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MANUSCRIPT NOTES
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8
Assault
land
instructions

Carbone - Be 1
LAI
Temp.

N. Weeps
23
Monday
9. VC 10

5
They will mine because
our retelling - whole
game (you)

4
YAKs

1 NO help - Sov. help
48 hours - merchant ships
2. Press or official

6
be told by JPH
when Haig reports

9
Unit this time
internt. (60)
Sec. imp.

4
expect no JPH
A. man - harbor
ships sent to be
PT ST - the 100

3
Op (day)
that

experience 100000

PUN.
NZ
2 Brazil.
8B
Par
Recall

Chile want Bloodhead

Smudge papers -

10/10/11
MILK

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**“Manuscript notes by Mr Pym” at Chequers meeting to consider ROEs for SSNs
10 Apr 1982**

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1. 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.
8. 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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*Foreign + Commonwealth Secretary thinks (that
for change)
Ministers ought to be in a position to capture (these
orders up until
is now being to change their orders*

§ P.C. at 1200 hrs

§ = Pass of disinformation.

§ Let news down
