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(7 June silop shows
FOR AUSTIN due to
return UK - 1 with check
position)

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"on the edge" of the TEZ?
a long way off it, I hope.
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DISEMBARRASSMENT OF CORPORATE SHIPS

1. CNS has asked me to let you know CinCFleet's intentions for the disembarrassment of CORPORATE ships.

2. The current plan is that RFA PORT AUSTIN will be first to return to UK but the date is not yet known. She has capacity to carry twenty two weapons in approved stowages and as many inert training/surveillance weapons as can be stowed, boxed, in a dedicated hold. Transfers will be conducted on the edge of the TEZ as scheduled by CTG 317.8. The order of priority for first shipment is:

- a. INVINCIBLE - total outfit
- b. HERMES - part outfit (9 + 2 trainers)
- c. RFA RESOURCE - total outfit (rounds ex-REGENT)
- d. All other training weapons

CTG 317.8 will signal the schedule when known. Disembarrassment is to be conducted without prejudice to CORPORATE operations.

3. The balance of HERMES outfit will be transferred to the next available and capable RFA leaving the area, which is probably RFA REGENT. This may not be possible for some time: CTF will signal when total disembarrassment is completed.

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