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The Secretary of State has seen your minute of 3rd May, and he has read this in conjunction with CDS's, PUS's, DUS(P)'s and DCDS(I)'s separate minutes of 4th May.

2. The Secretary of State has decided that Operation Bedford should not be carried further at present in view of the traderelated difficulties which have been reported. Instead he will be minuting the Prime Minister with the alternative Nimrod R proposal put forward in CDS's minute of 4th May.

5th May 1982

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