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MEETING OF OFFICIALS - 080900 LOCAL APR 82

Please see attached a note which CDS intends to table for discussion at the meeting of Officials scheduled for 0900 hours tomorrow morning.

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7 Apr 82

Att

1. Following the declaration of an Exclusion Zone surrounding the Falkland Islands, it is necessary to issue instructions to HMS SPARTAN; she will be the first SSN to enter the Zone where her arrival is expected to be late pm Sunday 11 April.
  
2. The following instructions are proposed:
  - a. All vessels positively identified inside the Exclusion Zone as being Argentinian warships, submarines and naval auxiliaries may be attacked.
  
  - b. After the first successful attack on a vessel withdraw from scene of action and report. Having reported or, if unable to clear report after 12 hours, continue patrol.
  
  - c. Situation Reports are to be made at (designated) intervals on (designated) units detected.
  
  - d. Additionally, if attacked you are authorised to retaliate as necessary for your self defence both inside and outside the Exclusion Zone.