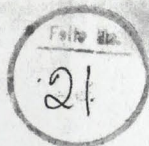


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CHIEFS OF STAFF 55TH MEETING/82
ON CALL FROM 1100 ON FRIDAY 21 MAY 82

RELEVANT PAPERS

1. The following papers are enclosed:

Agenda	<u>FLAG A</u>
INTSUM 93 at 201700Z May 82	<u>FLAG B</u>
INTSUM 94 at 210600Z May 82	<u>FLAG C</u>
CTF 317 SITREP 19 at 201830Z May 82	<u>FLAG D</u>
Force Deployment Maps (Tab 1 - 3)	<u>FLAG E</u>
Own Force Tote	<u>FLAG F</u>
Minutes of Thursday's COS 54/82	<u>FLAG G</u>
Actions in hand	<u>FLAG H</u>
ROE in force at 210600A May 82	<u>FLAG I</u>
Hercules Mine-laying capability (COS MISC 228/742/1)	<u>FLAG J</u>
Air Defence of Ascension Island (COS MISC 229/742/1)	<u>FLAG K</u>
Air Defence of Ascension - CTF 317 Proposals	<u>FLAG L</u>

ITEM 1 - INTELLIGENCE

2. JIC(82)(1A)83 Falkland Islands - 20 May 82 together with Flags B, C and E provide the latest intelligence on enemy forces. Your speaking notes for OD(SA) on the military situation are probably the latest word on this account, although of course the picture probably will be changing rapidly by dawn (in the Falkland Islands) this morning (1054Z). At the time of writing there is nothing of particular interest for me to draw to your attention.

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ITEM 2 - OWN FORCES

3. FLAGS D, E and F refer; the general remarks at Para 2 above apply to 'Own Forces'.

ITEM 3 - PUBLIC RELATIONS

4. This morning's press carry banner headlines speculating that today is the day of decision. Most papers carry the story of our downed Sea King in Chile - the only bit of hard news available at this stage.

ITEM 4 - ACTIONS/DECISIONS REQUIRED

5. There are no actions/decisions required at FLAG H.

ITEM 5 - HERCULES MINE-LAYING CAPABILITY

6. The paper at FLAG J is presented for discussion by the COS. The proposal looks sound, but I would have thought that such a capability could be mounted in less than 2 weeks. Is there an operational requirement for an aerial mine-laying capability? If so, where and when is the requirement?

ITEM 6 - AOB

7. The paper at FLAG K (Air Defence of Ascension Island), supported by CTF 317 at FLAG L, might be raised under AOB because I understand that ACDS(Ops) has some reservations.

Drafted by: SCDS (Group Captain J Hardstaff)
Dated: 2 May 82

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