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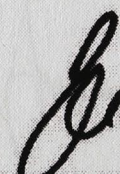
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SECRETARY OF STATEOPERATION CORPORATE - SSN RULES OF ENGAGEMENT - ARGENTINIAN LANDING SHIPS

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1. Rule Three of the SSN Rules of Engagement permits them to attack all vessels positively identified as either an Argentinian aircraft carrier, cruiser, destroyer, frigate, corvette or submarine. This Rule is currently authorised for SSN operating within the Maritime Exclusion Zone (MEZ).
2. An Argentinian naval Landing Ship Task (LST) is known to have put to sea from Port Stanley on a number of occasions since the declaration of the MEZ on 12th April. We now have intelligence of the existence of sea mines in the Falklands. The reported movements of the LST make it conceivable that she has been engaged in mine-laying. Even if this has not yet happened the LST has the capability to lay mines. CINCFLEET has now asked for Rule Three to be expanded to embrace Landing Ships.
3. I recommend that Rule Three should be amended as soon as possible to read as follows:

"All vessels positively identified as either an Argentinian aircraft carrier, cruiser, destroyer, frigate corvette, landing ship, or submarine may be attacked."

25th April 1982

PP CHIEF OF THE DEFENCE STAFF



Secretary of State for Defence

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would be subsumed in
the proposed TE2 ROE.

No need to raise at
OD (SA) unless TE2
is rejected.

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