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OD(SA)(82) 40TH MEETING  
AT 1030 ON FRIDAY 21 MAY 1982

RELEVANT PAPERS

1. The following papers are enclosed:

Agenda	<u>FLAG A</u>
Your Speaking Notes	<u>FLAG B</u>
Minutes of Thursday's OD(SA)(82) 39	<u>FLAG C</u>
FCO Diplomatic Summary (will be provided separately)	
OD(SA)(82) 44 - Admin of Govt in Falkland Islands	<u>FLAG D</u>
Paper for Parliament on the Falkland Is.	<u>FLAG E</u>
DOPC Agendum OD(82) 8th Meeting	<u>FLAG F</u>

ITEM 1 - MILITARY ISSUES

2. You will have seen all the latest signals, INTSUMS, SITREP and JIC assessments. Your speaking notes on the military situation are at FLAG E.

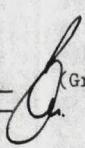
ITEM 2 - POLITICAL ISSUES

3. I will obtain the FCO Diplomatic Summary from S of S' office at 0900 hours.
4. FLAG D, an FCS paper on the "Administration of Government of the Falkland Islands and Dependencies", is relevant.
5. Some reference may be made to the "Paper for Parliament on the Falkland Islands" which was circulated to all MPs yesterday afternoon.

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6. Please note FLAG F, the Agenda for OD(82) 8th Meeting which will be held at 0930 hours this morning. You are not expected to attend and as you know S of S will be at Northwood from 0830-0930 hours - returning for OD(SA)(82) 40th Meeting at 1030.

Drafted by: SCDS  (Group Captain J Hardstaff)  
Dated: 27 May 82

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SPEAKING NOTES FOR CDSTHE MILITARY SITUATION AS AT 210600A MAY 821. Argentine Forces

a. Naval Surface Forces. In the absence of any further intelligence the latest assessment of Argentine major naval unit deployments is:

(1) TG 79.1 Carrier - inshore in the PUNTA RASA - BAHIA BLANCO area.

(2) TG 79.2 - HERCULES may be in BAHIA BLANCO. SANTISSIMA TRINIDAD, COMODORO PY and SEGUI in/about to depart from PUERTO BELGRANO.

(3) TG 79.3 - Destroyers PIEDRA BUENA and BOUCHARO are probably still in USHUAIA.

(4) TG 79.4 - Frigates GUERRICO and GRANVILLE patrolling in vicinity of RIO NEGRO. Frigate DRUMMOND returned to PUERTO BELGRANO on 18 May and is possibly still in port.

b. Naval Submarine Forces. Submarine SAN LUIS is at PUERTO BELGRANO possibly ready for new patrol. SALTA is possibly in the TEZ although there is no intelligence to corroborate this possibility and she could be elsewhere. SANTIAGO del ESTERO is still assessed to be unserviceable in PUERTO BELGRANO.

c. Army. There are no indications of any significant change to the overall Army dispositions in the FI during the last few days.

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d. Air Forces.

(1) Four ac have been involved in coastal recce duties 201130-202000Z.

(2) Two ac (Neptune and EMB 111) have been engaged in an ECM evaluation with TRINIDAD and HERCULES.

(3) C130 ac have been employed in MRR (Report from INVINCIBLE 100nm S of Port Stanley).

(4) One ac departed RIO GRANDE 400k heading FI at 202239.

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2. Own Forces. (Disposition and Actions)

a. No contact with enemy forces was reported yesterday. RAF HARRIERS attacked FOX BAY Fuel Installations. During the night 19/20 our ships shelled military installations on the Falkland Islands.

b. Surface Forces. (North to South)

(1) QE2. At RV 50NM West of Ascension. Additional passengers at Ascension (including CLF FI and staff) will transfer to QE2 via Guardship DUMBARTON CASTLE and helicopter today.

(2) Bristol Gp. 1200NM SW Ascension. ETA 25 May.

(3) MCM Gp. 1100 NE TEZ. ETA holding area 500NM ENE of TEZ 24 May.

(4) Exeter. ETA TEZ 22 May.

(5) ANTELOPE/AMBUSCADE. ETA TEZ late today/early tomorrow.

(6) Battle Gp. In support of Amphibious Gp in operational area.

c. Loss of Battle Gp SEA KING 4. NOK will be informed 120800A May. A Press Release will be made this morning.

d. CHILE SEA KING. 3 Crew condition and whereabouts not yet known.

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e. Submarines. Nil contacts.

- (1) SPARTAN. Patrolling N of C BLANCO.
- (2) VALIANT. Patrolling between SPARTAN and Falklands.
- (3) CONQUEROR. NE Edge of TEZ.
- (4) SPLENDID. Patrolling SW of Falklands.
- (5) ONYX. 1000NM ENE MONTEVIDEO.
- (6) COURAGEOUS. W of CAP VERDE

f. Air.

- (1) Nimrod. A sortie within 400NM of Ascension located PRIMORYE class AGI 60NM West of Ascension close to QE2 and ARG freighter CHUBUT 200 miles W of ASI. A Long Range Surface Surveillance sortie took off at 201830Z and is due to land 211230Z.
- (2) Victor. 16 currently at ASI.
- (3) Vulcan. 1 at ASI returning to UK today.

g. Land. NTR.

3. Special Forces Operations.

- a. The Special Forces Intelligence gathering patrols continue.
- b. A raid on the fuel store at GOOSE GREEN was planned to take place last night. Post-raid report not yet received.
- c. At 0800 today the NOK of those missing presumed dead as a result of the SEA KING MK IV crash will be informed. Later in the day a press release will be made to publish the loss.

d. The NOK of the crew of the SEA KING that crash landed in Chile will be informed today that the crew are missing. Further guidance for the British Embassy in Santiago has been sent by the FCO.

4. CTF's Intentions.

a. Continue preps for Op SUTTON Phase 3 (as at 201830Z May 82).

b. RAF.

(1) One Long Range Nimrod Sortie, with Victor tankers in Support, plus daily Ascension Surveillance within 400NM radius.

(2) Hercules supply drop.