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FROM: CUV

PRIORITY/ROUTINE 032223Z MAY 82

FROM: HQ00K  
 TO: CINCFLEET  
 UKLF  
 HOSFC  
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 CIGS GERMANY  
 CINO GIBRALTAR  
 UKHILREP BRUSSELS  
 FCHAC  
 CDFSU ASCENSION  
 CINORAVHOND  
 CDF BELIZE  
 CDF CYPRUS  
 CDF HONG KONG  
 UKHNR SHAPE  
 UKHLR CINCHAN  
 UKDEL LIVEOAK  
 BDBS WASHINGTON  
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CITREP HQ 31 OP CORPORATE AS AT 032200Z MAY 82

1. OWN FORCES.

A. ARGENTINIAN MILITARY SOURCES SAY THAT THE CRUISER GENERAL BELGRANO HAS SUNK HAVING BEEN HIT BY TWO TORPEDOES. WE HAVE NO CONFIRMATION OF THIS HOWEVER BUT CAN CONFIRM SHE WAS BADLY DAMAGED DURING THE ATTACK.

B. ANZ AUXILIARY TUG FIRED QPUG TRACER AT SURVEILLANCE SEA KING. TUG ATTACKED AND SUNK BY TWO SEA SKUA MISSILES A SECOND TUG DAMAGED BY MISSILES AFTER FIRING AT ANOTHER SEA KING.

C. OWN FORCES.

A. ATTACK ON CRUISER CARRIED OUT BY SSN WITH TWO MK 8 TORPEDOES. AT 021051Z MAY 82. NO DAMAGE TO SSN WHICH WITHDREW ALLOWING LOGSRT VESSELS TO CLOSE ON THE BELGRANO TO ASSIST.

B. FOLLOWING ATTACK ON TUGS BY LYNX OF HMS COVENTRY AND GLASGOW. LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENT WAS DROPPED BY SEA KINGS AND EMERGENCY MESSAGE WAS BROADCAST WITH POSITION OF POSSIBLE SURVIVORS  
 C. NO CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE TO OWN FORCES

D. TASK GROUP REMAINS IN TEZ. HMS PLYMOUTH CONTINUES TO SOUTH GEORGIA TO JOIN ENDURANCE. ELEMENTS OF AMPHIBIOUS GROUP CONTINUE SSN. FEARLESS AND REMAINDER REMAIN AT ASI

2. 5 IMP BDE IS AT 5 DAYS NTM REF 041100Z MAY. Q52 HAS BEEN DESIGNATED TO ASSIST IN LIFT.

D. 11F.

A. ONE NINERD XPA SCOTIE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF LSLS OF AMPHIBIOUS

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GROUP SU OF ASCENSION.

THREE G3 HARRIERS EN ROUTE UK TO ASI SUPPORTED BY VICTORS  
AND WINDO FROM UK AND WEST COAST OF AFRICA. HARRIERS ETA ASI  
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