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OPERATION PARQUET

A The Secretary of State may wish to see the attached note by the Navy Department on Operation Parquet, which Mr. Nott is likely to raise at OD(SA) this morning.

2. The Chiefs of Staff discussed this paper this morning, in Mr. Nott's presence, and agreed to recommend that the Parquet group should cross the 200 mile zone (as declared by the Argentines) today, with the intention of going to a position well off shore, so that a reconnaissance party could be landed on 21 April if required. I was not asked to comment on this, and did not therefore report the Secretary of State's view that the group should enter the 200 mile zone as proposed.

B 3. The Chief of Naval Staff also argued, on the lines of the attached paper, that the submarine CONQUEROR should receive Phase B Rules of Engagement as soon as possible, including the adoption of Rule 5 ("any submarine detected not classified nuclear may be presumed to be Argentinian and may be attacked"). The Chief of Naval Staff was particularly keen that this should be authorised on the grounds that an Argentine submarine might be in the area; present intelligence suggests that this is unlikely. But the Secretary of State will wish to consider this against the view which he expressed this morning that the sinking of an Argentine ship should be avoided if at all possible, so long as the Haig mission continues.

4. Mr. Nott asked the Chiefs of Staff whether there was any way of arranging a landing (for intelligence gathering purposes) before 20 April. He was told that this would not be possible, and that the reconnaissance party, which would be ready to be landed on 20 April, would in effect be engaged initially in intelligence gathering.

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(P.R.H. Wright)
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OPERATION PARQUET
(Note by the Navy Department)

A. Decision to Proceed

1. The Parquet surface forces have made up some of the time lost in heavy weather and may now enter the South Georgia 200 nm exclusion zone declared by Argentina by p.m. 20 April. They could be in a position to start landing operations a.m. 21 April.

2. If it is desired to delay the execution of Parquet the CinCFLEET should be informed today so that the Task Group can be held off in a suitable position, and outside the exclusion zone if the CinC prefers.

B. Rules of Engagement

3. The OD (SA) has authorised that the phase B Rules of Engagement should come into force when Parquet forces enter the area within 200 nm of South Georgia, subject to no ministerial decision to rescind this authority being made on 19 April.

4. The submarine CONQUEROR is already on patrol in the exclusion zone. It is possible, but there is no evidence to support this, that the Argentine 'Guppy' submarine SANTA FE could be in the area of South Georgia. In view of what is known of Argentine Rules of Engagement it is important that CONQUEROR receives her phase B rules of engagement as soon as possible.

5. The need for the surface ships to have phase B rules will become pressing by noon 20 April. Therefore, subject to no "rescinding instruction" being received it is recommended that phase B rules be authorised for all Parquet units within 200 nm of South Georgia from 191200Z.

RULES OF ENGAGEMENT FOR OPERATION PARAQUET

1. There are three sets of instructions which need to be agreed for issue to ships involved in Operation Paraquet. These cover:

- a. Transit towards South Georgia on the high seas outside any declared Zone:
- b. Transit within the declared Argentinian "Defence Zone" of 200 nautical miles around South Georgia:
- c. Execution of Operation Paraquet within this Zone.

2. The Rules of Engagement to cover these three phases involve the following:

a. Transit towards South Georgia

Overriding aim is to avoid provocation but respond to aggression with firmness.

i. Surface Vessels

Minimum force to be used in response to any clear intent to engage. All units may assist in defence of any unit which is attacked. Maritime International Law is not to be broken unless necessary in order to achieve aim.

ii. SSNs

Surveillance to be covert, evading if detected. Engagement of enemy only if attacked first.

b. Transit within Argentinian "Defence Zone"

Aim is to show sufficient force to dissuade Argentinian units from enforcing their "Defence Zone".

i. Surface Vessels

To achieve transit, take any necessary action against positively identified Argentinian ships. In the case of merchant ships this would in the first instance be to warn off. You may attack any submarines which demonstrate hostile intent. Instructions on mutual defence and Maritime International Law as at 2 a. i. above.

*Authorized
for
immediate
issue*

*whether naval or
merchant
& Argentinian
combat aircraft*

non-Argentinian

ii. SSNs

Any conventional submarine detected may be presumed to be Argentinian and may be attacked. All Argentinian warships and naval auxiliaries positively identified may be attacked.

c. Execution of Operation

Aim is to repossess South Georgia.

i. Surface Vessels

Any action necessary to achieve aim may be taken against ships and aircraft positively identified as Argentinian. You may attack any submarine which demonstrates hostile intent.

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HIGH SEAS ROE

1. Area Limits

The South Atlantic south of 10°S and West of 20°W

excluding:

- a. Brazilian, and Uruguayan territorial seas.
- b. Sea areas within 200 miles of the coasts of Argentina, the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands.

2. Time Limit

Continuous.

3. Recommended Policies

POLITICAL

BRAVO

MEANING

Status Quo

EXPANSION

Avoid provocation but be prepared to meet force with force. The aim is a safe transit to South Georgia and the Falkland Islands.

MILITARY

Surface Ships and Aircraft

102 Commanding Officers and Aircraft
 Captains are to respond to any
 aggression with tactful firmness
 and are to exhibit a
 determination to meet any

escalation, though not to exceed that already carried out by the enemy.

103 When the enemy is about to engage with weapons, minimum force is to be used to prevent the successful employment of those weapons. Excessive or untimely use of force would have serious military or political consequences.

207 For the purpose of self defence attack on one unit may be considered an attack on all other units in company.

208 Notwithstanding other Rules which may be in force the commander of a unit has the inherent right to use such force in self defence as may be necessary to protect his command and the lives of his men.

302 Harrassment is to be carried out to a similar extent, and in a similar degree to any which is received by units within the force.

403 Maritime International Law is not to
be broken unless it is necessary in
order to achieve the aim.

506 Surveillance and shadowing may be
overt, or covert. The requirement
to remain undetected need not have
priority over other operational
objectives, eg detection by
potential hostile forces may be
invited in order to gain tactical
intelligence.

SSN

MEANING

EXPANSION

1 Remain covert. Carry out
surveillance of area allocated. If
detected, evade. If unable to evade,
prosecuting units may be attacked
only if they have attacked first.

13 Situation reports are to be made at
discretion on all ARGENTINE units.

ARGENTINIAN DECLARED SOUTH GEORGIA DEFENCE ZONE - ROE

1. Zone Limits

200 NM from the coast of South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands.

2. Time Limits

From entry into Zone until further notice.

3. Recommended Policies

POLITICAL

MEANING

EXPANSION

CHARLIE

Escalate

Any attempt by ARGENTINIAN units to enforce the "Defence Zone" should be met with sufficient show of force to dissuade recurrence.

MILITARY

Surface Ship and Aircraft

104

Commanding Officers and Aircraft Captains may take such action as is necessary to achieve their military task, but are not to exceed it.

With suffixes

HOTEL

All aircraft positively identified as ARGENTINIAN combat aircraft. (Combat aircraft are to include only fighter, bomber, ground attack and LRMP aircraft and armed and ASW helicopters).

JULIETT All submarines detected which are assessed to be conventional may be presumed to be ARGENTINIAN.

| for surface ships

MIKE All vessels positively identified as ARGENTINIAN.

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(non-Argentinian)

(Merchant Ships)

205 Authority is delegated to attack any ^{Argentinian} ship, submarine or aircraft that demonstrates hostile intent.

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SSNs

MEANING

EXPANSION

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Any submarine detected not classified nuclear may be presumed to be ARGENTINIAN and may be attacked.

| Cannot attack
a nuclear
powered
submarine

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OPERATION PARAQUET ROE

1. Zone Limits

200 NM from the coast of South Georgia and the
South Sandwich Islands.

2. Time Limits

When ordered to execute Operation PARAQUET.

3. Recommended Policies

POLITICAL

MEANING

EXPANSION

CHARLIE Escalate

Repossess South Georgia

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508 Counter surveillance is to be
overt. Every effort is to be
made to chase the intruder from
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