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SITREP NO 8 OP CORPORATE AS AT 092200Z APR 82.

1. INT. FALKLANDS. CONCERN IN THE FI ABOUT A POSSIBLE MILITARY CONFRONTATION IS REFLECTED IN A LETTER TO THE FCO SIGNED BY SENIOR OFFICIALS AND SMUGGLED OUT REQUESTING THE APPOINTMENT OF A PROTECTING POWER TO HELP ARRANGE A TEMPORARY EVACUATION OF THE CIVIL POPULATION.
2. ARGENTINIAN NAVY. A RELIABLE EYE WITNESS HAS REPORTED THAT ON 22 MAR THE STATE OF THE SEA KINGS AT BAHIA BANCA WAS ONE SERVICEABLE, TWO IN CAT 4 MAINTAINENCE WHICH COULD BE SERVICEABLE IN QUOTE WITHIN 7 TO 10 DAYS UNQUOTE, AND TWO ARE HULKS. SPARES HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED FROM SIKORSKI FOR SEVEN YEARS.
3. ARGENTINIAN ARMY. NTR.
4. ARGENTINIAN AIR. NO NEW RE-DEPLOYMENT REPORTED. STANLEY AIR-FIELD IMPROVEMENTS CANNOT BE CONFIRMED.
5. OWN FORCES. GENERAL. ALTHOUGH ARGENTINIAN MEDIA REPORTED YESTERDAY THAT THE 28 ROYAL MARINES CAPTURED ON SOUTH GEORGIA AND THE FALKLANDS WERE TO BE FLOWN TO URAGUAY FOR REPATRIATION TO UK NO FURTHER NEWS OF THEIR WHEREABOUTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED.
6. A DIRECTIVE FOR COMMANDER OF THE BRITISH FORCES SUPPORT UNIT (BFSU) HAS BEEN ISSUED AND THE ADMINISTRATOR ASCENSION HAS BEEN ASKED TO PASS A COPY TO THE AMERICAN BASE COMMANDER. ASCENSION ISLAND HAS BEEN NOMINATED FOR THE FORWARD LOGISTIC SUPPORT OF BRITISH FORCES IN THE SOUTHERN ATLANTIC.
7. THE BRITISH FREIGHTER MV PORT QUEBEC A BULK GRAIN CARRIER WHICH HAS LOADED WHEAT FOR RUSSIA AT DIAMANTE 200 NM UP THE RIVER PLATE SAILED FOR MONTEVIDEO AT 080730 APR BUT WAS CLEARED ONLY TO PROCEED AS FAS AS BUENOS AIRES BY THE ARGENTINIAN AUTHORITIES. THE SHIP SAILED WITH 7 ARMED COASTGUARDS ABOARD AND ESCORTED BY A GUNBOAT AND MAY BE HELD HOSTAGE.
8. NAVY. RFA FORT AUSTIN LEFT ASCENSION EARLY THIS MORNING TO RV WITH HMS ENDURANCE. THE LEADING ELEMENTS OF 317.8 HAVE CROSSED THE EQUATOR.
9. SS CANBERRA SAILED AT 091915Z AND HAS JOINED UP WITH MV ELK IN THE SOLENT. VOSPER WORK FORCE REMAINED ONBOARD TO COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION OF WELL DECKS AT SEA ESTIMATED COMPLETION 15 APRIL.
10. AIR. DURING THE PAST WEEK THE AIR TRANSPORT FORCE HAS MOVED OVER 200 TONS AND 300 MEN TO ASCENSION. TWO NIMROD SORTIES HAVE

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BEEN FLOWN FROM THE ISLAND. RAF TAC COMMS PROVIDE MARITIME TASKING AND SECURE SPEECH TO UK.

11. COMMS. THREE SECURE TELEGRAPH CIRCUITS WERE ESTABLISHED FROM UK TO ASCENSION TODAY, TWO BY COMMERCIAL CABLE AND ONE BY SATELLITE. SECURE SPEECH (DSSS) ALSO BECAME AVAILABLE VIA THE UK ZONE EXCHANGE IN ADDITION TO THE COMMERCIAL TELEX AND TELEPHONE CIRCUITS

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FROM MODUK
TO CINCFLTET
UKMILREP BRUSSELS
UKLF
HQSTC
HQRAFSC
CINC GIBRALTAR
SBFSU ASCENSION
INFO UKDEL LIVEOAK
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CBF HONG KONG
UKNMR SHAPE
UKNLR SACLANT
UKNLR CINCHAN
UKCICC
SV FELTHAM

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SITREP NO. 9 OF CORPORATE AS AT 102200Z APR 82.

1. INT. GENERAL. A SOVIET CARGO VESSEL STRETHENSK WAS AT 091200 LOCAL AT 42S 62W (APPROX 100 MILES OF PUERTO DELGRAN0) HEADING SOUTH AND MAY ENTER AREA OF INTEREST.

2. FALKLANDS. THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS HAS REPORTED THAT CONTACT HAS BEEN RE-ESTABLISHED WITH THEIR BRANCH IN FLAKLANDS AND POPULATION IS REPORTED TO BE QUOTE NOT IN DIFFICULTY UNQUOTE. THE IRC HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION FROM ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES TO SEND UP TO THREE OBSERVERS TO ISLANDS ASP.

3. ARGENTINE NAVY. ARGENTINIAN TV FILM TRANSMITTED BY FAST PATROL BOATS ALLEGEDLY BLOCKADING FALKLANDS. THERE IS A DANGER OF DISINFORMATION FROM THIS AND OTHER SOURCES. IN THIS INSTANCE THERE ARE DOUBTS WHETHER THEY COULD REACH FALKLANDS UNDER REPORTED WEATHER CONDITIONS LET ALONE MAINTAIN OPERATIONS. ARGENTINA IS REPORTED TO BE STEPPING UP THE RECALL OF RESERVISTS FOR ALL ARMED SERVICES. THESE MAY NUMBER UP TO 80,000.

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6. OWN FORCES. MOD NAVY HAVE ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS FOR RETENTION OF UP TO 12 MONTHS OF RATINGS AND OTHER RANKS WHO WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE BEEN ENTITLED TO BE DISCHARGED OR TRANSFERRED TO RESERVE. THIS ACTION IS LIMITED TO THOSE INVOLVED IN OP CORPORATE OR THOSE WHOSE RETENTION IS ESSENTIAL TO IT.

7. SS UGANDA HAS BEEN REQUISITIONED AND HAS BEEN TOLD TO REPORT TO GIBRALTAR FOR ORDERS.

8. AIR. AIR MOVEMENT TO ASCENSION CONTINUES. TO IMPROVE MARITIME AIR SURVEILLANCE CAPABILITY IT IS PLANNED TO REPLACE THE MK 1 NIMROD MPA AT ASCENSION WITH MK 2 FROM KINLOSS ON 11 AND 12 APRIL.

GIBRALTAR. SOME LOW VISIBILITY PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED AT REQUEST OF HE THE GOVERNOR OF GIBRALTAR. HMS AMBUSCADE WILL ARRIVE THERE AS GUARDSHIP ON 12 APRIL. B COY 1 STSFORDS WILL RETURN THERE FROM TRAINING IN UK ON 11 APRIL. A

FEW OTHER SPECIALISTS AND STORES ARE ALSO BEING SENT

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