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OD(SA)(82) 45TH MEETING/82
AT 0930 ON THURSDAY 27 MAY 82

RELEVANT PAPERS

1. The following papers are enclosed:

<i>out</i> Agenda	<u>FLAG A</u>
<i>out</i> Your Speaking Notes - The Military Situation	<u>FLAG B</u>
<i>out</i> FCO Diplomatic Brief (enclosed separately)	
<i>out</i> Minutes of Yesterday's OD(SA)(82)44	<u>FLAG C</u>
<i>out</i> Cabinet CC(82)30 Agenda	<u>FLAG D</u>
<i>Keep</i> Losses and Casualties - Public Figures	<u>FLAG E</u>
<u>ITEM 1 - MILITARY ISSUES</u>	

2. Your speaking notes are at FLAG B.

*Future FLAG
Policy*

3. News of operations in the FI will be of major interest. CTF will BUTD between 0900-0915. You might mention PUS' paper at FLAG E which will serve as a useful up-to-date record on the relative losses and casualties in the South Atlantic.

ITEM 2 - POLITICAL ISSUES

4. The FCO SITREP will be delivered to you at 0900 hours.

5. At this stage the major items appear to be:

a. UNSECGEN has been given 7 days to arrange a ceasefire; he is not hopeful.

b. The River Plate saga has (hopefully) run its course - you have seen the text of FCO note.

c. The Pope's visit looks set for tomorrow; he intends to visit the Argentine 11-12 Jun 82.

d. Argentina will ask US to cease support for UK; US could be torn between us.

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POST-MEETING

6. A Cabinet meeting has been arranged for 1030; the Falkland Islands is Item 1 on the Agenda at FLAG D. You have not been invited to attend, but it is possible that the PM may do so at the 11th hour - or even earlier.

Drafted by: SCDS

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 (Gp Capt J Hardstaff)

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