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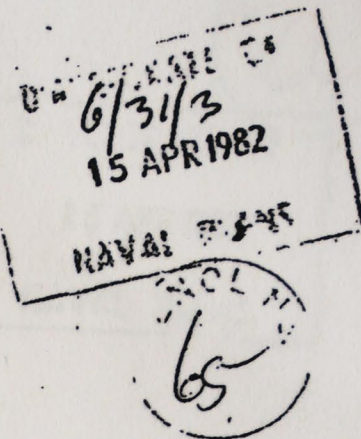
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1. Most, if not all, of our efforts so far have been directed to our short term aim of building up as large as possible amphibious task force and carrier group in the South Atlantic, in the quickest time-scale. Doing so has used a lot of our resources.
2. I believe we should now seriously examine our ability to maintain a 'long haul' operation should circumstances so require.
3. I propose that Rear Admiral Eckersley Maslin should be tasked to produce an appreciation of the operational and logistic problems should CORPORATE be prolonged beyond the end of May. I would consider that DN Plans and DNAP would provide the main effort, but a lot of the current operational information will be provided by NSAG and DNOT.
4. I believe the study should cover:-
  - a. a delayed operation SUTTON.
  - b. a prolonged "blockade" possibly accompanied by low intensity operations.
  - c. a landing on the Falklands which does not result in quick defeat of Argentine garrison.
  - d. the force levels necessary to maintain British control after a successful repossession of the Islands.

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