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MY TELNO 41: FALKLAND ISLANDS INVASION

1. I FORGOT ONE OR TWO POINTS FROM MY HURRIED REPORT THIS MORNING.

2. MAJOR NORMAN SAW AND AGREED THE TEXT, BUT WE WERE BOTH HAZY ON TIMINGS OF SOME EVENTS. HE IS NOW REVIEWING THE DETAILS WITH HIS WRITER, WHO KEPT THE FULL LOG ( SINCE REMOVED BY THE ARGENTINES) AND SHOULD HAVE MORE TOTAL RECALL. HE IS ALSO COMPILING REPORTS FROM HIS SECTION COMMANDERS, FROM WHICH IT SEEMS PROBABLE THAT ARGENTINES SUFFERED MORE CASUALTIES THAN THOSE OBSERVED ROUND GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

3. OMISSIONS FROM MY REPORT:

0730Z: M.V. FORREST REPORTED LARGE BLIPS ON RADAR AT ENTRANCE TO PORT WILLIAM. INSTRUCTED TO RETURN TO STANLEY.

0800Z: FORREST REPORTED VESSEL WITHOUT LIGHTS FOLLOWING HER THROUGH NARROWS. (THIS TURNED OUT LATER TO BE A LANDING CRAFT). OTHER TWO VESSELS SIGHTED AND IDENTIFIED AS AIRCRAFT CARRIER AND DESTROYER.

0900Z- OTHER VESSELS REPORTED (MAINLY LANDING CRAFT) APPROACHING 0930Z YORKE BAY.

1100Z: AND FOR REST OF MORNING: REPORTS OF HERCULES AND HELICOPTER ARRIVALS AT STANLEY AIRPORT.

1315Z: FIRST HELICOPTER LANDING ON FOOTBALL FIELD NEXT TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

4. ASSAULT GROUP THAT ATTACKED GOVERNMENT HOUSE WERE THOUGHT TO BE A SNATCH SQUAD. THER WORE BULLET-PROOF VESTS AND USED STUN GRENADES NOT (NOT) THE SPLINTER TYPE.

5. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE, AND SOME DAMAGE TO CIVILIAN PROPERTY, BUT NO CIVILIAN CASUALTIES. MOODY BROOK BARRACKS WERE SEVERELY DAMAGED AND EXTENSIVELY LOOTED.

6. WE DESTROYED ALL SECRET PAPERS AND CYPHER EQUIPMENT EXCEPT FOR TWO MARK V'S ON WHICH WE WERE AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS WHEN COMMUNICATIONS FAILED AND WE RAN OUT OF TIME. THE MARK V'S WERE LEFT IN THE STRONG ROOM AND I HOPE WILL BE RENDERED USELESS WHEN THE ARGENTINES HAVE TO BLOW THE DOOR TO GET IN.

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