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BRIEF FOR ACDS (OPS) - COS MEETING 1100 22 APR 82

AGENDA ITEM 1 (INTELLIGENCE)

1. Please see the latest INTSUMS in the separate folder (E40 and E41)

AGENDA ITEM 2 (OWN FORCES)

2. TOTE. The latest (220600) is attached (1). There will be some alterations to the task organisation at 221200 today, and these are highlighted.
3. Naval.
  - a. A revised task organisation is effective at 221200Z.
  - b. The Battle Group (TU 317.8.1) is now 700 miles NE of RV with Brilliant.
  - c. The Brilliant Group (TU 317.8.2) is at its designated holding position, remaining covert.
  - d. The Antrim Group (TG 317.9) is off the North Coast of South Georgia.
  - e. The Amphibious Group (TG 317.0) is due to leave Ascension on 23 Apr.
  - f. The Argonaut Group is 350 miles West of Cape St Vincent. ETA Ascension 29 Apr; the Group will join the Battle Group.
  - g. Intrepid's amphibious workup has been cancelled, and she is to complete operational training on 23 Apr. ETD for Ascension 26 Apr.

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4. Other Shipping.

a. MV Norland sailed from Hull at 2010 last night. She will now proceed to RN Dockyard Portsmouth for further work on construction of 2 Sea King heli decks. Loading of the vessel was not delayed by the 24 hour dockstrike in Hull as 1 Bn Green Howards were mobilised to complete the loading of stores and vehicles.

Norland is due to arrive at Portsmouth at 1600 hrs today. 850 passengers of 2 Para Gp will embark at Portsmouth for departure this weekend.

b. MV Europic Ferry completed loading at midnight last night. Passengers are due to embark at 1000 hrs today and the vessel is due to depart for Ascension at midday.

c. At Ascension, some cross-loading is taking place, but we have no details.

5. Air.

a. Maritime Radar Recce. One Victor MRR sortie is planned for tonight against the Argentine fleet.

b. Vulcan Training. Three training sorties were flown last night; the results are being assessed.

c. Harriers. Preparation of Harriers for deployment and for incorporation of associated "navalisation" modifications continue. Formal clearance for operations from a 12 degrees ski jump is expected on 22/23 Apr. Discreet Dissimilar Air Combat Training (DACT) between No 1 (F) Sqn and Mirage/Super Etendard aircraft is planned for 22/23 Apr.

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1. Maritime Patrol Operations. 4 Nimrod Mk 2s are at Ascension. Yesterday one aircraft flew a surveillance and mail drop sortie in support of the Battle Group. Two Nimrod sorties will be flown tonight in support of the Victor MRR operation.
- e. Communications. Air Staff Management Aid (ASMA) communications points have been established at Upavon, Kinloss, Odiham and Wittering. A further point is expected to be on-line at Tactical Communications Wing (TC Wg) on 23 Apr.

AGENDA ITEM 3 (PUBLIC RELATIONS)

6. The Press have found out that Superb has returned to Faslane, and have been asking questions; this subject will almost certainly be raised.

AGENDA ITEM 4 (ACTIONS AND DECISIONS REQUIRED)

7. Item 0059 (Prisoners of War). This paper has been cleared out of Committee, but RN is having second thoughts.

AGENDA ITEM 5 (ROE FOR CARRIER BATTLE GROUP)

8. The attached draft Submission to SofS is at (2). A summary of the current ROE state is at (3).

AGENDA ITEM 6 (UNFORESEEN MATTERS)

9. We have no knowledge of any matters under this heading. However, CAS might raise the request of CinC Gibraltar for reinforcement by Buccaneers over the period 26 Apr - 4 May when a Spanish Amphibious exercise is due to take place only 35 miles to the West.

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OTHER MATTERS

10. Canberras will not proceed beyond Belize at present. This is due to a meeting between Argentina and Chile convened by the Pope to discuss the Beagle Channel dispute. VC10s and Hercules will nevertheless deploy as planned.

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