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DEFENCE OF ASCENSION ISLAND

Thank you for your minute of yesterday's date which arrived after the Secretary of State's departure for Brussels. In the interim the Secretary of State had seen the COS note which formed the basis for your minute. The Secretary of State is still very concerned that we are not doing enough to counter the threat to Ascension. In particular he noted that only (1) sufficient small arms for ⅔rds of the forces on the Island had been despatched. He also remains concerned about the (2) gaps in radar cover. Deliberately I have not copied this minute widely as I think the best answer to this would be for CDS to have a word with the Secretary of State at the next available opportunity.

N H R Evans

6th May 1982

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