

DRAFT PLANNING DIRECTIVE TO CINCFLEET - OP SUTTON

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D Ops 7/10/2

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Cleared by Col M02
 1600 hrs 14/4 on
 behalf of A/O M0.
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OP SUTTON - DRAFT PLANNING DIRECTIVE FOR CINCFLEET

Reference: COS 19/82

1. Attached is a draft planning directive prepared in accordance with the Chiefs of Staff decision minuted at the reference.
2. It is requested that clearance be passed to the Controller by 1600 today together with any amendments.

James Lovel

14 April 1982

Attachments:

Draft Planning Directive

for
 D W BROWN
 Rear Admiral
 ACDS (Ops)

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Reference: The period during which this operation could be carried

A. MODUK I9F 111200Z APR (OPERATIONAL TASKS - OP CORPORATE).

1. You are to produce an outline plan covering a specific operation in the South Atlantic as part of OP CORPORATE.

2. AIM. The overall aim of HMG in the current situation is to bring about the withdrawal of Argentine Forces from the Falkland Islands and Dependancies and the re-establishment of British administration there as quickly as possible. Military deployment and operations are directed to the support of this aim.

3. Military Aim of OP SUTTON. ~~To land a force ashore in the Falkland Islands with a view to repossessing the islands.~~ *To repossess the Falkland Islands.*

4. Limitations

a. Civilian casualties must be kept to a minimum.

b. Safeguarding civilian property is a lesser but important consideration.

5. Assumptions. For the purposes of making this plan it should be assumed that:

- a. South Georgia has been ~~retaken~~ *and* but protection forces have been stationed there.
- b. An effective sea/air Exclusion Zone has been established around the Falkland Islands.
- c. Intelligence other than in paragraph 6b below will be provided to the Task Force by CINCFLEET.

OPERATIONAL ASPECTS TO BE COVERED

6. a. The period during which this operation could be carried out covering the earliest ~~date~~ and the latest date if it becomes necessary to hold the force before the landing takes place. The operational and logistic factors leading to the selection of both earliest and latest dates should be explained.
- b. The acquisition of tactical intelligence by the Task Force in advance of the landing.
- c. Options for the initial and any subsequent sites for both helicopter and beach landings.
- d. An outline of operations considered necessary before the landing which should include neutralisation of local air opposition, attacks on enemy positions in the vicinity of the landing, diversionary attacks and Psychological Operations.
7. In preparing your outline plan you should be guided by the Military Appreciation of the Options for Landing Operations in the Falkland Islands (DP 9/82) which will be sent separately as soon as possible.

→ 9.8. The outline plan ^{a concept} covering the above operation should be submitted to the Chiefs of Staff by [] [].

8 In addition you are to provide an outline concept for subsequent operations to repossess the Islands.



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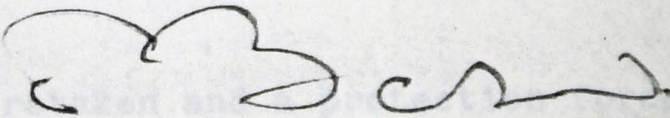
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OP SUTTON - PLANNING DIRECTIVE

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1. ACNS(O) is unhappy with the reference as it is drafted because the separate phasing of the operations is not interpreted from the assumptions in the OP SUTTON appreciation. This view has been discussed with CNS who has agreed the proposed amendments to the draft.
2. ACNS(O) will be content with the draft subject to the inclusion of these amendments.

15 April 1982


 F BARBER
 Commander Royal Navy
 Sec/ACNS(O)

Enc.

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3. Military Aim of OP SUTTON ~~PHASE I.~~ To land a force ashore in the Falkland Islands with a view to repossessing the islands.

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c. Intelligence other than in paragraph 6b below will be provided to the Task Force by your intelligence staff.

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6. a. The period during which this operation could be carried out giving the earliest and the latest date ^{and your preferred date,} The operational and logistic factors leading to the selection of the dates should be explained.
- b. The acquisition of tactical intelligence by the Task Force in advance of the landing.
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- d. An outline plan of the landing, and operations considered necessary to support it. This should include neutralisation of local air opposition, attacks on enemy positions in the vicinity of the landing, diversionary attacks and deception plan.
7. In preparing your outline plan you should be guided by the Military Appreciation of the Options for Landing Operations in the Falkland Islands ^{Cos attached as Annex A.} ~~(DP 9/82) which will be sent separately as soon as possible.~~
- ~~8. In addition you are to provide an outline concept for PHASE II, to re-possess the Falkland Islands.~~
9. The outline plan ^{should be submitted} ~~covering PHASE I of the operation and the outline concept covering PHASE II~~ should be submitted to the Chiefs of Staff by ~~8~~ ^{Midday 19 Apr 82.}

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DSC Controller

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1. Thank you for your help in circulating the draft a second time at 2 star level. We think it is a great improvement and A/DMO is content to clear the draft subject to the following minor comments:

- a. Para 6b. Spelling of acquisition.
- b. Para 6d. Amend last line to read "deception plans".
- c. Para 7. Delete all after "(DP9/82)" and insert (to follow)".

P I B Stevenson

P I B STEVENSON
Col
MO2

15 Apr 82

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J L DILLON
Sg Capt
DSC Controller

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Attachment:

Draft Planning Directive (2 pages).

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