

CDS COVERING SECRET

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Have we

- Yes. "Aim should be to evacuate?"

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answered para 4a q-Q?

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ARGENTINIAN PW

I still think any collection is a good idea!

1. You should scan the paper cleared by COS and read the conclusions of the paper - FLAG P, cleared by COS and FCO at Tab 4.
2. There is some urgency required in sending instructions to CTG 317.9 on the disposal of PW from Operation PARAQUET. Operation SUTTON PW can be considered more slowly.
3. In the immediate future the CTG is content to keep the PW on ENDURANCE/TIDEPOOL. Subsequently a number of options present themselves:
 - a. Transshipment to an Argentine hospital ship - though making an RV with one of our combatants might be dangerous.
 - b. Returning them to South Georgia for subsequent lifting off by the Argentinians, but CTG is reluctant to maintain and guard the party on South Georgia.
 - c. Sending them back to Ascension on returning RFAs.
 - d. Requisitioning ^RRS BRANSFIELD, now a week sailing time away and likely to be very unpopular with the BAS.
4. I think that the ruling criterion should be to attempt to return their men as quickly as they did ours. However, there is some advantage in retaining them for a limited period for interrogation and to prevent them reporting our tactics. I think the best option for the Operation PARAQUET PW is to have them sent to Ascension as soon as convenient by one of our returning RFAs for transmission to Uruguay by aircraft.
5. I do not think we need to send either the paper or a submission to S of S on the subject - his PS agrees. However, if you are content, we will clear with him the signal at FLAG R which answers FLAG Q. We will also commission ACDS(P&L) to undertake the further study.

would have to be done in Carbony

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