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1. I think that CinC may be slightly piling on the threat but I support his general approach.
2. I suggest the sensible way to deal with this is to categorise the Argentine Air Force 707 as an LRMP aircraft. It would then be a combat aircraft within our ROE and liable to be attacked.
3. This doesn't solve the problem of identification. A lot of civil airlines cross the S Atlantic between Africa and Brazil. If one of these comes within SAM range of our forces, we should not want him shot down.
4. I would therefore suggest that we issue an ROE caveat on the following lines:

"An aircraft which from its pattern of behaviour, flight path, radar characteristics or visual sighting is identified as an Argentine 707 or Hercules operating in the maritime surveillance role is to be treated as a combat aircraft within the terms of the ROE in force."

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