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CHIEFS OF STAFF 43RD MEETING
THURSDAY 6 MAY AT 1100 (ON CALL)

RELEVANT PAPERS

1. The following are enclosed:

Agenda	<u>FLAG A</u>	
Intsum No 64 060600Z May	<u>FLAG B</u>	
Own Force Tote (Map at <u>Tab 1</u>)	<u>FLAG C</u>	
Minutes of COS/42nd Meeting	<u>FLAG D</u>	
OP CORPORATE - Actions in Hand	<u>FLAG E</u>	
Record of Decisions - Actions Completed	<u>FLAG F</u>	ANNEX 35 ATT
ROE in Force 060600A May	<u>FLAG G</u>	FC 932
OP CORPORATE - Military Options	<u>FLAG H</u>	COS(MISC) 202

COMMENT

2. Item One - Intelligence. Verbal Brief 0630A : (General) Argentina has requested further LANDSAT coverage - we are trying to stop US from providing. Increase in Soviet Int scheduled broadcasts to Buenos Aires, significance not known. One Bear D overflew INTREPID 051140Z to North of ASI. (Navy) No further Int on whereabouts of carrier and other units of TF 79.1, 79.4. Most likely that they are still operating inshore in vicinity of BAHIA ENGARIO near TRELEW Air Station. No further Int on whereabouts of subs beyond INTSUM 62, 2nd Guppy unlikely to have sailed. Tug SORBAL reportedly arrived at Puerto Heseado with instructions to deny encounter with RN. Destroyer Commodore PY had been standing by SORBAL, and may still be in South, or complying with previous orders to join the carrier. Destroyers PIETRO BUENA and BOUCHARD are in USHUAIA with reported defects. ETD not known. (Air) 2nd Sortie by 707 - linked to Uganda and the follow up Amphibious Group. Argie may attempt to fly stores and men to Port Stanley. (Land) nothing to report.

INTSUM AT 1100 B when ready.

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3. Item Two - Own Forces Tote is at FLAG C. (Navy) / Operating SE section of TEZ, giving high priority to ASW search. (Amph Gp) Antelope Unit 1300 miles SW of Ascension, due at holding position 7 May. Fearless Unit now been joined at ASI by Intrepid and Atlantic Conveyor; Europic Ferry and Norland arrive there today. Unit sails in 2 sections today and tomorrow. Antrim/Tidespring now 1850 miles SW of Ascension and will RV with Antelope tomorrow. Antrim then takes over TU 317.0.4 leaving Antelope to escort Tidespring back to Ascension with POWs/BAS. Plymouth Airdrop due tomorrow, then joins TU 317.0.4. QE2 planned schedule: 10 May - load vehicles and freight, 11 May - load passengers, 12 May - sail. (Air) Offensive Operations. Eight Harrier GR3 aircraft have now deployed to Ascension. The ninth (and last) aircraft to be deployed failed to receive full fuel during tanking and diverted to BANJUL. Maritime.2 Nimrod sorties flown yesterday, one in support of the Antelope Group, during which the Soviet AGI PRIMORYE was located. Two similar sorties planned for today. A Mk 1 Nimrod sortie was flown out of Freetown on SAR duties for the Harrier GR3 deployment to Ascension. Similar cover will be given for the final Harrier's flight today.

4. Item Three - Public Relations. No points are anticipated.

5. Item Four - Actions and Decisions Required (FLAG E). None.

6. Item Five - Military Options. Paper by ACDS(Pol) is at FLAG H.
This was commissioned at TABS of FLAG J by COS on Sun 2 May.

7. Item Six - Unforeseen Matters. You may wish to debrief on OD(SA) in limited session.

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