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UPDATE ON THE MILITARY SITUATION
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OWN FORCES

Surface Forces. (North to South)

- MCM Group (TU 317-0-3) will arrive at Ascension Island today; its ETD is 13 May.
- ANTELOPE/TIDESPRING. ETA Ascension Island at 1845Z today with BAS personnel and POW from South Georgia. The POWs will depart on a Dutch ICRK Charter DC10 aircraft at 0200Z tomorrow for MONTEVIDEO.
- TU 317-0-5) Amphibious Group - 1560 nm SW of Ascension Island
TU 317-0-4) ETA RV 250 nm ENE of TEZ at 161900Z.
LSL Group continues on deception course presently 350 nm NE of South Georgia.
- Battle Group. No enemy contacts have been reported during the last 24 hours. No further details have emerged about ALACRITY's engagement with an unidentified vessel heading for Port Howard (East Falkland) in the early hours of yesterday morning.
- Endurance. Guardship at South Georgia.

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- Ops by Task Force Organic AAR Bad weather in the TEZ has precluded all such operations in the last 24 hours.

- Nimrod Mk II. 4 aircraft are at Ascension Island (3 AAR capable). One aircraft is unserviceable yesterday, one long range sortie was flown in support of FEARLESS and ANTRIM Groups and one short range sortie swept 400 nm radius from Ascension Island. Two more similar profile sorties are planned for today. A third (unplanned) sortie was flown yesterday to investigate an Argentine freighter N of Ascension; the results are not known.

- Victor AAR. 10 aircraft are at Ascension Island.

- Hercules. The long-range Hercules carried out a drop to FEARLESS yesterday.

Land Forces

- Ascension Island. Defensive positions being prepared. Local patrols in force. CLANSMEN comms equipment have been dispatched as requested.

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