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SPECIAL FORCES - COMMAND AND CONTROL

Attached is the agreed Command and Control arrangements for Special Forces.

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Attachment:

Annex A. Special Forces (SF) Command and Control Arrangements.

SPECIAL FORCES (SF) COMMAND AND CONTRLL ARRANGEMENTS

- 1. This brief shows the deployment of SAS and SBS and outlines the command and control arrangements of those forces for OP CORPORATE.
- 2. Special Forces Deployment. The present deployment of forces is at Appendix 1.
- 3. Command and Control OP CORPORATE. The command and control arrangements for Special Forces are as outlined in the diagram at Appendix 2. In amplification, this means that once command has been 'chopped' to CinC FLEET he becomes responsible for all aspects of tactical tasking, deployment, reporting, recovery and logistic support. Any SF used on strategic tasks (ie outside the Falkland Islands or South Georgia) will remain under command MOD.
- 4. The satellite link from SAS under command CinC FLEET to Hereford has no formal C2 status. It may well however be invaluable in resolving the difficult problem of passing information from deployed patrols to HERMES and FEARLESS.
- 5. The air troop of G Sqn remains under command MOD through DSAS. Any decision to deploy it on a tactical task must be initated by a request from CinC FLEET to ACDS(Ops) for its release.

Appendices:

1. Special Forces Deployment as at 16 April 1982.

2. Chain of Command Special Forces OP CORPORATE.

SPECIAL FORCES DEPLOYMENT AS AT 16 APRIL 1982

1. SAS

- a. Remaining Under Command DSAS:
 - (1) A Sqn. 57 SAS earmarked as follows:
 - (a) 34 for OP MINSTREL/PULPIT.
 - (b) 23 for OP CONTRAVENE (Under command Commander Northern Ireland.
 - (2) B Sqn. 60 SAS earmarked as follows:
 - (a) 16 for OP MINSTREL/PULPIT.
 - (b) 44 available for JTP 60 (BELIZE).
 - (3) B Sqn is therefore not available for OP CORPORATE.
 - (4) Air Tp G Sqn. In UK. 12 available for OP CORPORATE parachute insertion option.
- b. Under Command CBF BELIZE. One Tp G Sqn. 13 SAS + 7 sigs + 1 admin staff.
- c. Under Command CinC FLEET for OP CORPORATE
 - (1) D Sqn. Deployed complete with OP PARAQUET Task Force. 68 SAS + 12 sigs + 3 admin staff..
 - (2) G Sqn. (Less Air Tp and BELIZE Tp). Deployed Ascension by 172000APR. 37 SAS + 7 sigs + 6 admin staff.

2. SBS

- a. Remaining under command HQ TRF RM:
 - (1) 1 SBS. In UK for counter-terrorost tasks.
 - (2) 5 SBS. In UK for counter-terrorist tasks.
- b. Under command of CinC FLEET.
 - (1) 2 SBS. Under OPCON 317.9 for OP PARAQUET.
 - (2) 3 SBS. In RESOURCE for OP SUTTON.
 - (3) 6 SBS. In CONQUEROR as reserve for PARAQUET and available for OP SUTTON.
 - (4) 8 SBS. In Ascension Island available for OP SUTTON.

APPENDIX 2 TO SECRET ANNEX A TO D OPS STAFF 7/10/2 CHAIN OF COMMAND SPECIAL FORCES DATED APRIL 1982 OP CORPORATE CDS . SF ADVISERS DSAS Brig de la Billière MOD XXXX CINCFLEET Air Commander Mil Dep XXX XX TPT AC UNDER OPCON WHEN ENGAGED IN SF OPERATIONS XX XX HERMES AOC 38 GP RAF FOFI ATF (CTG 317) OPCON OF SF SAS (LO) Mil Adv (RM Col) Col R Preston RM OPCON OF SF ANTRIM TG 317.9 RETAINED UNDE SBS/LO PRC 320 SAS Sqn Cmdr SAS/SBS Manned Patrols X FEARLESS Comd and Comms Gp (SAS) COMAW (CTU 317.0) PRC 320 SAS/SBS Manned Cdre Clapp Comd 3 Cdo Bae CTU 317.0.2. DEPLOYED SECRET