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Whilst he was in Brussels earlier this week, Terry Lewin, bearing in mind Jock Taylor's signal No 398 of 4 May, gave the NATO Chiefs of Defence a very full briefing on the crisis.

2. I understand that the briefing - which was in open session - was very well received; no substantive comments or suggestions on the operation were raised. At the end of the briefing, General David Jones stated 'publicly' that the UK "could depend on US material support and had only to ask".
3. There was also a briefing here in the Ministry of Defence yesterday of NATO, EC, and old Commonwealth countries by the Assistant Chief of the Defence Staff (Policy) and by the Assistant Under Secretary of State (Defence Staff) which covered fully the present military/politico position (the latter in agreement with the FC0!) and included a full briefing on recent operations.
4. Your people may like to let posts know and we shall repeat such briefings at intervals.

*Yours ever
Frank Cooper*

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