

BRIEF FOR UKMILJEP - (021230Z APR 82

1. After a meeting of Prime Minister, Foreign Secretary and Secretary of State for Defence at 2330 on 1 April it was decided that the HQ 3 CDO Brigade Royal Marines plus its associated 3 CDO Groups and Logistics Support were to be placed on immediate notice to move to the South Atlantic with the following Naval Task Force under the command of Rear Admiral J F Woodward FOF 1.

a. From Spring Train Group

IMS Antrim

Glamorgan

Glasgow

Coventry

Brilliant

Arrow

RFA Appleleaf

b. Assembling in UK Ports

IMS Hermes

Invincible

Fearless

Alacrity

Antelope

Plymouth

RFA Tidespring

2. Force deploying from Spring Train Group has left Gibraltar and moving south. It will not act independently, but will form up with Force assembling in UK ports. The force assembling in UK ports is at 4 hours notice to sail within the next 48 hours.

3. Two SSN are deploying to the South Atlantic, one due off the Falkland Islands on 12 April the second on 15 April.

A third SSN is being prepared for deployment with a provisional ETA of 21 April. This information is not to be passed on.

4. The RFA FORT AUSTIN is en-route to Falkland Islands via Ascensions where it is due on 6 April. There it is scheduled to uplift 3 x Lynx, an RM Blowpipe Detachment and additional logistics support.

5. In addition to the RN ships 4 LSLs will sail with the Task Force from the UK and a fifth from Belize will join up with it in the South Atlantic. HMS Endurance is en-route from South Georgia to Port Stanley due to arrive at 0600 on 4 April.

6. So far 11 Hercules have been committed to the operation, but this could rapidly escalate if additional forces are committed.

7. ROEs for the naval forces have not yet been determined. The RMs on South Georgia and Falkland Islands have been authorised to fire without warning on any Argentinians Party Landing provided it is clear that they are armed.

8. MNCs will be informed of any UK units which are ^{withdrawn} from NATO for national operations as they occur. You should not be drawn on the identity of the units which may be withdrawn.