

161/82

CHIEFS OF STAFF COMMITTEE 60TH MEETING/82
WEDNESDAY 26 MAY 82 AT 0900

RELEVANT PAPERS

1. The following papers are enclosed:

Agenda	<u>FLAG A</u> Agenda 82/82
INTSUM 103 251700Z May 82	<u>FLAG B</u>
INTSUM 104 260600Z May 82	<u>FLAG C</u>
CTF 317 SITREP 24 251830Z May 82	<u>FLAG D</u>
MAPS (Tabs 1-4)	<u>FLAG E</u>
Own Force Tote	<u>FLAG F</u> FC 1752
Minutes of yesterday's COS Meeting	<u>FLAG G</u>
Actions in Hand	<u>FLAG H</u>
ROE in Force 260600Z May 82	<u>FLAG I</u> FC 1751
Atlantic Conveyor - Cargo List	<u>FLAG J</u> (aH)
Merchant Navy Welfare/PR	<u>FLAG K</u> 2038/1 of 75/5/82
Return of SF Sea King Crew from Chile	<u>FLAG L</u> SADMAG's 25/1552 MR 1

ITEM 1 - INTELLIGENCE

2. FLAGS B and C refer.

ITEM 2 - OWN FORCES

3. FLAGS D, E and F refer. How crucial is the loss of equipment aboard ATLANTIC CONVEYOR (FLAG J)? What steps need to be taken now to replace the losses?

(There is still no confirmation of the exact content of A-Conveyor cargo - your greatest concern will be the residual helicopter capability, especially with the possibility that there may have been more helos on board than previously thought - see FLAG J)

ITEM 3 - PR

4. Does withholding COVENTRY by name from the media last night until NOK are informed signal a change to our own force accident announcement policy? When and how does CDS want the loss of COVENTRY and ATLANTIC CONVEYOR to be announced?

5. Hd B has made a point at FLAG K that we may not be obviously doing dufficient to look after our colleagues in the Merchant Navy - eg. Merchant Navy casualty cell tel nos? - Point reinforced by ATLANTIC CONVEYOR incident.

5a. How do you wish the return of the Chile SF Sea King crew to UK on circa 27/28 May to be handled? (FLAG L).

ITEM 4 - ACTIONS AND DECISIONS REQUIRED

6. No actions required today (FLAG H) as Contingency Studies paper has been delayed.

ITEM 5 - AOB

7. None reported.

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Dated: 26 May 82

MA/VC (L)

MA/ACUS (P-L)

CSD (L)

Coy B:

CSD (P)

2 Chk
4 SK
12 Wx 5's

CDS

could be bad news.
See all figures carefully.

ATLANTIC CONVEYOR - PAX/CARGO

1. PAX. Of the 157 PAX on board it is thought that 50+ were transferred with the Harriers. However when this transfer took place a number of beds were moved to Atlantic Conveyor. (Thought to be 4 x Seating and 6 x Waxes). There would have been a commensurate increase in food.

2. Cargo.

- a. 6 x Waxes 5 beds. } Plus beds from parent above.
- b. 4 x Chinook beds + 40 tons freight. }
- c. 450 tons RE runway construction expt. (For Harrier pads).
- d. 650 tons tentage. (Incl 11. lighting generators)
- e. 100 tons Naval stores.
- f. 100,000 rds 7.62 mm small arms ammo
- g. 6 x 4 Forner, 4 x Landrover + trailers.
- h. RAC Stores.
 - (1) 240 x Cluster bombs
 - (2) 14 x Air Portable Fuel Containers.
 - (3) 9 x Pumps
 - (4) 6 x 10,000 gale pillow ticks full of AVCAT
 - (5) 2000 cu ft Loose stores.
- i. Fresh and frozen rations - 3000 men months.
- j. 53 tons NAVAL stores.

3. Navy Dept says that the Harriers (8 x SHAR and 6 x 423) were all removed plus, they think the MARETSU repair outfit.

4. There will plainly have to be an assessment of the implications of the loss of this vessel as soon as