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 RILYVPA T USS FORRESTAL  
 KHMPMBU T USS FOX  
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 KHWIBWA T USS KITTY HAWK  
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S E C R E T - REL TO NATO/NATO NATIONS //NO3840//  
 SUBJ: SIGNIFICANT MERSHIP ACTIVITY SUPPLEMENT (SMAS) - SUMMARY OF  
 SOVIET CHARTERS OF FREE WORLD MERCHANT SHIPS FOR GRAIN TRADE WITH  
 ARGENTINA DURING APR AND MAY 1982 (U)  
 1. (S) SOVIET CHARTERS OF FREE WORLD MERCHANT SHIPS IN GRAIN TRADE  
 WITH ARGENTINA INCREASED 113 PERCENT OVER THE SAME PERIOD  
 (APRIL/MAY) LAST YEAR, DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL 1982, 100 FREE  
 WORLD SHIPS (COMPARED TO 53 IN APRIL 1981) WERE CHARTERED TO HAUL  
 GRAIN FROM ARGENTINA TO SOVIET PORTS. THE DEADWEIGHT TONNAGE  
 CARRYING CAPACITY OF THESE SHIPS REPRESENTS A GRAND TOTAL OF 3.8  
 MILLION TONS.  
 2. (S) THIRTY ADDITIONAL SHIPS (COMPARED TO A TOTAL OF 8 FOR MAY  
 1981) THUS FAR HAVE REPORTEDLY ARRIVED, OR ARE DESTINED, FOR  
 ARGENTINE PORTS DURING THE MONTH OF MAY, REPRESENTING AN ADDITIONAL  
 1 MILLION DEADWEIGHT TONS OF CAPACITY.  
 3. (C) FREE WORLD SHIPS CHARTERED BY THE SOVIETS NORMALLY REMAIN  
 ON CHARTER FOR PERIODS OF ONE TO SIX MONTHS, ALTHOUGH SOME LONGER  
 TERM CHARTERS ARE NOTED. SOME OF THE LONGER TERM CHARTERS OPERATE  
 ON TRANS-ATLANTIC ROUND TRIP VOYAGES TO EITHER CANADA, UNITED STATES  
 OR ARGENTINA WHERE THEY RECURRENTLY LOAD GRAIN FOR DELIVERY TO THE  
 SOVIET UNION. OTHER CHARTERED SHIPS APPEAR TO RUN A ROTATIONAL  
 PATTERN, I.E., CANADA, U.S., ARGENTINA AND OCCASIONALLY TO  
 AUSTRALIA. SINCE THE BEGINNING OF 1982, THE SOVIETS HAVE CHARTERED

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371 FREE WORLD FLAG SHIPS TO MEET THEIR GRAIN HAULING REQUIREMENTS. AS IN PAST YEARS, THE PREDOMINANT CARRIERS IN THIS TRADE REMAIN GREEK AND LIBERIAN FLAG SHIPS.

4. (U) HEAVY SOVIET MERCHANT CHARTER TRAFFIC CAN BE EXPECTED IN PAGE 3 RUEBARD1099 S E C R E T - REL TO NATO/NATO NATIONS //NO3840// THE ATLANTIC FOR THE REMAINDER OF 1982 WITH APRIL, MAY AND JUNE THE PEAK MONTHS FOR ARGENTINE GRAIN TRADE; FOLLOWED BY THE U.S. PEAK GRAIN HARVEST MONTHS IN JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER.

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