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SITREP ON OPERATION CORPORATE

1. I received the following sitrep on the events of 1st May from COS to CinC Fleet at 020015A.
2. Vulcan raid and Sea Harrier attacks made this morning. Some aircraft were destroyed at Goose Green and runway at Port Stanley cratered. High level PR confirmed results of attack. However 5 Pucara aircraft were later seen on airfield at Port Stanley.
3. To reinforce effects of bombing, ships were ordered in for NGS on airfield. This appeared effective. While this was taking place air attacks were made on bombardment ships. One Mirage was shot down by S Har CAP and another by (Argentinian) gunfire. Later in a three Canborra raid, one aircraft was shot down and another severely damaged.
4. a. Only minor splinter damage was sustained by any HM Ship.
- b. One rating was wounded.
5. Intention of CTG 317.8 are:-
 - a. Overnight. Continue ASW operations in submarine probability area to N of E Falkland.
 - b. Withdraw off shore during daylight on 2 May.
 - c. Request further Vulcan attack.
6. CinC Fleet will signal fuller Sitrep as information arrives.

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7. CTG 317.8 has been instructed to prevent leaks to media in advance of his official signalled reports.

8. I have agreed with DS11 that Paras 2, 3 and 4(a) may be used to answer direct Press queries, but that Paras 4(b), 5 and 7 are not to be released to the Press.

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