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SOVIET NAVAL ACTIVITY IN THE SOUTHERN ATLANTIC - 5 APRIL

1. There has been no apparent immediate reaction by the Soviet Navy since the invasion of the Falkland Islands and all movements seen are normal and were expected.
2. The only surface combatants in the South Atlantic are KRIVAK II 701 'NEUKROTIMYJ' and an Alligator Class LST 042, both of which are in Luanda, Angola. They will be joined in Luanda by a Merchant oiler 'ABRENE' today 5 Apr. At a normal passage speed of 15/16 knots they could be in the Falklands area in 12 days.
3. Two Soviet Naval Bear 'D' aircraft deployed from Cuba to Luanda on 3 Apr and are being supported by a SNAF IL62 Classic aircraft. A further support aircraft, an AN12 CUB, is scheduled Luanda 9-20 Apr.
4. The Bear 'D' aircraft operating out of Luanda on a purely high level profile without in air refuelling would not be able to provide surveillance of the Falkland Islands. However, co-operating with 2 Bear 'D' currently deployed to Cuba they could monitor maritime movements from the UK to as far south as the ARGENTINE BASIN.
5. A Space Event Support Ship is stationed north east of RIO DE JANEIRO and seven known Soviet civilian research ships are known to be working in the South Atlantic. The total number of Soviet Merchant and Fishing ships is unknown, although they are known to be extensively deployed.

SOVIET AIR DISPOSITIONS IN S. ATLANTIC

6. AIR.
 - a. 2 SNAF Bear Delta at Luanda (+ 1 Classic,
+ 2 Cub Transport)
 - b. 2 SNAF Bear Delta at Cuba.
7. SATELLITES. 7 Eliot + 1 HR PR are capable of covering the area. None were active on 2 Apr. PR satellite has not been activated for 6 months.

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