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SIT REP NO7 OF CORPORATE AS AT 082200Z APR 82

ONE. GENERAL

A. INTERNATIONAL REACTION. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS THE PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER HAS EXPRESSED PERUS TOTAL SUPPORT FOR THE ARGENTINES ADDING THAT THIS COULD INCLUDE MILITARY SUPPORT.

B. ARGENTINE REACTION TO THE BRITISH ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE EXCLUSION ZONE AROUND THE FALKLANDS IS ONE OF ACCUSATION DESCRIBING IT AS QUOTE A HUGE BLUNDER DUE TO ITS LACK OF LEGAL ARGUMENTS UNQUOTE.

C. THE INVASION OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS HAS ACHIEVED AN UNUSUAL DEGREE OF ARGENTINE NATIONAL SOLIDARITY FOR THE TIME BEING. PREVIOUSLY ARRESTED LABOUR LEADERS HAVE BEEN RELEASED FROM CUSTODY AND ARE COOPERATING WITH THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT.

D. ARGENTINA HAS TO-DAY DECLARED A 200 MILE EXCLUSION ZONE ALONG HER COAST AND AROUND SOUTH GEORGIA AND THE SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS.

TWO. ARGENTINIAN NAVAL FORCES. MOST NAVAL SHIPS REMAIN IN PORT AND THE NUMBER ON PATROL HAS REDUCED CONSIDERABLY. ALL TRANSITING UNITS ARE PROBABLY USING THE SHALLOW WATER CHANNEL TO REDUCE VULNERABILITY FROM SUBMARINE ATTACK. IT IS ASSESSED THAT NO NAVAL UNITS REMAIN AT SOUTH GEORGIA. ONLY TWO AUXILIARIES REMAIN AT PORT STANLEY. THE MAJORITY OF ARGENTINE SUBMARINES ARE RECTIFYING OPDEFS IN PORT. CVA DE MAYO AND CRUISER GENERAL BELGRANO ARE ALSO PROBABLY UNSERVICEABLE IN PORT.

THREE. ARGENTINIAN GROUND FORCES

A. MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN SOUTHERN ARGENTINA ARE BEING

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BROUGHT TO HIGHER STATE OF READINESS. CURRENT ESTIMATE OF FORCES IN FALKLANDS IS AT LEAST 4000.

FOUR. EQUIPMENT. THE ARGENTINE ARMY HAS A SIGNIFICANT EW CAPABILITY WITH EACH BDE HAVING AN EW UNIT. THE ARMY RECENTLY BOUGHT THIRTY SOPHISTICATED HF/UHF DF EQUIPMENTS. THEY ALSO HOLD HF JAMMERS WORKING IN THE 10-30 MHZ AND UHF JAMMERS.

FIVE. AIR. THE CANBERRAS (POSSIBLY 8 SERVICEABLE, 2 BEING WORKED ON) ARE FITTED TO CARRY "XAS30. THE A4 SKYHAWK IS FITTED TO CARRY SIDEWINDER AAM (44 DELIVERED) AND BULLPUP AAM. PORT STANLEY RUNWAY IS BEING EXTENDED AND COULD BE READY AS EARLY AS 9 APR TO RECEIVE A SQN OF MIRAGE V AS WELL AS PUCARAS. IT IS BELIEVED THAT 5 SUPER ETENDARDS HAVE BEEN FITTED WITH EXOCET. ASSESS THAT ARGENTINES WILL SOON START TO DEPLOY AIRCRAFT TO SOUTH EAST OF COUNTRY.

SIX. OWN FORCES. ARGENTINIAN MEDIA REPORTS STATE THAT THE 28 ROYAL MARINES CAPTURED ON SOUTH GEORGIA AND THE FALKLANDS ARE TO BE FLOWN TO URAGUAY FOR REPATRIATION TO UK AS A GESTURE OF CONCILIATION.

SEVEN. NAVY. THE SS CANBERRA AND MV ELK WILL SAIL FROM SOUTHAMPTON ON 9 APR. BOTH WILL HAVE A RAS CAPABILITY.

EIGHT. ARMY. NTR.

NINE. AIR FORCE. THE AIR LIFT TO ASCENSION CONTINUES. MET FACILITIES HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED TO ASCENSION.

TEN. MINIMISE. MINIMISE IS IN FORCE TO ALL RN AUTHORITIES, RN SHIPS AND RFAS

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