

DEFENCE OF ASCENSION ISLAND

1. A small but recognisable threat to Ascension Island is posed by Argentine forces, but at present CBFSU has no operational command responsibilities for the coordination of defensive resources. Accordingly, ACDS(Ops) has prepared the attached draft signal making CBFSU responsible to CTF 317 for operational aspects of the defence of the Island.

2. Unless the Secretary, Chiefs of Staff Committee, hears to the contrary by telephone (Ext 6347) by noon on Saturday 1 May 1982, it will be assumed that the Chiefs of Staff have approved the draft signal.

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DEFENCE OF ASCENSION

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A. COS 8/82.

1. CBFSU IS TO BE RESPONSIBLE TO YOU FOR OVERALL DEFENCE OF ASCENSION ISLAND IN ADDITION TO RESPONSIBILITIES TO CDS AT REF A.
2. YOU SHOULD ISSUE A DIRECTIVE TO COVER THIS ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO INCLUDE RELATIONSHIPS WITH UK AIR COMMANDER CMM SENIOR NAVAL OFFICER AFLOAT CMM LAND FORCE ELEMENTS AND NECESSARY LIAISON WITH COMD US FORCES AND ADMINISTRATOR.
3. DEFENSIVE MEASURES SHOULD BE RELATED TO THE THREAT AND INCORPORATE USE OF FORCES IN TRANSIT THROUGH AREA AND BASE PERSONNEL AS WELL AS THOSE ALLOCATED SPECIFICALLY.