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OPERATION CORPORATE - THREAT FROM ARGENTINE CARRIER

The attached Note by the Assistant Chief of the Defence Staff (Operations) will be tabled for consideration by the Chiefs of Staff at their meeting on Tuesday 27 April 1982.

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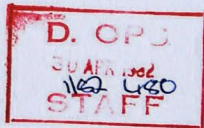
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NOTE BY ACDS(OPS)

1. In consultation with the Navy Department, I have examined the threat posed by the Argentinian aircraft carrier (25 de Mayo) to our forces engaged in Operation CORPORATE.
2. The attack aircraft (7 - 9 A4's) embarked in the carrier have a combat radius of 500 nm. Should the carrier come within this range of British units it will pose an immediate threat. This threat extends to all ships engaged in operations in the Falklands area but particularly to those ships on passage to and from Ascension Island.
3. It is for consideration that notice should be given to the Argentinian authorities through the Swiss that we will regard any movement of their carrier south and east of a designated boundary as a hostile act which will incur an appropriate response. In order to designate the boundary as simply as possible, it is proposed that it should be a line drawn between positions 48°S 60°W and 21°S 30°W. This would ensure that the carrier would risk attack if it approached within 500 nm of our forces.
4. The action to be taken against the Argentinian carrier would be in accordance with the Rules of Engagement (ROE) in force. This would avoid the creation of any special ROE for this purpose.

Annex:

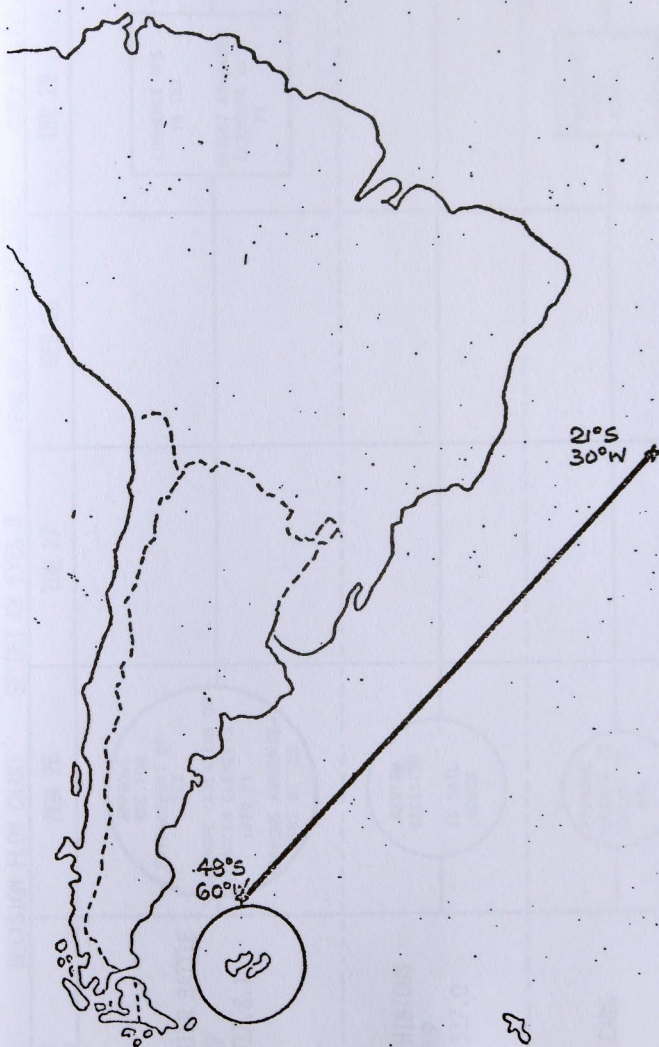
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