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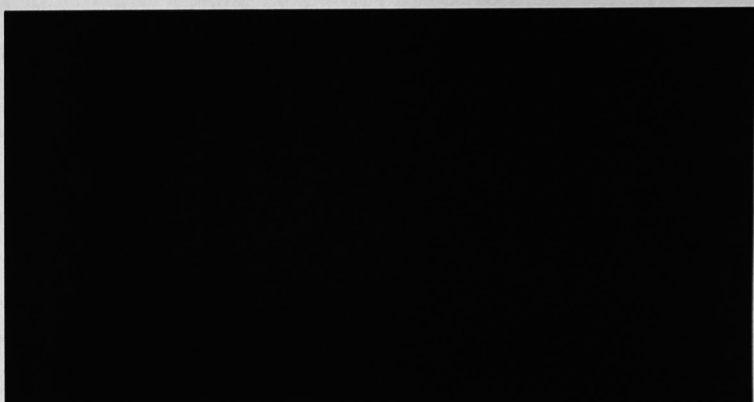
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FAKLANDS: NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 21 MAY 1982

Present: DR, H1, J1, K, P, ASO, V, Z, AD1.

1. Z reported the following items:



g. On frequencies for jamming - K has provided details of frequencies which could be jammed without seriously affecting GCHQ tasks. These include air-ground, the spoof submarine broadcast, lower frequencies of S4M, the coastal net and the search and rescue net.

h. On the request for Argentine frequencies which could be used for propaganda broadcasts - the same frequencies as those available for jamming can be used.



CURRENT INTELLIGENCE

2. K reported the following items of interest.

a. The Argentines were considering whether to call a meeting of the Security Council.

b. The COMODORO PY and another vessel are still in difficulty.

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- c. There were further references to air breaches of the blockade.
  - d. Commander, Southern Air Force has requested C-130S with heavy dropping capability.
  - e. Planned movements of Task Group 79.3 up the coast during 23/24 to 26/27 May.
  - f. The status of jet fuel stocks at RIO GRANDE.
  - g. Task Group 79.2 was to report on ESM working with NEPTUNE and other ASW aircraft.
  - h. Argentine suspicions of the presence of UK observation and liaison personnel on W. Falkland.
  - i. Instructions to units on the islands to conceal information about their strength and disposition.
  - j. Security measures at airfields in anticipation of raids.
  - k. Instructions to forces on the Falklands to deepen ground positions.
3. A record number of ELINT reports had been issued. The general picture was of maintaining the status quo. There was no evidence that major vessels had left the coastal area.

[REDACTED]

6. There had been a 5½ hour outage on [REDACTED] overnight due to a hardware failure. The crisis material had been processed on [REDACTED] but other material was affected. On Friday morning, HYBERG had been powered up - previous tests had caused problems with power or the ~~cocking~~ system, but the Friday test caused no such problems. X are now providing a daily summary of the position on scheduled maintenance. NEW MOON was upgraded on Friday, with resulting short outages. On Saturday, L had urgent requirements for a COMSEC session on TRISTAR, which will result in a ½ hour interruption before and after the 4-hour session. This will affect HECTRA. Routine maintenance will be carried out on NORTH and SOUTH POLE on Sunday, affecting each for about 4 hours.

7. The volume of [REDACTED] ARN messages was up (100 messages overnight 20/21 of which more than 80 had been read).

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9. The volume of ARD had increased (42 messages overnight 20/21). Eight ARM messages were available but were too short to read.

10. Seven messages of ARM were available from 20 May. It was possible that the Fleet were exploiting further traffic locally. An ARM Command net to the mainland was possibly carrying 5-figure traffic.

11. Apparent different [REDACTED] nets had been isolated, using different settings. It is therefore difficult to determine how frequently changes of key occur.

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15. There was further collateral indication about possible Argentine violence against UK citizens in URUGUAY, particularly those engaged in intelligence. The FCO reaction to the latest threat was not known.

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17. A statement of ELINT priorities for operational requirements had been received from Northwood, but this was not entirely satisfactory.

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