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OP PARAQUET - SPECIAL FORCES

References:

- A. CTG 317.9's AAA/19J of 220606Z Apr 82 } (copies attached)  
B. CTG 317.9's AAA/19J of 221500Z Apr 82 }

The chronology of events (see map attached) appears to be as follows:

- 211040 First attempt to insert SAS near Leith
- 211058 First attempt aborted
- 211330 SAS (16 men) inserted on East shore of Fortuna Bay (3 miles West of Leith) by ANTRIM/TIDESPRING Wessex 5s
- 220300 SBS (4 men) inserted at (?) Horseshoe Bay (9 miles East of Grytviken)
- 221600 (?) <sup>2x</sup>ANTRIM/TIDESPRING Wessex 5s crashed in whiteout conditions trying to recover SAS
- 221830 (?) Message received in MOD "no casualties"

22 Apr 82

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- OPERATION PARAQUET - SITREP (RECCE INSERTION 21/22 APR)
1. ANTRIM/TIDESPRING INSERTION OF 'D' SQN SAS RECCE TEAM INITIALLY DELAYED BY ADVERSE WEATHER. FIRST ATTEMPT MADE 211040 BUT ABORTED 211058 IN APPALLING CONDITIONS OF HIGH WIND AND HEAVY SNOW. RECCE TEAM SUCCESSFULLY INSERTED BY ANTRIM/TIDESPRING WESSEX ON FORTUNA GLACIER AT 1330 DURING TEMPORARY AND MARGINAL IMPROVEMENT IN CONDITIONS.
  2. DURING AFTERNOON AND EVENING WEATHER RAPIDLY DETERIORATED WITH WIND SW GUSTING OVER 70 KTS. ANTRIM/TIDESPRING MOVE-TO APPROX 30 MILES N CAPE CONSTANCE MAINTAINING LISTENING WATCH SAS COMMS.

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3. ENDURANCE REPORTED SUCCESSFUL INSERTION OF 2 SBS RECCE BY HELO AND GEMINI AT ND BAY 220300Z.
4. INTEND ANTRIM/TIDESPRING REMAIN IN POSN 30 MILES TO NORTH OF LEITH/GRYTVIKEN CONTINUING TO MONITOR RECCE TEAMS WITH ENDURANCE /PLYMOUTH TO SOUTH-EAST IN PREPARATION FOR SECOND PHASE OF SBS INSERT (GEMINI AND PERSONNEL) AFTER DUSK 22 APR.
5. MAJOR RAS/PUMPOVER/STORES/PERSONNEL TRANSFER PROVISIONALLY PLANNED 23 APR WEATHER PERMITTING. ANTICIPATE BRAMBLELEAF R/V 221000Z LIKELY TO BE DELAYED BY WEATHER  
YE WING BACKING 185 DEG 35 KTS NO PRECIPITATION.

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OPERATION PARAQUET. REGRET BOTH WESSEX 5 CRASHED IN WHITEOUT

CONDITIONS WHILE ATTEMPTING RESCUE SAS RECCE PARTY FROM

UNDESIRABLE POSITION FROTUNA GLACIER

2. ANTRIM WESSEX 3 CONDUCTING SAR IN MARGINAL CONDITIONS. 4 SAS AND

ONE WESSEX 5 PILOT RECOVERED \$SO FAR

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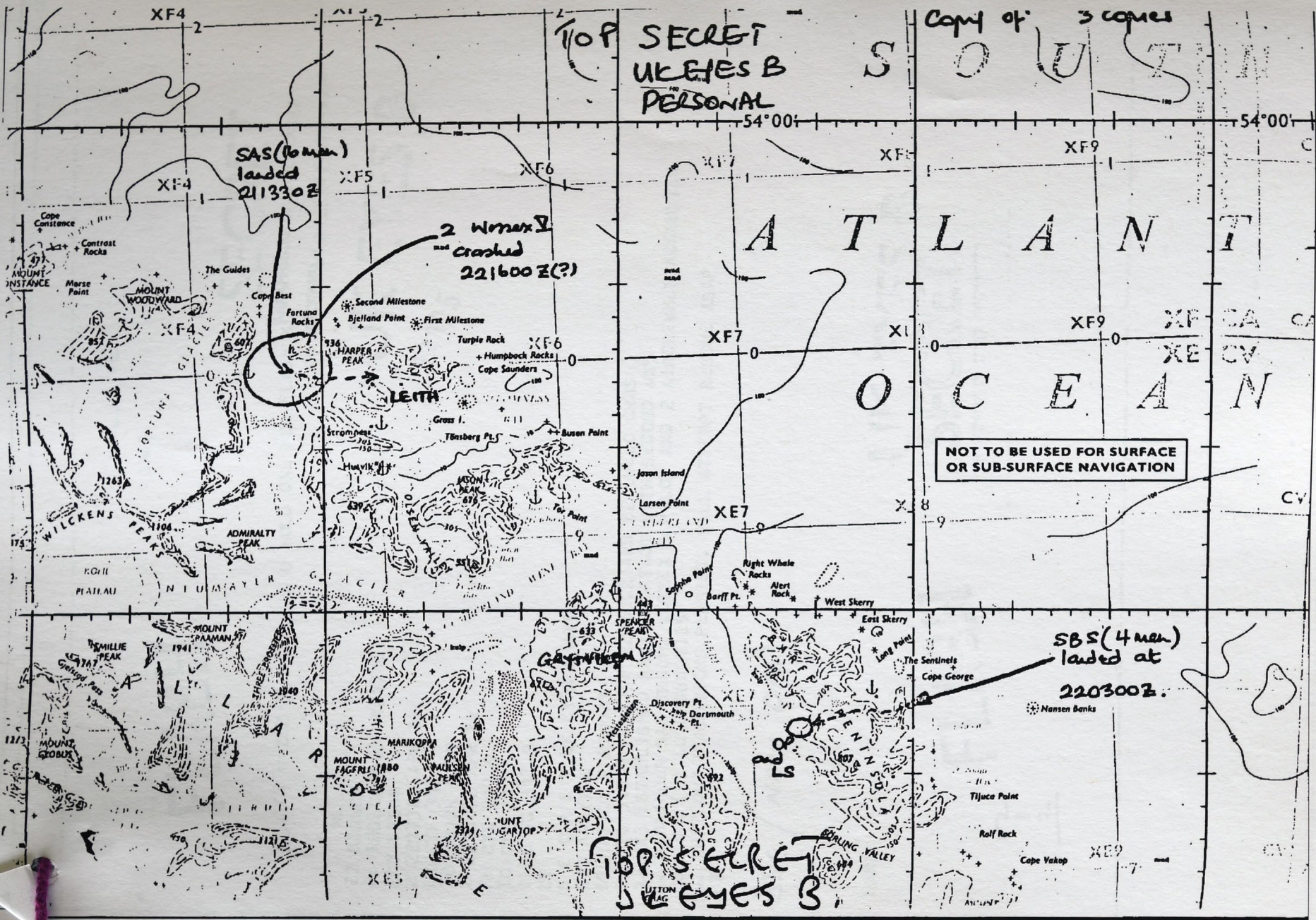
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SBS (4 men)  
landed at  
220300Z

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