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## OPERATION CORPORATE - LONG TERM MEASURES

Reference:

A. COS(Misc) 196/742/1 dated 4 May 1982

 CNS has taken note of the paper at Reference A and agreed its recommendations subject to the following amendment:-

Para 32b - Amend to read:

"Consideration of measures required to replace NATO declared Force Levels, equipment and stocks where necessary as soon as possible."

2. In taking note of the paper CNS believes the following more detailed amendments will be helpful:-

Para 8

- In view of the very limited use that can be made of vehicles in the Falkland Islands and the relatively large numbers of vehicles already deployed with the Force an assumption of 10% attrition is more realistic.

Para 8, Line 2 - Amend to read

"..... and 10% for troops and vehicles. The consequent ....."

Para 9a - Amen Lines 9 - 14

- Amend to read:

"... No replacement is immediately available for either of the two CVS or HMS ENDURANCE. The former is of particular concern and HMS ILLUSTRIOUS is being brought forward early to be available in August; investigation is proceeding into the feasibility of providing a further vessel, possibly BULWARK. A contingency plan ....."

Para 10 Lines 13-20 Amend to read:

"A forward repair ship is deploying to South Georgia and it is planned that a second such ship should be deployed to the vicinity of Ascension Island by 4 June with the option to deploy to a position between the Falklands and Ascension Island. The forward support ships are capable of carrying out extensive repairs to enable ships to return to

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operations or to the home or Gibraltar Dockyards. In the light of requirements arising from operation Corporate short and longer term plans for the future of UK Dockyards are being re-examined."

Para 11,

Delete "There appear..... major significance"

Substitute

"A particular problem lies in the adequate provision of Sidewinder missiles where combat experiences has proved the pressing need for AIM 9L to counter Mirages. Unless urgent action is taken there are likely to be critical shortages."

Para 11

The problem of maintaining the logistic chain is not addressed. Add following to end of para:-

"Attrition caused by enemy action and the increased usage of the ships involved in maintaining the logistic line of communication will result in increasing difficulty in finding suitable ships for the role. Supplies of POL and food to the South Atlantic are being adjusted to sustain the forecast force levels and likely usage."

Para 20

The immediate replacements on station for men and vehicles in 3 Commando Brigade Royal Marines will be less than the 10% attrition figure. The shortage is unlikely to be critical.

Para 25

Delete all after first sentence and substitute:-

"The long term cost of maintaining the garrison will require special financial provision if we are not to reduce our capability for other priority tasks.

Assistant Setretary/CNS 7 May 1982