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JOINT INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a Meeting held in
Room 215, Cabinet Office on
MONDAY 10 MAY 1982 at 3.30 pm

PRESENT

Mr P R H Wright
Foreign and Commonwealth
Office (In the Chair)

Mr R P Flower
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Vice Admiral Sir Roy Halliday
Ministry of Defence

Mr J L Jones
Security Service

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Sir Brian Tovey
Government Communications Headquarters

Sir Antony Duff
Cabinet Office

THE FOLLOWING WERE ALSO PRESENT

Mr D R Nicoll
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Mr R J O'Neill
Assessments Staff

Mr P G Wallis
Assessments Staff

Brigadier A B D Gurdon
Assessments Staff

Mr M C Clements
Assessments Staff

Mrs J P Hamilton-Eddy
Assessments Staff

Mr A Heath
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Captain J J R Tod
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Mr T W Savage
Commander A H R York
Mr P J Bulstrode

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1. CURRENT ASSESSMENTS

The Committee -

Took note of JIC(82)(IA)s 62 to 65, Daily Assessments on the Falkland Islands issued since their previous meeting.

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2. THE THREAT TO BRITISH INTERESTS OF TERRORIST ATTACKS BY ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT OR TERRORIST ORGANISATIONS

The Committee had before them JIC(82)(N) 46, a draft Note on the above subject, circulated under a UK/US Eyes Only caveat.

THE CHAIRMAN, summing up a detailed discussion, said the Committee would wish to approve the Note as amended by their discussion. He would submit the Note to the Secretary of the Cabinet together with a covering minute outlining action already taken to protect staff in United Kingdom Embassies.

The minute would also mention the forthcoming visit by Mr J L Jones to the "Club of Berne" meeting at which the opportunity would be taken to inform our European allies of the potential threat to British interests from Latin American refugees in contact with extremist groups both in this country and elsewhere in Europe.

The Committee -

1. Took note, with approval of the Chairman's summing up.

2. Approved JIC(82)(N) 46 (Draft) as amended by their discussion and instructed the Secretary to issue it in final form.

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3. STRATEGIC OPTIONS OPEN TO ARGENTINA IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

THE CHAIRMAN, summing up a brief discussion on this subject, said the Committee would wish to agree that the proposed assessment of these options, the working draft of which was to be considered by the Latin America Current Intelligence Group (CIG) on Tuesday 11 May, should be available in final form to the OD(SA) meeting on Thursday 13 May. The Committee would wish the Assessments Staff to prepare a final draft for telephone comment by midday on Wednesday 12 May so that a final version could be cleared out of Committee and produced that afternoon. In addition, it would be helpful if he and Vice Admiral Sir Roy Halliday could receive an advance copy of the working draft currently being prepared for CIG consideration.

The Committee -

1. Took note, with approval.
2. Instructed the Assessments Staff to proceed accordingly.

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4. FALKLAND ISLANDS: NICOLL REPORT

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