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OPERATION CORPORATE - HIGH SEAS RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

1. In accordance with agreement reached in OD(SA) last night, the attached ROE are to be brought into effect as soon as possible.
2. It should be noted however that suffix Juliett applicable to the ROE North of 35° South is in abeyance pending the outcome of communication with the Brazilian Government.

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OPERATION CORPORATE
HIGH SEAS ROE - SOUTH OF 35°S

1. Area Limits

The South Atlantic South of 35°S and West of 20°W

excluding:

- a. Brazilian and Uruguayan territorial seas.
- b. Areas South of 60°S.

2. Time Limits

From entry into Zone until further notice.

3. Recommended Policies

POLITICAL

MEANING

EXPANSION

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Escalate

Any attempt by ARGENTINIAN units to threaten the progress of the mission should be met with sufficient action to ensure mission success.

MILITARY

✓ Surface Ship and Aircraft

104

Commanding Officers and Aircraft

205

Captains may take such action as is necessary to achieve their military task, but are not to exceed it.

With suffixes:

HOTEL All aircraft positively identified as ARGENTINIAN combat aircraft. (Combat aircraft are to include only fighter, bomber, ground attack and LRMP aircraft and armed and ASW helicopters).

JULIETT
INDIA All vessels positively identified as ARGENTINIAN warships, submarines and naval auxiliaries (latter as designated separately).

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

202 Authority is delegated to warn off all enemy units which constitute a threat.

205 Authority is delegated to attack any ship, submarine or aircraft that demonstrates hostile intent.

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IMPLICATIONS

There are unlikely to be non ARGENTINE conventional submarines in the area but only NIMRODS and JEZEBEL fitted SEA KINGS will be able to confirm whether submarine is conventional or nuclear.

And Caveat: Any Argentinian warship, combat aircraft or submarine detected within 25 miles of UK Warships, RFAs or Supporting Ships is deemed to be demonstrating hostile intent.

206 Authority is delegated to assume that one attack by an enemy unit is the first in a planned multiple attack. All threatening units may be attacked in order to prevent a pre-emptive attack and ensure survivability.

(ARGENTINIAN)

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.

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

506 Surveillance and shadowing may be overt, or covert. The requirement to remain undetected need not have

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HIGH SEAS priority over other operational

1. Area objectives, eg detection by

The Sea potential hostile forces may be 3 and West of 20°W

excluding B invited in order to gain tactical seas.

2. Time intelligence.

Continuous.

3. Recommended Policies

POLITICAL

BRAYO

MEANING

Status Quo

EXPANSION

Avoid provocation but be prepared to meet force with force. The aim is a safe transit.

MILITARY

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 escalation, though not to exceed that already carried out by the enemy.

OPERATION CORPORATE
HIGH SEAS ROE - NORTH OF 35°S

1. Area Limits

The South Atlantic between 10°S and 35°S and West of 20°W excluding Brazilian and Uruguayan territorial seas.

2. Time Limit

Continuous.

3. Recommended Policies

POLITICAL

BRAVO

MEANING

Status Quo

EXPANSION

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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.

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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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I should be most grateful, therefore, if you could test steps to ensure that this message is well understood by those who have been and will be dealing with the procurement and transport of this weapons system. It goes without saying that there are also wider political reasons for making sure that we do not embarrass the US government on this issue.

20 April 1982

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