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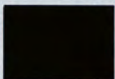
ARGENTINE BATTLE PLAN: DETAILS FROM COMMANDER TASK FORCE 79

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FROM COMMANDER TASK FORCE 79

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CHANGE NO 3 TO REFERENCE SLA-05

1. ORGANISATION PARAGRAPH.

IN TASK FORCE GROUP 79/2/, UNDERLINE 4TH DESTROYER DIVISION,
ADD 2ND DESTROYER DIVISION

IN TASK FORC GROUP 79.3 ADD 2ND DESTROYER DIVISION AND
1ST AUXILIARY OILER (PUERTO ROSALES).

2. ANNEX BRAVO - CONCEPT OF THE OPERATION

CHANGE IT TO READ:

CONCEPT OF THE OPERATION

1. SITUATION.

THE PRESENT SITUATION IS DETERMINED BY THE FOLLOWING BASIC CHARACTER

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-ISTICS:

A) THE APPROACH OF THE BRITISH EXPEDITIONARY FORCE TO THE FALKLANDS

OPERATIONS AREA AND THE EXCLUSION ZONE DELCARED BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT

B) THE VALIDITY OF THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE USE OF WEAPONS CONTAINED IN ANNEX CHARLIE OF THE PRESENT PLAN.

C) INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT THE NON-PENETRATION OF OUR OWN SUBMARINE AND SURFACE VESSELS INTO THE EXCLUSION ZONE.

D) MAINTENANCE OF OUR OWN AIR ACTION IN THE FALKLANDS OPERATIONS ZONE.

E) INTENSIVE DIPLIMATIC ACTIVITY IN THE VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL FORA.

2. PHASES OF THE OPERATION

A) PHASE 1: RELATES TO THE PRESENT SITUATION AS PER PARAGRAPH 1.

B) PHASE 2: COMMENCEMENT OF DELIBERATE ACTIONS,

WHETHER LIMITED OR NOT, WHICH COULD LEAD TO SITUATIONS WHERE

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WEAPONS ARE ACTUALLY USED. THIS PHASE WILL BEGIN WHEN THE ORDER IS GIVEN

3. DEPLOYMENT

THE FORCE, DIVIDED INTO TASK GROUPS, WILL OCCUPY RELATIVELY FAVOURABLE POSITIONS OUTSIDE THE EXCLUSION ZONE, IN A "WAIT AND SEE" ATTITUDE FOR THE PURPOSE OF:

- A) DISPLAYING A THREAT TO THE OPPOSING FORCE:
- B) PERMITTING US TO ASSESS THE SITUATION BEFORE THE DECISION TO USE FORCE:
- C) AIMING TO MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR THE OPPONENT TO ACT BY DIVIDING HIS EFFORTS BY MEANS OF A THREAT FROM DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS.

4. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR PHASE 1.

- A) TASK FORCE GROUPS 79.1 AND 79.2
 - 1) OCCUPY THE REFERENCE AREAS ORDERED, INCLUDING THOSE AREAS WHERE THERE ARE FISHING BOATS, IN ORDER TO HAMPER IDENTIFICATION OF OUR OWN VESSELS:

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2) WHEN THESE POSITIONS HAVE BEEN REACHED, THEY WILL BE MAINTAINED IN THE HOPE OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE POLITICAL SITUATION, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AVAILABLE INTELLIGENCE, NETS WILL BE SET UP SO THAT WE CAN OCCUPY SUITABLE POSITIONS:

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3) MOEVEMENTS WILL BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH A DEPLOYMENT WHICH MAKES IT POSSIBLE TO HAVE MUTUAL SUPPORT AND UHF LINKS, VIA WHICH IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO EMPLOY THE RETRANSMISSION PROCEDURE THROUGH SHIPS AND POSSIBLY AIRCRAFT.

4) THE COMMANDWERS OF THE TASK GROUPS WILL KEEP THEIR VESSELS REFUELLED THE CONCEPT BEING TO USE THEM TO THE MAXIMUM OF THEIR ABILITY WITH THE MINIMUM OF FOREWARNING, FOR THIS PURPOSE, THEY WILL GOVERN THE LOCATIONS OF THE TANKERS ASSIGNED TO THEM.

B) TASK FORCE GROUP 79.3

1) WILL REMAIN WAITING IN AN AREA BETWEEN THE ISLA DE LOS ESTADOS AND THE SOUTH OF THE BURDWOOD BANK, OUTSIDE THE EXCLUSION ZONE.

2) WILL SURVEY THE ACCESS TO THE SOUTH OF AL TOAS, IN ACCORDANCE

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WITH THE INTELLIGENCE RECEIVED:

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3) WILL OPERATE AS A DISSUASIVE ELEMENT IN THE REGION:
4) FROM THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE TANKER YPF PUERTO ROSALES, WILL
KEEP ITS VESSELS REFUELLED, THE IDEA BEING TO BE ABLE TO USE
THEM TO THE MAXIMUM OF THEIR ABILITY WITH THE MINIMUM OF
FORWARNING, EVENTUALLY BEING ABLE TO REFUEL EN BAUSU ((AS IN TEXT))

5. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR PHASE 2.

A) TASK GROUPS 79.1 AND 79.2

1) WILL CONTINUE IN 2/3 GROUPS WHICH WILL SAIL SEPARATELY IN ORDER
TO HAMPER THE ENEMYS SUBMARINES AND IN LINE WITH THE SAME
CONCEPTS AS AT 4.4.3,

2) IF AN ESCALATION OF THE SITUATION LEADS TO A
GENERALISED CONFRONTATION, EL DEGASTE ((AS IN TEXT)) WILL BE
CARRIED OUT AS A PRIORITY BY AIRCRAFT WHILST NEUTRALISATION
OR DESTRUCTION WILL BE EFFECTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ACHIEVEMENT
OF EL DEGASTE ((AS IN TEXT)), BY MEANS OF SURFACE MISSILES,

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3) WILL INTERCEPT AND/OR NEUTRALISE - UPON ORDERS-

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((C PERCENT ENEMY)) VESSELS, THE IDEA BEING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE MISSION OF FORCE AS A WHOLE, BY ACTING IN COORDINATION.

B) TASK GROUP 79.3:

1) WILL INTERCEPT AND/OR NEUTRALISE - UPON ORDERS- ((C PERCENT ENEMY)) VESSELS, THE IDEA BEING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE MISSION OF FORCE AS A WHOLE, BY ACTING IN AS CO-ORDINATED A WAY AS POSSIBLE WITH THE OTHER GROUPS.

2) THE COMMANDER OF TASK GROUP 79.3 WILL BE ABLE TO REQUEST THE SUPPORT OF RECONNAISSANCE AND ATTACK AIRCRAFT BY EFFECTING THE NECESSARY CO-ORDINATION WITH THE NAVAL AIR AUTHORITIES IN RIO GRANDÉ, AS THERE MAY BE LIMITS TO THEIR USE OWING TO OTHER REQUIREMENTS

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FOOTNOTE ((1)) ADDRESSED TO:- TASK FORCE 79, IRIZAR, BAHIA,
PARAISO, SAN ANTONIO, SOBRAL, SOMELLERA, COMMANDER OF SUBMARINE
FORCES, SAN LUIS, SALTA, SANTA FE, COMMANDER SUPPORT SQUADRON:
FOR INFORMATION TO COMMANDER SOUTH ATLANTIC, COMMANDER OF NAVAL
AIR FORCE, YPF CAMPO DURAN, YPF PUERTO ROSALES ((WORD GARBLED)).

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