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Jus Hermes

- 1. PS/CDS
- 2. PS/CDS to see 3.75's
- 3. PS PUS

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AUS(D Staff)
Head of DS11

I should think it is check full - but get answer to find out.

DEPLOYMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS WITHIN THE FALKLANDS TASK GROUP

PUS may wish to be aware that CINCFLEET has now decided to transfer the 4 live rounds held in RFAs FORT AUSTIN and RESOURCE to the carriers and RFA REGENT as soon as the tactical situation permits. The action is being taken to free FORT AUSTIN and RESOURCE from the restrictions on their employment entailed by our Treaty obligations during any landing operation.

2. On completion of these transfers, the disposition of nuclear weapons will be as follows:

HERMES	18
INVINCIBLE	12
REGENT	1

All these ships are in the TEZ.

3. The Task Group Commander has also been ordered to transfer the surveillance round from COVENTRY to REGENT but we have no confirmation that this move has taken place. A surveillance round (ex-SHEFFIELD) still remains in FORT AUSTIN. CINCFLEET intends to transfer this round to another ship, probably REGENT, at the first available opportunity. I will let you know as soon as we have confirmation of these moves, at which stage PUS may like to make Sir A Acland aware of the revised position.

4. CDS is aware of these developments.

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D. Brennan

14 May 1982

CDS is correct.

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