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OPERATION PARAQUET

1. FOLLOWING GAINED FROM INFORMAL DINNER TALK WITH CO OF SANTA FE CAPTAIN DE CORBETA J.M. LUIS LAFOS AND CO GRITYVIKEN LAND FORCES CAPTAIN DE CORBETA HORACIO BICAIN (IN MARINE UNIFORM)

A. ENEMY CASUALTY

WHOSE JOB ONBOARD WAS A STEWARD WAS INJURED BY AS12 MISSILE SHRAPNEL WHILE FIRING A MACHINE GUN ON THE FIN AT ATTACKING HELOS. CAPTAINS OBVIOUS CONCERN OVER MANS WELFARE RELIEVED BY THE FACT THAT FIRST HELO IN HAD MEDICAL TEAM AND THAT HE WAS PROMPTLY EVACUATED TO ANTRIM AND WAS IN SATISFACTORY CONDITION WHEN VISITED BY HIM ONBOARD LATER.

B. BOTH MEN APPEARED SHOCKED CAPTAIN CLAIMED HE HAD BEEN UP FOR 2 DAYS AND HAD NOT EATEN FOR 36 HRS. EFFECT OF QUOTE TERRIBLE WEATHER UNQUOTE ON SM STATE NOT ADMITTED IN DETAIL

C. BOTH MEN REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED GRATITUDE (AND IMPLICITLY SUPRISE) AT HUMANE TREATMENT AND THE FACT THAT BOMBARDMENT WAS NOT DIRECTED AT PEOPLE OR BUILDINGS

D. CAPTAIN HAD ONLY BEEN IN COMMAND FOR FOUR MONTHS (FIRST COMMAND) AND DID NOT BELIEVE GUPPY CLASS WOULD BE RETAINED IN SERVICE AFTER DELIVERY OF NEXT 2 GERMAN BOATS ON ORDER

E. SANTA FE SAILED ON 13 APR WITH MARINES EMBARKED TO REINFORCE GRITYVIKEN. THEY WERE LANDED LATE PM 24 APR AND HAD MADE NO REAL ATTEMPTS AT ESTABLISHING DEFENSIVE POSITIONS THEREAFTER. BICAIN CLAIMED HE HAD ONLY LIGHT WEAPONS AND COULD NOT COPE WITH SPMD ARMED HELOS. HE HAD NOT UNPACKED HIS MORTARS.

F. CAPTAIN STATED HE WAS RETURNING TO ARGENTINA (COURSE WHEN FIRST SIGHTED WAS 310) AND WHEN SUPRISED BY HELOS DECIDED NOT TO DIVE BECAUSE HE COULD SEE THEIR TORPEDOES. HE DID NOT EXPECT HOCKET (AS12) R DEPTH CHARGE ATTACKS. IN CONVERSATION EARLIER HE ADMITTED THAT HE HAD HAD TWO MISSIONS, OF WHICH ONE WAS GRITYVIKEN REINFORCEMENT AND THE OTHER, IMPLICITLY ALTHOUGH NOT ADMITTED WAS TO SINK US.

2. FOLLOWING IMPRESSIONS GAINED FROM PRELIMINARY INSPECTION OF SANTA FE

A. SUBMARINE IN POOR CONDITION BEFORE ATTACK, DIRTY, SCRUFFY, HAPHAZARDLY STOWED

B. EFFECTS OF AS12 ATTACK APPEARED SUPERFICIAL SECTION OF UPPER CASING PORT SIDE AFT OF FIN (FIBREGLASS) GONE. CENTRE SECTION OF FIBREGLASS STBD SIDE FIN GONE BUT APPEARED STRUCTURALLY SOUND.

C. EFFECTS OF DC ATTACK NOT OBVIOUS BUT FRACTURED AIR PIPE AUDIBLE AND SLOW FLOODING AFT SUSPICION OF CHLORINE AS A RESULT OF SALT WATER INGRESS INTO BATTERY NOT YET CONFIRMED.

D. TUBES LOADED TYPE NOT KNOWN. RELOADS 4 UK 57 MOD 3 (?) HOMING TORPEDO AND 4 NK R TYPE FWD. AFT NOT CHECKED.

E. WT OFFICE SHOWED LAST MINUTE ATTEMPTS AT REMOVING MORE IMPORTANT MATERIAL. MOST PUBLICATIONS UNTOUCHED BUT BACK ROLLS, ROTORS, OFF LINE CYPHER ADJUNCT TO TGN TELEPRINTER AND KEYMAT NOT SIGHTED. EMPTY SACKS WEIGHTED WITH ROCKS ON THE DECK. AS HELD COVER CONTINUOUS FROM FIRST ATTACK UNTIL BERTHING BELIEVE ONLY DITCHING OPPORTUNITY WAS DURING EVACUATION OF SM. INTEND DIVING IN VICINITY 26 OR 27 APR

F. CONTENTS OF MAIN AND INTELLIGENCE SAFES SHOWED EXTENSIVE COVERAGE OF ALL CHILEAN VESSELS AND WEAPONS SYSTEMS. RECENT UK TECH INT ON TG SHIPS HANDWRITTEN INCLUDING HF, VHF UHF FREQUENCIES KNOWN TO BE USED BY UK

G. RECENT SIGNALS SHOW CONFUSION ABOUT UK DISPOSITIONS AND SHIP IDENTITIES AS INDICATED IN RECENT INTREPS

H. VARIOUS SIGNAL LOGS AND SHIPS LOG RECOVERED BUT RECENT PAGES REMOVED FROM MANY

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