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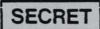
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#### CABINET

DEFENCE AND OVERSEA POLICY COMMITTEE

SUB-COMMITTEE ON THE SOUTH ATLANTIC AND THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

MINUTES of a Meeting held at 10 Downing Street on THURSDAY 29 APRIL 1982 at 9.00 am

### PRESENT

The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP Prime Minister

Secretary of State for the Home Department

The Rt Hon John Nott MP

Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs

The Rt Hon Cecil Parkinson MP Secretary of State for Defence Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Paymaster General

# THE FOLLOWING WERE ALSO PRESENT

Admiral of the Fleet Sir Terence Lewin Chief of the Defence Staff

Sir Antony Acland Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Sir Michael Palliser Cabinet Office

# SECRETARIAT

Sir Robert Armstrong Mr R L Wade-Gery Mr R L L Facer Brigadier J A C G Eyre

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### 1. DIPLOMATIC ISSUES

Previous Reference OD(SA)(82) 19th Meeting, Item 1

THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY said that the Argentine Government had still not replied to the proposals which the United States Secretary of State, Mr Haig, had put to them on 27 April. Mr Haig was now thinking of extending the deadline to midnight Washington time on 29/30 April. The Argentine Government appeared to be playing for time, and might be contemplating some initiative with the United Nations.

The Sub-Committee -

Took note.

### 2. MILITARY ISSUES

Previous Reference OD(SA)(82) 19th Meeting, Item 2

THE CHIEF OF THE DEFENCE STAFF said that it had been agreed that the slower ships of the Amphibious Group should sail from Ascension Island at noon that day. The larger ships, such as the Canberra and the Norland, were faster and need not sail at the same time.

THE PRIME MINISTER, summing up the discussion, said that no decisions were needed at the present meeting. Further information should be sought on the position of the helicopters in the Falkland Islands which were used by doctors to treat patients in the outlying districts.

The Sub-Committee -

- 1. Took note that the Defence Secretary had authorised the sailing of the smaller ships of the Amphibious Group from Ascension Island on 29 April.
- 2. Invited the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, in consultation with the Defence Secretary, to consider the position of the helicopters used by the medical service in the Falkland Islands.

Cabinet Office 29 April 1982