide to us should be supplied on the basis that we pay only for those which we use or retain. Would this be acceptable to you? An alternative would be for us to pay you but on a "sale and return" basis, but this course would require more administration at the outset. By way of illustration, the two immediate requests which we have in mind are for some 300 AIM 9L Sidewinder missiles and 2 Vulcan/Phalanx guns.

I should be glad to have your reactions to this proposal. I hope to have a word with you when we meet in Brussels.

John - John.

John Nott

The Hon Caspar Weinberger

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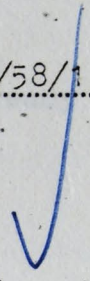
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OPERATION CORPORATE - US ASSISTANCE

Reference:

- A. COS 41st Meeting/82 of 4 May 1982
- B. D/DS11/10/6/16 dated 5 May 1982

1. Please find attached at Annex A the list of the most pressing items required from the USA referred to in the references. These have been agreed with single services.
2. I shall await the outcome of the bilateral discussion with Mr Weinberger before passing this list to BDLS (Washington) and the Service Controllerates for processing through normal channels.

David L. ...
DCDS(OR)

5 May 1982

Annex:

- A. Equipment Items Needed Immediately

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ANNEX A TO
D/DORS/58/1
DATED 5 MAY 1982

EQUIPMENT ITEMS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY

NAVY DEPARTMENT

1. Above Surface. 2 x Vulcan/Phalanx for ILLUSTRIOUS (Already in hand).
2. Underwater. Nil.
3. C³.
 - a. 5 x WSC-3 radios (UHF Satcom) and spares for ILLUSTRIOUS (2), NIMRODs (2) and ONYX (1). Negotiations to purchase are in hand through CBNS(W).
 - b. 2 x WSC-3 aerials - both for ILLUSTRIOUS. Already in hand through CBNS(W). (Note: This advances normal procurement for ILLUSTRIOUS which was due August 82.)
 - c. 2 x SSIKS (UHF Satcom) V.5 processors for ILLUSTRIOUS (1) and ONYX (1). Already in hand through CBNS(W). (Note: This advances normal SSIKS procurement which was due August 82.)
 - d. SSIKS - 2 month extension of bilateral MOU (currently expires mid-May 82) for USN's Channel 5, for use by RN SSNs and Command ships. Already in hand through CBNS(W).
 - e. 6 x UHF Secure Speech equipments (NESTOR) and spares, for 2nd phase deployment ships. Requirement is about to be passed to BDLS/CBSN(W).
4. Naval Air Warfare.
 - a. 100 x AIM9L SIDEWINDER missiles for SEA HARRIER.
 - b. 15 sets (+ spares/support) of AQ581 MAD equipment for ILLUSTRIOUS SEA KINGS/LYNX. Already passed by signal to CBNS(W).
 - c. 30 sets of Passive Night Goggles.
 - d. 70 sets of Gyro-stabilised Binoculars.
 - e. 24 x Lightweight jammer for SEA HARRIER - availability to be investigated. (Note: Westinghouse jammer uses too much power for SEA HARRIER.)
 - f. 24 x ALE40 IR Flare/Chaff dispenser for SEA HARRIER, subject to feasibility.
 - g. 30 sets NORTON Body Armour (for helicopter crews).
 - h. HARPOON for SEA HARRIER (subject to feasibility).

5. Royal Marines. 20 x Limpet Mines for SBS. (UK production ceased; stocks limited. Current stocks 30 in no. fully deployed.)

ARMY DEPARTMENT

6. 4 sets Motorola Satellite Communications System (URC 101) plus encryption equipment (KY57 and KO118) with ancillaries, for the SAS.

7. 4,000 rds M433 HE Grenade - to replace diverted stocks.

8. 50 x ANVIS II goggles for helicopter aircrew (RM and Army) with mountings.

9. 60 sets NORTON Body Armour (for helicopter crews) (under UOR consideration).

AIR FORCE DEPARTMENT

10. Weapons.

a. 200 x AIM9L SIDEWINDER missiles for HARRIER.

b. HARPOON precision guided munitions for NIMROD/VICTOR K2, subject to feasibility.

11. Equipment.

a. 24 x ALE40 IR Flare/Chaff dispensers for HARRIER, including 2000 IR Flares.

b. 26 x Electronic Warfare equipment (Jammers) suitable for HARRIER and helicopters.

c. 12 x Spare CHINOOK engines. An additional 3 have already been delivered.

d. 12 x Gyro-stabilised binoculars for NIMROD, as an aid to ship identification.

e. Passive Night Goggles are in the process of being acquired from the US for RAF use. No further action is required.

12. Materiel. US metallic planking for temporary runways. (Up to 150,000 sq yds AM2.)