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SITREP NO 6 OF CORPORATE AS AT 072200Z APR 82

1. GENERAL:

A. MR HAIG, US SECRETARY OF STATE, IS FLYING TO LONDON AT THE START OF AN ATTEMPT TO MEDIATE IN THE DISPUTE. AFTER VISITING LONDON IT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED THAT HE WILL FLY TO BUENOS AIRES.
B. COUNTRIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD HAVE CONTINUED TO CONDEMN THE ARGENTINIAN INVASION OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS. THE ORGANISATION OF AMERICAN STATES (OAS) HAS NOT YET HELD A MEETING BUT ONE IS LIKELY TO BE CALLED EITHER LATER TODAY OR EARLY TOMORROW.
C. THE CHILEAN CINS MET WITH PRESIDENT PINOCHET AT 062300Z APR TO DEBATE WHAT FACILITIES AND ASSISTANCE THEY MIGHT OFFER THE UK. THE DECISIONS THEY REACHED WILL SHORTLY BE COMMUNICATED TO HMG BY THE CHILEAN EMBASSY IN LONDON BUT THEY ARE THOUGHT BY OUR EMBASSY IN SANTIAGO TO BE DISAPPOINTING.

2. ARG NAVAL FORCES:

A. THE ARGENTINES PLACED AN OIL RIG AT 52-56S 64-46W (WEST OF FALKLAND ISLANDS) ON 25/26 MAR NAMED THE GENERAL ENRIQUE MOSCONI. THE RIG IS REPORTED TO HAVE A HELICOPTER PLATFORM AND ITS PRESENCE MAY BE RELATED TO CURRENT ARGENTINIAN OPERATIONS.
B. AN ARGENTINIAN OIL TANKER DUE FOR REFIT WAS RECALLED AND LEFT ROTTERDAM AT 012100B APR. HER ANTICIPATED SPEED OF 14 KTS MEANS THAT SHE MAY BE IN THE VICINITY OF THE CAPE VERDE ISLANDS.
C. SURFACE AND SUBSURFACE:
(1) THE MAJORITY OF ARGENTINIAN NAVAL UNITS ARE NOW IN HARBOURS ON THE MAINLAND, PRESUMABLY REPLENISHING AND PREPARING FOR WAR.

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(2) WE BELIEVE THAT THERE IS A FRIGATE ON PATROL OFF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THERE IS ALSO A SUBMARINE IN THE AREA.

3. ARG GROUND FORCES: NTR

4. ARG AIR FORCES:

A. AIR ACTIVITY:

NTR

B. ARMS SALES TO ARGENTINA. CONFIRMATION IS BEING SOUGHT FROM FRANCE THAT THE SUPPLY OF COMPONENTS, MISSILES AND OTHER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE ARGENTINIANS HAS BEEN STOPPED. A FRENCH FIRM HAS BEEN MODIFYING THE SUPER ETENDARDS TO CARRY AM 39 EXOCET AIR TO SURFACE MISSILES: FIVE AIRCRAFT HAVE SO FAR BEEN MODIFIED AND TEN AM 39 MISSILES DELIVERED.

5. OWN FORCES.

THERE IS STILL NO CONFIRMATION OF THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE SEVEN ROYAL MARINES CAPTURED ON THE FALKLAND ISLAND NOR OF THOSE FROM SOUTH GEORGIA WHO MAY BE EMBARKED ON THE ARGENTINIAN ICE BREAKER AMIRALTE IRZAR.

6. NAVY. THE P AND O LINER CANBERRA ARRIVED IN SOUTHAMPTON THIS MORNING AND WORK STARTED IMMEDIATELY ON HER CONVERSION TO A TROOPSHIP WITH A LANDING PLATFORM ON THE FOREDECK.

7. ARMY. 3 PARA IS AT FOUR HOURS NTM TO EMBARK IN SS CANBERRA

8. AIR FORCE. THE AIR LIFT TO ASCENSION CONTINUES. ONE NIMROD SORTIE WAS FLOWN FROM ASCENSION TODAY.

9. NOTICE OF AN EXCLUSION ZONE. SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DEFENCE ANNOUNCED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS THIS EVENING THAT

"FROM 0400 GREENWICH MEAN TIME ON MONDAY 12 APRIL 1982, A MARITIME EXCLUSION ZONE WILL BE ESTABLISHED AROUND THE FALKLAND ISLANDS. THE OUTER LIMIT OF THIS ZONE IS A CIRCLE OF 200 NAUTICAL MILE RADIUS FROM LATITUDE 51 DEGREES 40 MINUTES SOUTH, 59 DEGREES 30 MINUTES WEST, WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY THE CENTRE OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS. FROM THE TIME INDICATED, ANY ARGENTINE WARSHIPS AND ARGENTINE NAVAL AUXILIARIES FOUND WITHIN THIS ZONE WILL BE TREATED AS HOSTILE AND ARE LIABLE TO BE ATTACKED BY BRITISH FORCES. THIS MEASURE IS WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE RIGHT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM TO TAKE WHATEVER ADDITIONAL MEASURES MAY BE NEEDED IN EXERCISE OF ITS RIGHT OF SELF-DEFENCE UNDER ARTICLE 51 OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER."

10. S OF S ALSO ANNOUNCED SOME DETAILS OF THE COMPOSITION OF THE FORCE NOW AT SEA WHICH INCLUDES:

A. CARRIERS INVINCIBLE AND HERMES WITH AUGMENTED COMPLEMENTS OF SEA HARRIERS AND SEA KING HELICOPTERS

B. TYPE 42 DESTROYERS SHEFFIELD, GLASGOW AND COVENTRY WITH SEADART MISSILES

C. COUNTY CLASS DESTROYERS ANTRIM AND GLAMORGAN

D. TYPE 21 GP FRIGATES ARROW, ALACRITY AND ANTELOPE WITH EXOCET SURFACE TO SURFACE MISSILES

E. TYPE 22 FRIGATES BRILLIANT AND BROADSWORD WITH EXOCET AND SEA WOLF SYSTEMS.

F. TYPE 12 FRIGATES PLYMOUTH AND YARMOUTH.

G. ASSAULT SHIPS: HMS FEARLESS AND FIVE LANDING SHIPS.

H. FLEET AUXILIARIES: APPLELEAF, TIDESPRING, PEARLEAF AND OLMEDA TOGETHER WITH FORT AUSTIN, RESOURCE AND STROMNESS.

11. S OF S DID NOT GIVE DETAILS OF THE ROYAL MARINES AND SOLDIERS BUT HE SAID THAT SHOULD IT BE NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT AN AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT SUFFICIENT MANPOWER WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE PURPOSE - AND OTHER ARMY UNITS ARE ON STANDBY.

12. JCMD AND CON. CINCFLEET IS IN OVERALL COMMAND OF ALL FORCES ALLOCATED TO THE OPERATION. OPCOMD OF THE SURFACE SHIPS AND EMBARKED FORCES IS VESTED IN REAR ADMIRAL WOODWARD THE

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