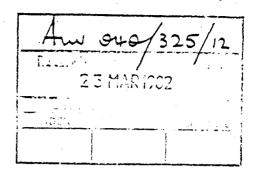
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YOUR TELNO 36: TLLEGAL LANDING IN SOUTH GEORGIA. 1. BACE COMMANDER INSTRUCTED TO SPEAK AS IN YOUR PARA 2 IF BAHIA BUEN SUCESO CALLS AT GRYTVIKEN. IF THE CAPTAIN LEAVES A SHORE PARTY BEHIND AT LEITH, I HAVE INSTRUCTED BASE COMMANDER TO TELL HIM TO RETURN TO PICK THEM UP AND THEN REPORT BACK TO GRYTVIKEN, THERE TO AWAIT FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM YOU. 2. AS STATED IN MY TELNO 201125Z FROM HMS ENDURANCE, I CONSIDER THAT DAVIDOFF HAS NOW FORFEITED THE RIGHT TO EXERCISE HIS OPTION TO PURCHASE SCRAP AND BAHIA BUEN SUCESO SHOULD BE ORDERED TO DEPART SOUTH GEORGIA FORTHWITH WITH ALL DAVIDOFF'S MEN. 3. I HAVE SPOKEN AT LENGTH WITH FIELD PARTY LEADER EDWARDS ON YOUR PARA 3. HE SAID HIS PARTY WAS MET AT ENTRANCE TO LEITH BY TWO MEN DRESSED IN WHITE, ALPINE-TYPE JACKETS AND TROUSERS, WHICH LOCKED TO HIM LIKE MILTITARY UNIFORMS. THEY BEHAVED IN A MILITARY WAY AND HE ASSUMED THAT THEY HAD BEEN POSTED AS GUARDS. THEY DID NOT, HOW-EVER, CARRY FIREARMS. THEY ESCORTED BAS PARTY INTO THE WHALING STATION, WHERE HE ESTIMATED HE SAW BETWEEN 50 AND 60 PEOPLE, MOST DRESSED IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES, LOCKING LIKE A TYPICAL WORKING GANG. BUT OTHERS IN THE SAME WHITE ALPINE UNIFORMS AS THEIR ESCORT, WHOM HE TOOK TO BE MILITARY. HE DID NOT SEE ANY FIREARMS, BUT DEFINITELY HEARD AT LEAST 5 SHOTS THAT EVENING AND 2 THE NEXT MORNING. HE ASSUMED THEY WERE SHOOTING REINDEER. HE WAS OFFERED REINDEER MEAT THAT NIGHT, AND FOUND FRESH ENTRAILS OF REINDEER ON THE HILLSIDE AS THEY LEFT LEITH THE NEXT MORNING. (DAVIDOFF IS SPECIFICALLY PROHIBITED IN HIS CONTRACT WITH SALVESEN'S FROM SHOOTING ANYTHING): 4. HE TOOK PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE ARGENTINE FLAG FLYING AND OF THE BAHIA BUEN SUCESO TIED UP ALONGSIDE THE JETTY. 5. IN VIEW OF THE WILD RUMOURS FLYING AROUND HERE, I SHALL MAKE A STATEMENT ON FIBS ALONG THE LINES OF PARA 4 OF YOUR TELNO 35 AS AMENDED BY PARA 4 OF YOUR TUR. TO COINCIDE WITH YOUR PROPOSED STATE-

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