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Ref:- Army Op/100A/10 of 26 April 1982.

1. The reference (copy attached) differs from our other information in one or two areas as follows:.

Para 1 (c). How does this square with CTC's report of "no casualties"?
~~They have since been reported.~~
(COSC INCOMPLETE reports all SAS accounted) 1320/26th.

Para 8. How much credence do we put to this? Is it just a bright idea from an imaginative but
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DEPLOYMENTS

1. SAS

- a. Grytviken D Sqn(-) 22 SAS took part in the assault. Details not known.
- b. Grass Is 3 patrols in OP positions.
- c. Leith area 1 patrol not heard of for 2 days. ANTRIM will conduct search on completion of operation at Leith.
- d. Task Force 317.81 2 Tps G Sqn embarked in RESOURCE.

2. SBS

- a. Grytviken 2 SBS (14 ranks) took part in the assault. Details not known.
- b. Task Force 317.8.1 3 SBS (44 ranks) embarked in RESOURCE.
- c. CONQUEROR 6 SBS (14 ranks) are still embarked. CINCFLEET is considering retasking CONQUEROR to shadow the Argentinian CVS so 6 SBS will either be transferred to ANTRIM or possibly put ashore in E Falkland for their Advance Force task.

3. US ASSISTANCE ACDS(POL) prepared a paper for consideration by the Chiefs of Staff which includes the following equipment for SF: Flag

- a. Motorola Satellite Communications System
- b. Limpet mines
- c. M 203 weapons and ammunition
- d. Para point aerial delivery system
- e. Passive night goggles
- f. Stinger SAM not listed in this paper due to its sensitivity. However the request for additional Stingers will be forwarded.

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4. AIR DEFENCES IN FALKLAND ISLANDS. Following your loose minute concerning Argentinian air defences, CINCFLEET has been informed about the location of air warning radars and their polar diagrams. A debrief last night of Mr Selwood (Pilot of Falkland Is aircraft) indicates that there are two TPS 43 Air warning radar (one to W of causeway at about GR 447725 and the other in area of Slaughter House GR 405723). Full details will be in debrief report. The nature and speed of enemy reaction to a radar identified threat will be studied jointly by DS INT and SOG and a report forwarded.

5. HERCULES ENHANCED CAPABILITY Flag E

- a. Two Hercules C Mk 1 XV196 and XV296 have been modified with long range tanks and have been successfully flight tested. The details of the performance is at Annex A to Flag E.
- b. Two Hercules have been modified with fast opening rear ramps and additional toe-ramps for air launching.
- c. One Hercules is currently being fitted with an Air to Air Refueling probe. It will be delivered on 28 Apr for 4 days of ground and air tests.

6. AIR INSERTION OPTION. HQ 18 Gp has prepared a draft Operation Order for the insertion of SAS by RAF C130. There is a meeting to discuss the draft in HQ 18 Gp this afternoon. Sqn Ldr J King will attend from SOG.

7. 'O' CLASS SUBMARINE. HMS-ONYX sails today for the South Atlantic. On board are 2 inflatables and 3 outboard motors belonging to the SBS. The submarine can embark up to 12 SBS ranks when in the area of operation and insert them using submarine float off procedures.

8. POSSIBILITY OF STAY BEHIND FORCES IN SOUTH GEORGIA. The Argentinian submarine (SANTA FE) was in the area of South Georgia prior to our recapturing the island. DI3 consider that it is possible that a stay behind party may have been left on the island. I consider the maximum number would be 12 (based on the carrying capacity of SANTE FE if stored for war) and that they would occupy either the BAS huts or caves on the North Coast. The huts have some food supplies.

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