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Dear David,

I wrote to you on 24th May about discussion in OD(SA) about Falklands-related special operations.

2. This subject was further discussed in OD(SA) on 30th May, 1st June and this morning. Discussion focussed on two possible operations, Mikardo and Kettledrum, which as now conceived might involve more than one possible target.

3. As you know, Mikardo is the current version of the plan referred to in paragraph 5 of my letter under reference; and Kettledrum is a new plan involving a newly-arrived asset. Planning and preparatory movements for both operations were authorised. But it was agreed that no hostile territory should be entered in either case without further specific authority from the Sub-Committee. It was noted that such authority was likely to be sought for Kettledrum on 3rd June, and for Mikardo probably some days later. It was also noted that in the light of earlier Ministerial concern the numbers involved in Mikardo had been significantly reduced, to about two-thirds of those originally envisaged.

4. I am sending copies of this letter to John Coles and Brian Fall.

Yours ever
Robert

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