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STANLEY AIRFIELD STATUS

1. The following report includes information supplied today to Tech Int(Air) and DI 35 by the returned Chief Technicians. ICOD is 1600 hrs today. The most significant additional information is that the asphalt surface (32mm membrane) of the runway requires continuous maintenance.

Operating Surfaces

2. No evidence of runway extension. Asphalt surface requires continuous maintenance. Work in progress at 13 Apr on the hard standing to approximately double the area - sand being used, no evidence of tarmac or planking use. Grass shoulders either side of runway suitable for parking PUCARA and helicopters, will become very soft, however with rain expected in future.

Flying

3. Regular movements in and out by C-130, and F-27, F-28 and Boeing 737. They do not refuel at STANLEY. C-130 movement rate 1 per 2 hrs by DAY, increased by NIGHT. Met officer confirms night flying. Day overflights by 2-4 A-4 for about 10 mins. A single MIRAGE seen briefly.

Aircraft Deployed

4. PUCARA, TRACKER, CHINOOK, PUMA and smaller helis. The Island's own Islander and Beaver have not flown.

Stores

5. About 125 x 100 gal (approx) drop tanks evident, purpose not identified.

Access

6. The airfield area is a "no go" area for the populace.

Meteorology

7. The forecaster was one of the returnees. He was friendly with AAF crews. He reckons the winter weather can change dramatically and rapidly and it would be unwise to fly without current weather forecasting.

Fuel

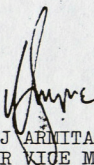
8. Large bulk fuel installation outskirts of town, believed topped up by sea tanker 6 weeks ago. Several dispersed 45-gal drums. Types of fuel unknown. On airfield hydrant facility connected to the 2 storage tanks. 1 bowser, up to 1500 gals. 100 x 45 gal aviation fuel drums in storage shed.

Defences

9. Radars. Super Fledermaus AAA fire control radar. Surveillance radar TPS-43 seen on Canopus Hill (about 1200 yds WSW of airfield), reported blown over, re-erected but inoperative. THD-1940 surveillance radar assessed (1960s technology).

10. Weapons. AAA guns reported on and around airfield and in town (20 and 30mm). TIGERCAT suspected but status not known.

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