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FM GIBRALTAR 171200Z MAR 83  
TO PRIORITY FCO TEL NO PERSONAL 40 OF 17.3.83  
INFO PRIORITY MADRID, MODUK

## SPANISH NAVAL INCURSIONS.

1. FOGIB SIGNAL 161649Z (NOT REPEATED TO YOU OR MADRID) REPORTS INCURSION AT 161149A) BY PVC 111 DURING PREARRANGED BOAT TRANSFER BETWEEN HLD KIWI AND USS NARWHAL (SSN) AT POSITION 36 DEGREES 004.5N AND 005 DEGREES 20.2W - ABOUT 1000 YARDS INSIDE GIBRALTAR TERRITORIAL WATERS.
  2. FOGIB ALSO REPORTS THAT SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION BETWEEN KIWI AND PVC 111 WHICH INVOLVED FOGIB USN LIAISON OFFICER WAS FRIENDLY IN TONE, THAT PVC 111 DID NOT SEEK TO INTERFERE WITH TRANSFER OR DELAY EITHER KIWI OR NARWHAL, AND THAT SPANISH ATTITUDE WAS ESSENTIALLY ONE OF CURIOSITY.
  3. WITH THE SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTERS VISIT TO LONDON IN MIND, I PROPOSE NO (REPEAT) NO FORMAL PROTEST UNLESS THIS INCIDENT PROVES TO BE THE FORERUNNER OF FURTHER INCURSIONS
- WILLIAMS

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1. WHILST IN GIBRALTAR BAY, JUST PRIOR TO ENTERING THE HARBOUR THROUGH THE NORTH ENTRANCE HMS ANTRIM AND HMS MINERVA WERE PASSED BY SPANISH VESSEL PVI 25 INSIDE GIBRALTARIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS.
  2. PVI 25 ENTERED GIBRALTARIAN WATERS AT 171049A MAR WEST OF THE SOUTH MOLE. IT SUBSEQUENTLY ALTERED COURSE TO PASS 600 YDS CLEAR TO PORT OF HMS MINERVA BEFORE TURNING AND CONDUCTING A SIMILAR PASS OF HMS ANTRIM. IN THE WORST CASE PVI 25 WAS 1.25NM INSIDE GIBRALTARIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS. IT SUBSEQUENTLY CROSSED THE MEDIAN LINE AND PROCEEDED BACK TO ALGECIRAS AT 171119A MAR.
  3. THE CLOSEST POINT OF APPROACH WAS AT 171056A MAR WITH PVI 25 IN POSN 36 DEGREES 08.2 MINUTES NORTH 005 DEGREES 22.7 MINUTES WEST CO 045 SP 8 KTS WITH MINERVA 600X TO THE EAST.
  4. THE INCIDENT WAS MONITORED FROM WINDMILL HILL SURVEILLANCE STATION. THERE WERE NO EXCHANGES OF COMMUNICATION AND THE PVI'S ACTIONS DID NOT INTERFERE WITH OR NAVIGATIONALY EMBARRASS THE HANDLING OF ANTRIM OR MINERVA.
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