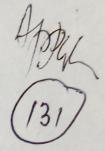


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FALKLAND ISLANDS: OPERATIONAL ORDERS FOR SSNs

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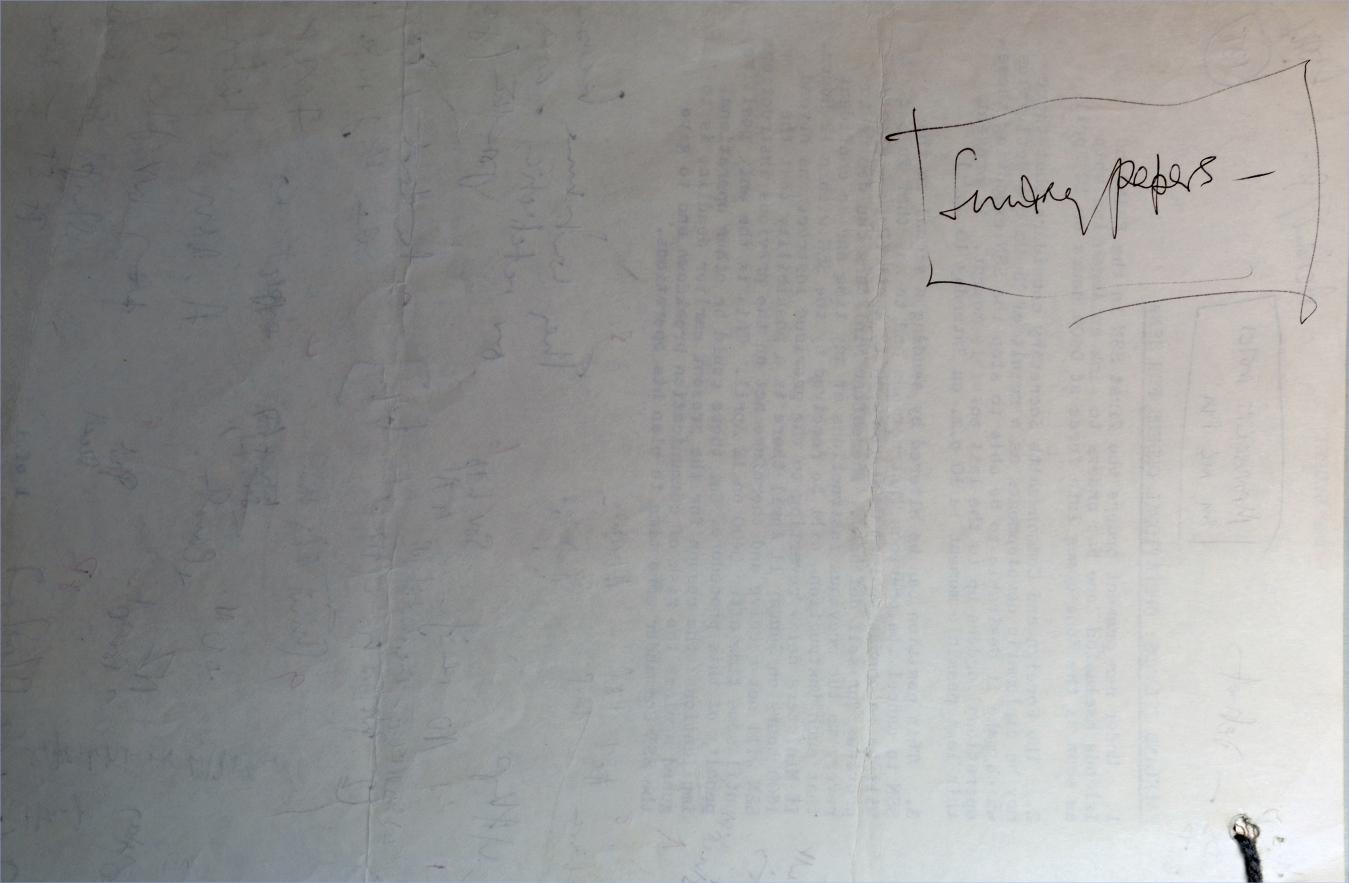
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- 1) No reinf. *[reinforcement]* 4 submarines merchant ships
 2) process of withdrawal begun
- 2. In touch today when Haig reports
- 3. o/play [?] Haig expectation of withdrawal
- 4. expect no target. A. navy in harbour putting out ?planes. Ships said to be Pt St *[Port Stanley]* ?like not
- 5. They won't mine because our retaliation worse for them (?*xyz*)
- 6. Sov. help to A. [Soviet help to Argentina]
- 7. N. [Nuclear] Weapons 33. Monday? 9 VC10s.
- Canberra ASC1[?] LDV[?] temp.
 8a) Assault landing instructions
 8b) Chile want Bloodhound [British air defence missile]
 9. ?Unit thinking ?thro
- Interest. *[abcd]* Sovereignty xUN. NZ. ?Brazil. xCanada
- 10. Parl. Recall

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