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Reference: DPS(C) 54/8 dated 14 May 1982

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1. The following amendments are forwarded.

- a. To Para 3 of the Attachment to COS(MBC)212/742/1.  
Delete present para 3 and substitute:

"The adequacy of air support, including the achievement of local air superiority, is a pre-requisite to most of the options relating to the repossession of the Falkland Islands and a key factor in sustaining operations. ILLUSTRIOUS is being brought forward to replace HERMES and INVINCIBLE in August. Provision of a suitable merchant ship for additional helicopter support, thereby relieving fixed wing deck space in ILLUSTRIOUS is under investigation."

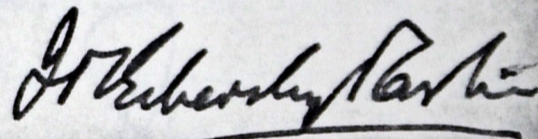
- b. Option 1. Military Pros - delete "Preparation already in hand."  
Political Cons - add "May require Media manipulation with risk of further strained relationships."
- c. Option 2. Forces required/available - add "MPA".
- d. Option 3. Timing - amend to read "In effect".  
Feasibility - amend to read "(1) Action in Hand".
- e. Option 4. Timing - amend to read "As required".  
Feasibility - amend to read "(2) Feasibility increased with HERCULES extended range capability".
- f. Option 5. Cons Political - delete "Possible reprisals.... on mainland", as this has not occurred.
- g. Option 6. Pros Political - add "Remove from Argentina a useful bargaining point in event of Diplomatic solution".  
- add "Comensurate with maintaining Diplomatic and Military pressure on Argentina".



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- h. Option 7. Feasibility - delete all after "deployment in August" in line 6 to end of para. Substitute "deployment in August. Provision of a suitable merchant ship for additional helicopter support to relieve deck space in ILLUSTRIOUS for fixed wing operations is under investigation. In any event it will be necessary to deploy additional Harrier GR3 aircraft to the Falklands area".
- i. Option 8. Feasibility (3) amend last sentence to read "Neutralization of Argentinian CVA and SSK would be high priority".
- j. Option 9. Feasibility (2) amend last sentence as in i. above.
- k. Option 10. Timing - amend to read "30 M Mark V Mines (sufficient for 2 loads) prepared at Milford Haven for laying by SSK. Passage time one month from UK unless ONYX diverted which could give shorter timing. Timing for air delivery....."
- l. Option 11. Timing. - amend to read ".....; SSK within 2 weeks;....."

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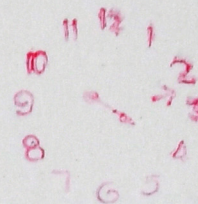


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References:

- A. COS 43rd Meeting/82 Item 5
- B. COS 50th Meeting/82 Item 5

1. As you know the Chiefs of Staff today held their weekly review of the paper Military Operations - Operation CORPORATE. CDS directed that the paper should be updated.
2. To assist preparation of the updated paper for next Thursday 20th May I would be grateful if amendments could be forwarded to DPS(C) Room 7128 by 2000 hours on Monday 17th May.
3. Should a two star clearance meeting be necessary arrangements for a convenient time etc will be made in due course.

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## Reference:

- A. COS(Misc) 212/742/1 dated 12 May 82  
 B. COS(Misc) 214/742/1 dated 12 May 82

1. We have the following amendments to Reference A:

a. List of Options (Page A-2). Option 12. After "Attack" add "Selected". ✓

b. Option 3. Cons. Add "Military. Some risk of attrition to own forces". ✓ *Not in*

c. Option 4.

(1) Para 3. Delete all after "TIMING" and insert " - as required". This ties in with subpara (1) under Feasibility. ✓ *Not in*

(2) Military Con. Add "Risk of attrition to own forces". ✓

c. Option 7. Second Military Con. After "maritime" add "and air". ✓

d. Option 9.

(1) Para 2. Delete "26/27 May" and insert "31 May/1 June". This revised date for the earliest arrival of 5 Inf Bde is based on steaming time for the QE2 Group provided by CTF 317. ✓

(2) Para 3. Delete "19" insert "20". This revised date conforms with CTF 317's Operation Order. (Reference B). ✓

(3) Political Con. Delete "Military stalemate could ensue". If considered appropriate this would be better under "Military". There is however far less likelihood of a stalemate under this option than 8 and therefore it is recommended that it be deleted. ✓ *Not in*

e. Option 12. Para 3. Delete "29 April 1982" as they are now there. ✓

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1. The updated paper at ..... FLAG A on Military Options is for discussion in COS Thursday 13 May. This new paper contains the same military options detailed in the previous draft although many of these have been further refined and Options 4 and 5 are now "in hand". ..... SIDEFLAG 1

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2. I believe CGS will want to take note of the paper but, in view of the relatively minor changes since the previous draft, there is no particular area that should be brought to his attention and he should agree the paper without comment.

3. If you agree I will brief CGS accordingly.

12 May 1982

*R Brown*

Col M02

*For i first highlight the changes for comment for CAS: ho RMA*

Notes:

- 1. COS 43rd Meeting/82.
- 2. Attachment to COS(Misc) 202/742/1 dated 5 May