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TO IMMEDIATE MODUK
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FROM BRITDEFAT MONTEVIDEO.

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FOR DEFENCE INTELLIGENCE CENTRE.

POINTS NOT YET COVERED RAISED BY YOUR VARIOUS SIGNALS.

1. HEAVY ARMY EQUIPMENT.

ARGENTINE PRESS 10 APRIL CARRIES MENTION FOR FRIST TIME OF QUOTE ARTILLERY PIECES UNQUOTE AND QUOTE VARIOUS TANKS UNQUOTE. AM SEEKING COLLATERAL BUT WHATEVER IS IN STANLEY ADDITIONAL TO INITIAL ASSAULT EQUIPMENT MUST HAVE BEEN TRANSPORTED BY C130. MY GUESS IS THAT IF IT FITS(?) THE PANZERJAEGER WILL HAVE HAD FIRST PRIORITY FOLLOWED BY TAM AND 105MM FIELD GUN.

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3. RELIEF OF MARINES BY ARMY.

I BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE STILL SOME MARINES IN THE ISLANDS BUT TRAVELLERS REPORT THAT LVTP 7'S HAVE LEFT STANLEY BY SHIP. THE MAIN DEFENCE OF STANLEY IS HOWEVER DEFINITELY IN THE HANDS OF 9 BDE (ARMY).

4. RECOILLESS ANTI TANK.

I CAN MAKE NO RPT NO ESTIMATE OF NUMBERS BUT OF COURSE THEY ARE STANDARD INF BN WEAPON. (105 MM CZEKALSKI AND PAMPERO : 127 MM SAPBA : 75MM NOMENCLATURE NK AND 90MM EX USA). 106 MM RCL IS MARINE WEAPON.

5. HELICOPTERS.

INFORMATION IS AS AT 6APRIL WHEN ONE SEA KING WAS REPORTED ON STANLEY STRIP.

6. AIRCRAFT.

BOTH MEN AND MATERIAL ARE REPORTED BY PRESS AS BEING CARRIED ON C130 AIRLIFT TO STANLEY.

7. PUCARA AND MS760.

TRAVELLER SAID HE SAW PUCARA AND MS 760 AS REPORTED AND FROM QUESTIONING I AM SATISFIED HE GOT IT RIGHT.

8. FLY PAST WAS OFF CARRIER AS STATED AND THEREFORE PRESUMABLY BY A4Q AIRCRAFT.

9. SOURCES.

I HAVE NO MORE TRAVELLERS HERE YET BUT OF COURSE HAVE LAID TRAPS FOR ANY WHO ARRIVE. UNTIL THEN I WILL CONTINUE TO REPORT RELEVANT PRESS AND PURSUE OTHER MEANS TO GET INFO ON SITUATION IN SOUTH AND IN ISLANDS.

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