

Paper on the Independence Option: OD(SA)??  
HE's paper on F.I. development.

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MANDARINS' MEETING AT 1630 ON TUE 25 MAY  
- LONG TERM PLANS

1. The meeting has been arranged in order to discuss long-term plans for the Falklands. The following papers are therefore attached:

Sir M Palliser's paper OD(SA)(82)38

FLAG A - *Papers*

Your Speaking Note on the Future Garrison

FLAG B - *2038/1 dgl n/w C441d*

The 'Slimline' Garrison paper

FLAG C - *2038/1 dtd 9/5/82*

The 'Worst Case' Garrison paper

FLAG D - *col gmsc 18/5/82*

Your note to SofS on Long-Term Measures

FLAG E - *2038/1 dtd 10/5/82*

2., It is not clear how the meeting will proceed, or with what aim beyond a general mind-clearing at this stage. However, FLAG A will presumably be the base line, if somewhat dated.

3. There are still probably more questions than answers, but these include:

a. What will be HMG's aim, once we have regained the Falklands?

b. Will HMG want to encourage settlement, industry, infrastructure etc on the Islands?

c. How will the wishes (or is it interests?) of the Islanders be taken into account? Referendum? Regularly?

d. How much would HMG be prepared to concede in subsequent 'discussions' (negotiations?) with Argentina?

e. What prospects are there for UN peacekeeping, administration, guarantees, etc?

f. What damage will be done to the Western/Latin American, US/Latin American, East/West relationship? What will be necessary to repair this?

g. How long should we plan on keeping a military presence on and around the Falklands and South Georgia?

h. What effects will this have on British defence policy, and on NATO? Will there be more money for Defence?

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