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CHIEFS OF STAFF MEETING AT
OTM TUESDAY 4 JUNE 1974

RELEVANT PAPERS

1. I enclose:

- Agenda FLAG A
- INESUM No 119 311700Z May FLAG B
- INESUM No 116 310500Z Jun FLAG C
- CIF SITREP 30 of 301430Z May FLAG D
- Maps (Tabs 1-5) FLAG E
- Own Force Tote 010000Z Jun FLAG F
- Minutes of Sunday's CCG Meeting FLAG G
- Minutes of Monday's BCG Meeting FLAG H
- Actions in Hand FLAG I
- ROE in Force 010000Z Jun FLAG J
- Draft PUS paper answering CTR 14.0's signal on Surrender Offer FLAG K

ITEM 1 (INT)

2. EXOCET situation remains an item of major interest and few definitive facts are available.

3. DCDS(I) is due to give a detailed brief on numbers of Argentinians at Port Stanley (para 1 FLAG H).

ITEM 2 (OWN FORCES)

4. Progress and plans for disembarkation and immediate employment of 5 BCG are perhaps the major point of interest here. The related PR aspects of this will continue to need careful handling. Last night's IEM bulletin reported they might already be ashore.

ITEM 3 (IA)

5. Dissatisfaction continues, in particular:

a. Yesterday's B3C treatment of attack on INVINCIBLE - subsequently remedied but surely there is more capital to be made from inaccuracies of American claims. Just a few examples:

- (1) Sinking of EXETER at time of South Georgia assault.
- (2) Attack on CAMBERA.
- (3) Attacks/damage to HERMES (twice).
- (4) Damage to INVINCIBLE.
- (5) Numbers of SHAN destroyed.

b. World Service reports of attack on Goose Green before it happened which led to reinforcements. B3C counter comment that I saw was crap.

c. War Graves. As CIA predicted at Monday's DOE, this looks like being a troublesome item.

6. We need to make the most of reports of looting and maltreatment but that seems to be looking after itself.

ITEM 4 (ACTIONS IN HAND)

7. No actions today arising out of chart at FLAG 1.

ITEM 5 (AOB)

8. I believe COS will wish to consider FLAG K and after consultation with ACBB(Ops) staff I arranged for it and the signal from CTG 517.8 to be circulated to COS first thing this morning since I am told that there is likely to be pressure for it to be discussed at Hendarion today. The issue of such an offer is already being discussed in the region.

9. Special Forces are probably an item for quick discussion in restricted session.

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10. I expect CMS may raise ROW to 7. file limit prior to your going to OD(SA) along the lines I mentioned to you yesterday. I asked Captain Lore to think of any first-aid points to bolster our case but at time of writing neither he nor I could think of anything significant other than the threatened "diversionary tactics".

Drafted by: SCDE (Capt. C Abbott)

Dated: 1 Jun

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