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HANDOVER NOTES 250900A MAY 82

1. The programme for today is:

0830 CCTV brief (DCDS(I) and ACDS(Ops) IA)
0900 COS 59/32 - standard agenda
- under AOB CDS will raise:
a. Future Garrison of FI
b. Security - Sunday Times Leak
1000 OD(SA)(32) 43rd Meeting - Standard agenda
1000 SOG Meeting (CDS not involved)
1100 Cabinet Meeting (CDS may be involved)
1220 Report to HM The Queen.

MILITARY ISSUES

2. Nothing of significance to report. Following the demise of ANTELOPE, the barrier attack on Port Stanley, and the news of our (8) successes against the ARG Mirage/Skynawk intruders, the news from FI has been negligible. LSLs SIR LANCELOT and SIR GALAHAD are reported to be "damaged but still operational". Action in FI delayed by ARG air attacks. Log build up continues. No reports yet of last night's action against Mt Rosalie observation post. No report as yet from 6 SBS recce of Port Salvador. Our offensive moves too slowly for my liking.

POLITICAL ISSUES

3. At the time of writing three draft resolutions have been presented to the UN Security Council: the Irish, the Panamanian and the Japanese - all of which are unacceptable. Sir Anthony Parsons should manage to drag the procedure out for days yet.

4. Ministers of the 10 have agreed to extend the import ban against Argentina for an indefinite period. Pym settled for the £476M rebate in 1982.

5. The Argentine has protested about the non-handover of ASTIZ.

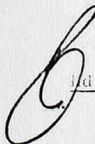
6. The Argentine has called for a Rio Treaty (OAS) Meeting of Foreign Ministers on Thursday 27 May; the aim is to press for a resolution which will condemn both the UK and the US and call for "military sanctions" (presumably against the UK). Clearly if this resolution gets off the ground the US will be much

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embarrassed and US support for UK may weaken accordingly.

7. Press coverage mentions that arms for the Argentine are being supplied from South Africa. Other press reports show solid support from Mitterand, but not from FRG or Italy. US press is like the curate's egg.

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BBC 'PANORAMA': 24 MAY: MAIN POINTS

1. The Argentine Foreign Minister was interviewed in ^{New} York. He made the following points of interest:

- (a) He said that Argentina would defend the Falklands as long as there is 'one Argentine alive in either the continent or in the Islands'. He did not believe that the British troops were consolidating their position.
- (b) Sr Costa Mendez stated that he was still looking for a peaceful solution - they had been seeking one for 17 years in the UN. He went on to state that he considered the invasion to be part of that search for a peaceful settlement.
- (c) Argentina had fully accepted Resolution 502 from the beginning. They had not withdrawn because the UK sent 40 warships.
- (d) Resolution 502 had to be seen as three linked points: negotiation; withdrawal and end of hostilities. It was the UK which had begun hostilities (502 does not authorise the UK to impose a solution on Argentina). Withdrawal means that both parties should withdraw and negotiations should begin as withdrawal takes place and hostilities end.
- (e) 'Real good will' will resolve all problems. UK and Argentina had been friends for a long time and it was absurd that they should be now engaged in warfare.
- (f) Costa Mendez expressed faith in the UN. He said that Argentina will 'accept every right that the Islanders would like to have'.
- (g) Argentina was ready to make any concession except sovereignty. This was not, however, a pre-condition.

TEXT OF IRISH DRAFT RESOLUTION, AS AMENDED BY NON ALIGNED
MEMBERS

THE SECURITY COUNCIL

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 502.

Noting with the deepest concern that the situation in the region of the Falkland Islands/Islas Malvinas has seriously deteriorated.

Having heard the statement made by the Secretary General to the Security Council at its 2360th meeting on 21 May 1982, as well as the statements of the representatives of Argentina and of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland at the same meeting.

Noting from the Secretary General's statement the extent to which points of agreement between the parties had already been established through his efforts.

Concerned to achieve as a matter of the greatest urgency a cessation of hostilities and an end to the present conflict between the armed forces of Argentina and of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

1. Expresses appreciation to the Secretary General for the efforts which he has already made to bring about an agreement between the parties, to ensure the implementation of Security Council Resolution 502 (1982), and thereby to restore peace to the region.
2. Requests the Secretary-General, on the basis of the present resolution, to undertake a renewed mission of good offices ^{in accordance with} ~~consistent~~ with Security Council Resolution 502, and in accordance with the approach outlined in his statement of 21 May 1982.
3. Urges the parties to the conflict to cooperate fully with the Secretary-General in his mission with a view to ending the present hostilities in and around the Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas).
4. Requests the Secretary-General to enter into contact immediately with the parties with a view to ensuring mutually acceptable terms for a cease-fire, including

if necessary, arrangements for the despatch of UN observers to maintain compliance with the terms of the cease-fire.

5. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Council within [two or three days?]