ALQ 062/3 RECEIVED IN REGISTRY REGIE HY DESK OFFREN Action Taken SECRET DE EYES B Mr Gillmore SSN ROE WHEN CONTACT IS MADE WITH ARGENTINE SURFACE FORCES BY RN FORCES ENFORCING THE TEZ You asked for my views on Attachment 2 to COS(Misc)172/742/1. the proposal in the submission is a case separate from those

- It is stated in paragraph 1 of this draft submission that discussed in the paper about the Argentine carrier now going forward. I am not sure that I fully accept this proposition. Rule 206 for surface ships and aircraft applies only to "threatening" Argentine units which may be attacked in order to prevent a pre-emptive attack and ensure survivability. If the Argentine carrier is, on the basis of the proposal for a "thin red line" kept sufficiently distant from the Task Force and the MEZ as not to constitute a threat to the Task Force (because its aircraft could not reach the Task Force without crossing the line), then I do not see how it could be assessed to be a threatening unit. If the "thin red line" proposal is adopted, I would have much less difficulty in giving authority to the SSN to take the necessary action should the carrier cross the "thin red line".
- In the circumstances, I frankly fail to see why this parti-3. cular proposal should be considered to be a case separate from those discussed in the other paper about the carrier which is now going forward. Perhaps you could have a word with me if you think I have somehow misunderstood the position.

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cc Mr Wright Mr Weston

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separato, in the sense that it would be logical for the force Commander to have the same Hexibility in using SSNs is he already has for surface ships and nichast, inespective of the decision made on the neutralising of the corner. It Optim E alone is adopted, In Fru Commander Comnot invoke Rule 206 to surface ships or hir hast against line carrier whilst behind the line, let alone ure SSNs. Of comoc, CNS's intention of also implementing option B is its usual to Insm That he Howme of he thin red line in optim E is very short-lived. Ito world abo no doubt noque hint, is non phrased, Rule 206 is intended to mean that an Argentin unt is by otheritin a terestening unit, The word ARGENTINIAN has been 4 mspooled in this PAPA (4.005A (82)24), to give this Imphosim. Born lin 30/4