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UPDATE OF GREAT BRITAIN'S SITUATION

NAVAL FORCES:

1. ((TIME GARBLED)) SURFACE UNIT DETECTED AT POSITION 151 PORT STANLEY 22 NM. LOST AT 05 2317 AT ((C% POSITION)) 218 PORT STANLEY 13 NM, IN THE AREA OF CO-((I)) PLEASANT ROADS.
2. ANALYSIS OF AIR OPERATIONS ON 5 JUNE SUGGESTED THAT ONE/TWO LANDING/TAKE OFF PLATFORMS FOR AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN OPERATING, SITUATED TO THE EAST OF PORT STANLEY, AT BETWEEN 115 AND 150 MILES DISTANCE. IT IS ASSESSED THAT AT LEAST ONE OF THE PLATFORMS WAS AN AIRCRAFT CARRIER.

AIR FORCES:

1. SUMMARY OF ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY ON 5 JUNE:
  - A. A TOTAL OF 16 RAIDS BY HARRIER/SEA HARRIER PLANES WAS DETECTED IN DAYTIME HOURS.
  - B. OF THE TOTAL RAIDS DETECTED, 12 HAD THEIR ORIGIN AND POINT OF ARRIVAL AT THE ((C% ASSESSED)) POSITION OF AIRCRAFT CARRIER.
  - C. 2 RAIDS WERE DETECTED WHICH DEPARTED FROM THE ASSESSED



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POSITION OF THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER AND LANDED ON A PLATFORM OR CAMPAIGN AIRFIELD IN THE PORT DARWIN/PORT SAN CARLOS AREA.

2. FROM 05 2120 TILL 05 2240 THE MOVEMENT OF SEVERAL ENEMY HELICOPTERS IN THE AREA OF THE SAN LUIS PENINSULA/FRESINET PENINSULA WAS DETECTED, APPARENTLY TRANSPORTING TROOPS AND SUPPLIES FROM NAVAL UNITS ((OFF)) THE NORTH COAST OF THE SAN LUIS PENINSULA. ANALYSIS OF HELICOPTER MOVEMENTS WOULD INDICATE THE ABSENCE OF ORGANISED HELICOPTER TRANSPORT MOVEMENT FROM SHIP TO COAST AT THAT POSITION.

3. 060645 CAP DETECTED 078 PORT STANLEY 104 NM. LOST AT 06 0705 AT POSITION 088 PORT STANLEY ((1 CHARACTER GARBLED)) 3 NM. HEIGHT ABOVE SEA LEVEL 24,000 FEET. SPEED 360 KNOTS.

ASSESSMENT:

1. PLANES WHICH WERE OPERATING FROM LAND CARRIED OUT DIRECT AIR SUPPORT TASKS FOR LAND OPERATIONS.

LAND FORCES:

1. ENEMY MOVEMENTS FROM THE DARWIN AREA TO FITZROY BRIDGE HAVE BEEN OBSERVED.

OTHER INFORMATION:

1. FROM INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS ON FREQUENCY 2395, A PROBABLE ANTI-AIR DEFENCE COORDINATION CHANNEL. ((THE FOLLOWING)) ARISES:

A. THERE ARE 3 HELICOPTERS OPERATING PERMANENTLY ON ANTI-SUBMARINE SEARCH TASKS. AT 05 2150 ONE OF THEM WAS SENT TO INVESTIGATE A SURFACE CONTACT THAT WAS IDENTIFIED AS FREINDLY.

2. FROM INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATION ON POSSIBLE ENEMY LAND TACTICAL CHANNELS ON FREQUENCIES 2658, 3265, AND 3348, ((THE FOLLOWING)) ARISES:

A. DIFFICULTIES HAVE ARISEN FOR THE ENEMY IN THE FEEDING OF OUR OWN TROOPS TAKEN AS PRISONERS OF WAR.

B. AT PLAYA ROJA THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT CONCENTRATION OF SUPPLIES WHICH IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO DISTRIBUTE.



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- C. IT IS ASSESSED THAT THERE ARE SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES WITH REGARD TO THE LOCATING OF UNITS/PLANNING OF DISTRIBUTION FOR SUPPLIES IN THE LOGISTICS FOR THE ENEMY LAND FORCES.
- D. THERE ARE DIFFICULTIES IN THE COMMUNICATIONS GENERATED BY THE INCREASE IN TRAFFIC NECESSARY TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS ARISING FROM FAILURES OF COORDINATION IN MOVEMENTS OF UNITS/TRANSPORT OF SUPPLIES.
- E. THERE ARE DIFFICULTIES IN COMMUNICATIONS ARISING FROM THE USE OF DIFFERENT CALLSIGNS. IT IS ASSESSED THAT THERE IS A USE OF CORRECT CALLSIGNS AS A METHOD OF AUTHENTICATING MESSAGES.
- F. THERE ARE DIFFICULTIES FOR THE PROVISION OF SPARE PARTS AND FUEL FILTERS FOR HELICOPTERS: A DELAY IN THEIR DISTRIBUTION IS ANTICIPATED.
- G. DURING THE DEVELOPMENT OF AIR ATTACKS, THE EXISTENCE OF DIFFICULTIES ON COORDINATION CHANNELS BECAUSE OF THE OPERATORS' CONFUSION AND NERVOUSNESS HAS BEEN VERIFIED ON REPEATED OCCASIONS.
3. FROM THE INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS A POSSIBLE CHANNEL FOR THE COORDINATION OF SUPPORT WEAPONS/SPOTTING((II)) ON FREQUENCY 3886 KHZ, THERE ARISES:
- A. 05 2040 A FIRING REQUEST WAS TRANSMITTED, WHICH BEGAN BEING CARRIED OUT A 05 2050 WITH HIGH EXPLOSIVE AMMUNITION FOR CORRECTION ((OF AIM)) FIRING WAS SUSPENDED ((BECAUSE OF)) ((% ERROR IN FIRING)) AND LATER PROBLEMS WITH THE LINK WITH THE SPOTTER.
- B. 05 2350 FIRING WAS BEGUN WITH CAMPAIGN ARTILLERY DIRECTED BY SPOTTER THE NOISE PRODUCED BY THE SHOTS WAS HEARD ON THE CHANNEL.
- C. IT IS THE ONLY ONE OF THE CHANNELS INTERCEPTED ON WHICH AUTHENTICATION OF MESSAGES IS REQUIRED.
- D. OPERATING ON THE NET IS A STATION WITH CALLSIGN AW, WITH FUNCTIONS SIMILAR TO ((THOSE OF)) AN ANTI-AIR DEFENCE COORDINATOR ON NAVAL UNITS. THIS STATION SENDS OUT RAID ALARMS.
- E. ONE STATION REPORTED THE POSITION OF 3 TARGETS: TROOPS, FUEL DEPOSIT, AND A LAUNCHER OF ANTI-AIR TIGER MISSILES, USING A GRID SIMILAR TO A MILITARY REFERENCE SYSTEM MERCATOR((II)) ((%))



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UNIVERSAL)) TRANSVERSE((III)).

F. 05 1-00 ONE STATION ORDERED A RECEIVER TO REMAIN AT THE POSITION WHERE IT WAS FOR 4 DAYS.

G. 05 1830 A UNIT WAS ALERTED TO A POSSIBLE ATTACK ON ITS NORTHERN LIMIT.

FOOTNOTES: ((I)) AS IN TEXT - PROBABLY COMMANDER.

((II)) AS IN TEXT.

((III)) 'TRANSVERSA' IN TEXT.



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