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OD(SA)(82) 43RD MEETING  
AT 1000 ON TUESDAY 25 MAY 82

RELEVANT PAPERS

1. The following papers are enclosed:

Agenda

FLAG A

Your Speaking Notes - The Military Situation

FLAG B C201/82

FCO - Diplomatic Brief

FLAG C-

Minutes of Saturday's OD(SA) Meeting

FLAG D OD(SA) 4157/MTG

Minutes of Yesterday's OD(SA) Meeting

FLAG E OD(SA) 4248/MTG

Agenda - Cabinet CC(82)29

FLAG F

ITEM 1 - MILITARY ISSUES

2. Your speaking notes are at FLAG B.
3. The success of Rapier yesterday (3 downed) deserves special mention.
4. The reports of possible arms sales to Argentina from both Libya and South Africa may be raised for discussion.

ITEM 2 - POLITICAL ISSUES

5. The FCO Diplomatic Brief will be obtained from O/SofS at 0900 and inserted into your brief at FLAG C.
6. Meanwhile, having seen the latest diptels (enclosed separately), you will know that:
- a. In New York the Irish, Panamanian and Japanese draft resolutions have been tabled. Sir Anthony Parsons should be able to drag things out for some time yet.

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- b. The Argentines have called for a meeting of the Rio Treaty Foreign Ministers on Thursday 27 May.
- c. Ministers of the 10 have agreed to extend the import ban for an indefinite period.

OTHER POINTS

7. You may be invited to stay on for the Cabinet Meeting at 1100. The Falkland Islands is first on the Agenda at FLAG F.

Drafted by: SCDS  
Dated: 25 May 82



(Gp Capt J Hardstaff)

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FUTURE GARRISON OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

DRAFT SPEAKING NOTE FOR CDS

1. You will recall that on 11 May we agreed to take note of VCDS(P&L)'s paper (1) on the future garrison of the Falkland Islands. You have all seen the paper (2) I commissioned on a 'slimline' garrison, and I am grateful for your comments.

2. I now want the staff to pull these two approaches together and identify a range of options based on a variety of assumptions about the threat and the development of Port Stanley airfield, which we can subsequently put to Ministers. I would like ACDS(Pol) to co-ordinate this work with the Service Departments and the Defence Secretariat, and prepare a short paper for our consideration when they are ready.

*Using all the Defence Staffs.*

Notes:

1. Attachment to COS(Misc)185/742/1 dated 30 Apr 82.
2. Attachment to 2038/1 dated 19 May 82.