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FOR CWG

FLASH 291645Z MAR 82

FROM CINCFLT (CORRECTED VERSION)  
TO MODUK NAVY  
O 291330Z MAR 82  
FM HMS ENDURANCE  
TO CINCFLT

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SIC A2M/EAA/EAL/LDQ/A3A (SICS AWM/EAA INSERTED BY D.C.C.)

SOUTH GEORGIA

1. AS BAHIA PARAISO AND ENDURANCE ARE SO FAR THE SHIPS WHICH ARE PHYSICALLY IN CONFRONTATION AND AS I AM INFORMED THAT CAPTAIN TROBETT -A IS STILL ONBOARD WHOM I KNOW AND LIKE (EX NA LONDON) IT OCCURS TO ME THAT THERE MIGHT BE SOME MILEAGE IN ATTEMPTING TO DEFUSE THIS SITUATION AT LOCAL LEVEL

2. THIS MAY SOUND SOME WHAT FAR FETCHED BUT IN THE LIGHT OF LITTL -E PROGRESS IN ANY OTHER DIRECTION ANOTHER LINE MIGHT BE WORTH TRYING

3. TODAY I SHALL BE AT SEA AND WITHIN HELICOPTER RANGE OF BAHIA PARAISO AND MY SUGGESTION IS THAT IS HOULD BE ALLOWED TO FLY ONBOARD

PARAISO AND TALK TO TROMBETTA

. IF APPROVED I RECOMMEND THAT I SHOULD GO ONBOARD ALONE UNARMED AND PUT THE FOLOWING SUGGESTIONSTO TROMBETTA

A. THAT DIPCLEAR SHOULD BE WAIVEDAND BOTH SHIPS ANCHOR FOR 24 HOURS IN VICINITY GRITVIKEN AND OUT OF SIGHT LEITH

B. THAT BOTH TROMBETTA AND I SHOULD BE FLOWN TO LEITH (SEPARATE HELOS) TO TELL THE LEADER OF DABITOFFS MEN AT LEITH THAT THE WHALE PARTY SHOULD EMBARK IN EITHER B. PARAISO OR ENDURANCE AND BE TAKEN TO GRITVIKEN FOR ISSUE OF PROPER IMMIGRATION DOCUMENTAT -ION. O/C COMPLETION PARTY WOULD BE RETURNED TO LEITH AND LEGALLY ALLOWED TO REMAIN FOR FURTHER 15 WEKS AND THAT MILITARY SUPPORT FOR THE ARGENTINES SHOULD BE DISCONTINUED

4. DURING COURSE CONVERSTATION WITH TROMBETTA IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT THAT WE ARE WELL AWARE THAT THE ARG WILL HAVE THE GREATEST DIFFICULTY IN SUSTAINING A FRIGATE FORCE AT SEA (PUNTA MENDANOS

IS A VERY SHAKY OLD TANKER AND IF THE SITUATION ESCALATES MUCH FURTHER, HE B. PARAISO COULD BE FACES WITH AN SSN SURFACE/AIR THREAT

5. IT MIGHT ALSO BE WORTH POINTING OUT THAT THE FALKLAND ISSUE HAS ONLY ONE THING IN COMMON WITH ISSUES OVER THE SOVEREIGNTY AND THAT IT IS DESIGNATED A FALKLAND ISLAND DEPENDENCY OTHERWISE THE ARGENTINE HAS NO HISSTOREA OF TERRITORIAL CLAIM TO THIS ISLAND AND THEREFORE THE TWO ISSUES COULD BE CONSIDERED IN ISOLATION

6. IF TROMBETTA REFUSES TO CONSIDER THIS 11TH HOUR OFFER THEN IT WILL BE CLEAR TO EVERYONE THAT THIS A SOVERIEGNTY ISSUE INVOLVING THE NAVY USING DABITOFF AS A FRONT AND THAT COSTA MENDEZ STATEMENT

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HAS LITTLE OR NO SUBSTANCE

7. IF THIS OPTION IS APPROVED IN PART (OR WHOLE) THEN IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO ASK THE ARG NAVY TO INSTRUCT B. PARAISSO LIFT RADIO SILENCE AT LEAST ON VHF IN ORDER THAT I MAY SUGGEST THE INITIAL MOVE

7. HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO RAISE HEGFI THIS MORNING FOR USUAL COMMS SCHEDULE BUT AM OF THE OPINION THAT HE WOULD APPROVE THIS PROPOSAL IN PRINCIPLE  
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