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OP CORPORATE - DRAFT DIRECTIVE TO CINCFLEET

Reference:

A. COS 11/82

1. Attached is a preliminary draft directive for comment in accordance with the reference.

2. The directive does not address Command and Control which follows standard procedures nor does it detail the forces available to CINCFLEET for similar reasons. It aims to give the Commander in Chief Fleet broad guidance including the precedence attached to individual operational tasks.

3. After incorporating initial comments, the draft will be circulated for clearance by the DOE out of committee for inclusion on the Agenda of the Chiefs of Staff meeting on Sunday 11 April. Comments on this draft, in the form of proposed amendments, are requested by 1600 9 Apr.

A G H HARLEY
Col
for ACDS (Ops)

8 Apr 82

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DRAFT OPERATIONAL DIRECTIVE TO CINCFLEET - OP CORPORATE

References:

- A. MODUK IAJ/I9F/A2G 071615Z APR.
- B. FCO telegram No. 50 of 7 Apr A3A/A2N/I9F 072320Z APR.
- 1. The overall aim of OP CORPORATE is given at Ref A. The following directive sets out the broad operational tasks in order of precedence.

- A. Establish and maintain the Exclusion Zone around ~~the~~ Falkland Islands.
- B. Establish sea and air superiority round the Falkland Islands to complete the effectiveness of the Exclusion Zone as soon as possible.
- C. Repossess South Georgia (OP PARAQUET) with or without detriment to the overall aim.
- D. Repossess the Falkland Islands (OP SUTTON).

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OPERATION PARAQUET

The Chiefs of Staff have approved (1) the attached Planning Directive to CINCFLEET. The Directive has been sent (2).

Attachment:

Planning Directive - OP PARAQUET (2 pages).

Notes:

1. COS 12th Meeting/82, Item 4.
2. MODUK 19F of 091600Z Apr.

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COS(Misc) 997742/1
DATED 9 APRIL 1982

DIRECTIVE TO CINCFLEET

PLANNING DIRECTIVE - OP PARAQUET

1. You are to produce an outline plan covering a specific operation in the South Atlantic detailed below as part of Operation CORPORATE.

AIM

2. Overall aim of HMG in the current situation is to bring about the withdrawal of Argentine forces from the Falkland Islands and Dependencies and the re-establishment of British administration there as quickly as possible. Military deployment and operations are directed to the support of this aim.

MILITARY AIM OF OP PARAQUET

3. To repossess South Georgia as soon as possible.

LIMITATIONS

4. a. Civilian casualties must be kept to a minimum.
- b. Safeguarding property is a lesser but important consideration.
- c. The plan should cause the least detriment to other operations in the South Atlantic including possible landings on the Falkland Islands. Any implications to be reported.

ASSUMPTION

5. Intelligence other than in 6b below will be provided to the Task Force by CINCFLEET.

OPERATIONAL ASPECTS TO BE COVERED

6. a. The establishment of sea and air control in the vicinity of South Georgia.
- b. The acquisition of tactical intelligence by the Task Force.
- c. Operations preceding and including the assault on the selected principal objectives on the assumption 6a and 6b above have been satisfactorily achieved.

7. Recommend what forces will be necessary to maintain the security of South Georgia.

8. The outline plan covering the above operation should be submitted to the Chiefs of Staff by Tuesday 13 April 1982.

H. Gilmartin 11/5/84.

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OPERATION CORPORATE - MILITARY APPRECIATION

1. In accordance with the instructions of the Chiefs of Staff (1) the attached Draft Directive has been prepared by ACDS(Pol).

2. The Secretary, Chiefs of Staff Committee will table this draft for consideration by the Chiefs of Staff at their meeting on Friday 9 April 1982.

Attachment:

Draft Directive

Note:

1. COS 11th Meeting 1982.

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MILITARY APPRECIATION - LANDING OPERATIONS

Directive to ACDS(Pol)

AIM

1. You are to develop an appreciation of the options for Landing Operations in the Falkland Islands in support of HMG's express policy aim to bring about the withdrawal of Argentine forces from the Falkland Islands and re-establish British administration.
2. The specific aim of the appreciation for Operation SUTTON is "to assess the various military options for putting a force ashore in the Falkland Islands, with a view to repossessing the islands."

ASSUMPTIONS

3. a. South Georgia has been taken.
- b. An effective sea/air Exclusion Zone has been established around the islands. ||
- c. Operations are to be conducted so as to minimise loss of civilian life, and to avoid the complete ~~destruction of~~ ^{minimise damage to} Port Stanley. *Residual limitations in other papers.*

INPUTS

4. You are to obtain inputs on the factors affecting the above aim from:
 - a. Defence Intelligence Staff - to include, inter alia, material on Argentine build up in the Falklands in particular radar area coverage, helicopter gunships and heavy weapons, ^{status of} estimated Argentine naval/air capability to interdict the ^{the} ~~airfield~~ landing, and UK tactical intelligence capability.
 - b. Navy Department ^{in co-ord. with A.C. Dept.} - to include assessment of local sea/air superiority and potential landing locations, special operations and pre-landing support operations. *(Comms Specia Forces)*
 - c. CGRM in consultation with Army Department - to include assessment of initial objectives, landing phase, and subsequent operations. ^{To take into account minimum loss of civilian life.} *CGRM in co-ord. with Army*

TIMESCALE

5. Inputs are to be supplied to ACDS(Pol)'s duty office (Room 7126) by 1200 Sunday 11 April. The first draft of the appreciation is to be available to the Chiefs of Staff (at 0930 Tuesday 13 April 1982).