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OR.

HEREWITH JIC HIGHLIGHTS FOR 1 JUNE 1982:

1. [REDACTED] REPRESENTED +C+ AND JACK CRADOCK REPRESENTED DGSS: DGI WAS THE SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF MOD.
2. FALKLANDS: THE COMMITTEE FOCUSED ITS ATTENTION ON TO-DAY'S IMMEDIATE ASSESSMENT AND THE FOLLOWING THREE POINTS WERE RAISED:
 - A. THE CHAIRMAN MUSED ON THE DIFFERING UK AND [REDACTED] ESTIMATES OF THE NUMBER OF ARGENTINIANS DEFENDING PORT STANLEY (UK: 8000

MAXIMUM, [REDACTED]. ASSESSMENT STAFF EXPLAINED THE DIFFICULTIES IN ARRIVING AT ANY SUCH FIGURE, NOTABLY THE FACT THAT IT WAS EXCEEDINGLY HARD TO ESTIMATE NAVAL AND AIR FORCE PERSONNEL NUMBERS SINCE THESE, IN A GARRISON CONTEXT, WERE NOT DEFINED IN TERMS OF FORMED UNITS: THE PROBLEM WAS CORRESPONDINGLY EASIER IN THE CASE OF ARMY NUMBERS BUT THE DIFFICULTY OF ARRIVING AT A RELIABLE TOTAL (TRI-SERVICE) FIGURE REMAINED.

B. THE CO-ORDINATOR THOUGHT THAT THE TIME WAS RIPE FOR A RE-EVALUATION OF THE EXOCET SITUATION: WHAT, FOR EXAMPLE, HAD HAPPENED TO THE EXTRA TEN MISSILES THAT AT ONE STAGE WERE THOUGHT TO BE REACHING ARGENTINA VIA BRAZIL? IT WAS AGREED THAT SUCH A RE-EVALUATION SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN TO-MORROW'S IA.

C. AS BRIEFED BY K, I EXPLAINED TO THE COMMITTEE THE REVISED GCHO .EW OF THE MESSAGES NOTED ON THE ARN SUBMARINE BROADCAST, NAMELY THAT THESE WERE PADDING DESIGNED TO MAINTAIN TRAFFIC FLOW SECURITY

(NOT RPT NOT A SUBTLE FORM OF DISINFORMATION). I AM GLAD TO SAY .HAT THE COMMITTEE ACCEPTED THIS SELF-CORRECTION OF OUR EARLIER VIEW WITH COMMENDABLE CALM, AND A SUITABLE FORMULA WILL BE FOUND FOR INCLUSION IN TO-MORROW'S IA. (I HAVE WARNED ZL ACCORDINGLY.)

3. UK INTELLIGENCE PRIORITIES: JIC(B2)7(DRAFT). GENERALLY THIS PAPER WAS VERY WELL RECEIVED, AS INDEED IT DESERVED TO BE. THERE WERE INEVITABLY SOME COSMETIC AMENDMENTS, BUT THE FOLLOWING CHANGES OF SUBSTANCE WERE ALSO MADE:

A. PARA 4: I ARGUED THAT SOMETHING NEEDED TO BE SAID (IN THE FINAL SENTENCE) ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE, IN THE CONTEXT OF MAINTAINING THE UK/US INTELLIGENCE ALLIANCE, OF THE UK RETAINING ITS +GLOBAL ASSESSMENT CAPABILITY+ (A POINT STRESSED BY ADMIRAL INMAN DURING HIS RECENT FAREWELL VISIT). THE SENTENCE WAS RECAST ACCORDINGLY.

B. PARA 11: IN LINE WITH MY BRIEF FROM J (VIA Z), I CAUSED THE PHRASE

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HERewith JIC HIGHLIGHTS FOR 1 JUNE 1982: (CONTD)

+EVERY CONCEIVABLE WARNING INDICATION OF (SOVIET) PREPAREDNESS

FOR WAR+ TO REFER INSTEAD TO SOVIET +PREPARATION FOR MILITARY
ACTION+.

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E. I DID NOT IN THE EVENT RAISE V'S POINT ABOUT THE NEED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF WIDER-THAN-WHITEHALL REQUIREMENTS, NOTABLY FOR ELINT IN SUPPORT OF EW: HAVING DISCUSSED THIS WELL-MADE POINT WITH DGI, I ACCEPTED THE LATTER'S VIEW THAT THE REFERENCE TO +CAPABILITY+ IN PARA 9 DID IN LARGE MEASURE TAKE CARE OF IT ADEQUATELY.

4. AOB:

A. THE CHAIRMAN READ OUT ADM INMAN'S FELICITIOUS REPLY TO HIS (THE CHAIRMAN'S) FAREWELL LETTER ON BEHALF OF THE JIC:

B. ROBERT FLOWER REPORTED THAT THE FOREIGN SECRETARY HAD (AT LAST) SPOKEN TO MR DENIS HEALEY ABOUT THE ROWLANDS BREACH: PRESSED BY HE TO SAY SOMETHING OF MR HEALEY'S REACTION, FLOWER SAID THAT THERE WAS AN +IMPLICATION+ THAT HEALEY WOULD NOW SPEAK TO ROWLANDS.

(I FOUND THIS LESS REASSURING THAN I WOULD WISH, AND WILL PURSUE FURTHER.)

. THE CO-ORDINATOR DREW ATTENTION TO ADM ASH'S REPLY TO R ON THE SUBJECT OF THE SUNDAY TIMES INDISCRETIONS OF 23 MAY: ASH'S LETTER

WILL NOW BE COPIED TO ALL JIC MEMBERS AND WILL NO DOUBT COME UP FOR DISCUSSION ON THURSDAY. (MEANWHILE, HAVING SUCCESSFULLY PERSUADED DGI OF THE RIGHTNESS OF OUR RECOMMENDED LINE FOR PUS MOD TO PURSUE WITH HIS GATHERING OF EDITORS, I AM NOW TO SEE PUS PERSONALLY TO-MORROW, AT THE LATTER'S REQUEST, WHEN I SHALL NO DOUBT BE PRESSED ONCE AGAIN TO BE MORE FORTHCOMING.)

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