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CDS should read the recommended
outline plan and skim the
supporting requirements at Tab 2.
Is it CDS intention that ACDS (PS)
control the SAsS SAs interest on behalf
of the central Staff?

Your reference

Our reference G/1121/5

Date April 1982

OPERATION CORPORATE EARLY DEPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL FORCES

1. The deployment of Special Forces onto the East Falklands is feasible by air from an earliest ETD UK of 14 April 1982 subject to certain essential equipment requirements and the successful outcome of vital Joint Service studies which are summarized at paragraph 30 of the attached paper. Given an injury free landing they would be self contained for 14 days.
2. It is not feasible to conduct intelligence gathering operations simultaneously with offensive air interdiction tasks. In the light of arguments at paragraph 15 it is my firm advice that Special Forces should be tasked with intelligence gathering operations while maintaining an offensive capability for use in support of Operation SUTTON.
3. I require a firm assurance from both political and military leaders that they accept full responsibility for either extracting or resupplying my men within 14 days of their initial deployment.

P E de la BILLIERE
Brigadier
Director

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