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1. ~~Nick~~ 2. ~~Daguid~~

A second note (now less important) is below.

- ① PUS called in here after OD(SA) at 8.45 pm. He called for Steve Charlton (DS11 - DSC) and handed him attached signal (Flag A). DS11 to give to AUS(D Staff) first thing on Monday (PUS phoned Norway from here to confirm). AUS(D Staff) to work up a paper with FCO on the form of the message to go from Task force Cdr to Exr Argentine Forces re surrender of Arg. forces. Message to be apolitical (ie military to military in content). Should avoid words like "unconditional surrender" and "ceasefire". Tone should be "You have done your best ... let us take you home ..."

Questions paper should address: Do Args. lay down arms; how do they get out; how do we provide passage; where to?

Paper for mandarins Tuesday pm.

- ② At OD(SA) it was agreed (re Hd of DS11's mumble) ^(on SA's folder) to PUS on Exocet (Peru) PM wd send message to Miltrandel (to have actioned). If necessary Palliser will go to France tomorrow (Monday). DS11 were charged with laying on an aircraft at 2hrs stand-by. Minimum Juss. DS11 also charged by PUS with getting a Sales Director or AD (someone with Sales + contracts experience) to stand by to accompany Palliser if he goes.

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③. This signal (Flag B) came in at 1900!!
No follow-up received by 8.30pm. (I showed it to
PUS when he came in). DSC (DSS/Duty Cdr)
spoke fleet: gloss put on signal as follows:-

Super Etandard spotted when it was outside
missile release range. Don't know if it fired but
our ship fired chaff. No hits on own ships.
Super E. was escorted by 2 A4s - one splashed.

④ Roger Facer phoned (9pm) to say that
OD(SA) discussed special ops. Approved
preparatory steps CDS had asked for - on the
understanding that ^{substantive} decision wd not be needed before
Tuesday. Second point from OD(SA):
numbers of men involved should be as few as possible.

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FM CTG 317.8
TO CTF 317
INFO CTG 317.0
CTG 317.1

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OPERATION SUTTON

A. TELECON DSSS COSFLT/FOF1 AM 20 MAY.

1. AS DISCUSSED AT REF A, I HAVE HAD A SURRENDER MESSAGE PREPARED FOR DIRECT TRANSMISSION TO THE ARGENTINE FALKLANDS COMMANDER WHEN THE MOMENT SEEMS RIGHT AFTER THE BEACH HEAD HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED.

2. THE ENGLISH TEXT OF THE MESSAGE IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE FALKLANDS THIS THE COMMANDER OF THE BRITISH TASK FORCE. MESSAGE FOLLOWS:- TO THE ARGENTINIAN GOVERNOR OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS FROM THE COMMANDER OF THE BRITISH TASK FORCE.

*General Mannedo
Commanding Argentine
forces in the Falks*
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HAVING NOW ESTABLISHED A SECURE BEACH HEAD AND WITH BOTH SEA AND AIR COMMAND I SUGGEST THAT THE EVENTUAL OUTCOME IS INEVITABLE AND WILL BE IN FAVOUR OF THE BRITISH FORCES. I THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT YOU CONSIDER SUBMITTING NOW, WITH HONOUR, TO THE GREATLY SUPERIOR FORCES RANGED AGAINST YOU AND THEREBY AVOID UNNECESSARY BLOODSHED. SUCH AN ACTION WOULD NOT LESSEN THE HIGH REGARD IN WHICH THE ARGENTINIAN ARMED FORCES ARE HELD BUT WOULD EARN UNIVERSAL PRAISE FOR ITS HUMANITARIAN VALUE. IF YOU ACCEPT THIS PROPOSAL WE SHOULD DECLARE A CEASE FIRE; THEN I WOULD SEND A SEAKING HELICOPTER TO BRING YOU AND THE HEADS OF THE LAND SEA AND AIR FORCES AND THEIR DEPUTIES TO THE FLAG SHIP TO FINALIZE THE CONDITIONS OF OUR AGREEMENT. I URGE YOU MOST SINCERELY TO ACCEPT MY OFFER SINCE YOUR EVENTUAL SURRENDER SEEMS INEVITABLE UNQUOTE

*in spite of the heroic
fight put up by your
land and air forces*

*and which you have merited
for causing the present conflict*

3: THERE MAYBE OTHER TRANSMISSION PATHS OVER WHICH THE SAME OR A SIMILAR MESSAGE COULD BE PASSED.

4. WOULD BE GLAD OF DIPLOMATIC CORRECTION/GUIDANCE/AMENDMENT.

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