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④RULES OF ENGAGEMENT FOR OPERATION PARAQUET

The attached Rules of Engagement, prepared by the Navy Department, will be tabled for consideration by the Chiefs of Staff at their meeting at 1430 hours today, 15 April 1982.

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Rules of Engagement for Operation PARAQUET (11 pages).

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RULES OF ENGAGEMENT FOR OPERATION PARAQUET

1. You have already approved Rules of Engagement (ROE) for SSN (1) and Surface Ships and Aircraft (2). This submission makes proposals for the Political Policies and corresponding Military Policy Rules, necessary to implement the following operational tasks:

- a. The sea transit of UK forces to South Georgia and the Falkland Islands on the high seas outside any Zone declared either by the United Kingdom or the Argentine. (This is applicable to all UK maritime forces in transit).
- b. Transit of UK forces within the "Defence Zone" declared by the Argentine around South Georgia.

c. Once the order has been given to execute Operation Paraquet.

2. In order to provide effective control and application of ROE, it will be necessary to define limits of time and geography applicable to individual Rules; these are proposed at Annexes A-C.

3. The Argentine "Defence Zones", although not formally notified, are currently defined as areas extending 200 miles to seaward of the Argentine mainland, the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and South Sandwich Island.

4. Recommendation We recommend you seek the early agreement of the Prime Minister and your colleagues to the proposed Political Policies and corresponding Military Policy Rules to permit planning to proceed.

CHIEF OF THE DEFENCE STAFF

- (1) CDS 2038/1/1 dated 6 Apr 82
- (2) CDS COS S14(6) dated 13 Apr 82

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Annexes:

- A. High Seas ROE
- B. Argentinian Declared "Defence Zone" ROE
- C. Operation Paraquet ROE

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

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

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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

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- 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.

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

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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.

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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.

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

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ANNEX B TO
CDS
DATEDARGENTINIAN DECLARED SOUTH GEORGIA DEFENCE ZONE - ROE1. 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 PoliciesPOLITICALMEANINGEXPANSION

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Escalate

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

MILITARYSurface 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

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

MIKE All vessels positively identified as ARGENTINIAN.

*What if
Soviet
conventional
sub in area?*

*including
merchant?
with or
without
warning?*

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NOVEMBER All aircraft positively identified
✓ as ARGENTINIAN.

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

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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
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Any submarine detected may be presumed to be ARGENTINIAN and may be attacked.

would cover Soviet sub of any kind.

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including merchant?

All vessels which can be positively identified as ARGENTINIAN may be attacked.

Limits attack opportunities at night and against merchant ships.

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

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

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CHARLIE Escalate

Repossess South Georgia

MILITARY

Surface Ships and Aircraft

106 Carry out unrestricted offensive operations using conventional weapons.

*why not
Rule 104
as on page B-1?*

With suffixes

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

*same
objection
as above*

MIKE All vessels positively identified as ARGENTINIAN.

merchant?

NOVEMBER All aircraft positively identified as ARGENTINIAN.

*in practice
could only
be identified.*

OSCAR All merchant vessels which can be positively identified (eg by deck cargo) as carrying military supplies or military personnel.

*what about
eg Soviet
Antarctic
Survey
Vessel
with
helicopter
unmanned?*

PAPA All aircraft which can be positively identified (eg by unloading on the ground or by dropping from the air stores or personnel) as carrying military supplies or military personnel.

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| 6 | . | All vessels which can be positively identified as ARGENTINIAN may be attacked. | <i>As Above</i> |
| 8 | | All merchant vessels which can be positively identified (eg by deck cargo) as carrying military supplies may be attacked. | <i>As Above</i> |

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Situation reports are to be made
at discretion on all Argentine
units and after all subsequent
successful attacks.