

Did Ian Mc D. ^{skl} have lunch
with Lee - and if so, can I have
his assurance please that this was
not discussed. ^{5/28} Sk.

I have obtained independent information from
several Miids present at yesterday's
unpublished briefing of defence correspondents:
there was no discussion of ground force
movements. DCPK and Aus (D S M H) refused
to go beyond or elaborate on the Prime
Minister's statement yesterday.

Christopher Lee's story is only one variant
of the "battle plans" which our bored
defence correspondents ~~are~~ spend their time
analyzing in the Concourse Hall.
Intelligent speculation - and not
entirely accurate at that. He may
have picked up that the Paras were
to the South of San Carlos at the time of
the landings (from embarked correspondents)
but that is not known for sure.

DO (PS) SRS.



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S/S MOD,

I have spoken to Ian MacDonald. Ian says "I did have lunch with Christopher Lee yesterday to reprimand him for the story on helicopters. But as far as I, personally, am concerned I can give a 100% guarantee that I did not discuss any deployments with TIT Lee and have no knowledge as to how he got the information on which to base his story."

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