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OPERATION CORPORATE - RATIONALISATION OF ROE

Reference:

A. COS(Misc) 203/742/1 dated 6 May 82

1. CNS has approved the draft OD(SA) paper covered by Reference A subject to the following amendments and additions:

- a. Page 1 para 3. After "High Seas" insert "(between 50° and 60° South and 50° and 70° West)".
- b. Page 1 para 3. Delete "(10° S - 35° S, 35° S - 60° S and FARAQUET)."
- c. Re number Para 6 as Para 8.
- d. Page 3 additional new Para 6. "To counter the threat posed by Argentine C130 Hercules and Argentine Boeing 707s which are being used for surveillance of UK Forces it is proposed in Annex C that these aircraft be treated as 'Combat Aircraft' for the purpose of ROE. In the case of the Rules proposed in Annexes A and B, this amendment would authorise UK forces to attack these aircraft outside the TEZ."
- e. Add new Para 7. "Restrictions presently placed on attacking the Argentine Aircraft Carrier '25 MAY' are contained in Annex D. These instructions temporarily amend Rules 123 (I)/(G) and SSN Rules 4 and 5".
- f. Page A-2/A-3
  - (i) on page A-3 insert text of Rule 123 (See Page A-2)
  - (ii) To clarify the Annex amend order of presentation of Rule 123 to read 123 GOLF HOTEL JULIETT followed by "and in addition" 123 (Caveat) INDIA LIMA PAPA SIERRA TANGO UNIFORM.
- g. Page C-1 add new para 1.b.
  - "b. It has been clearly established that both Argentine C130 Hercules and Argentine Boeing 707s are being

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used for surveillance purposes and in that role they pose a major threat. An aircraft identified visually or by its radar characteristics, flight path and pattern of behaviour as an Argentine 707 or Argentine Hercules operating in the maritime surveillance role is to be treated as a 'Combat Aircraft' within the terms of the ROE in force."

h. Add new Annex D as below

"Argentine Aircraft Carrier 25 MAY - ROE RESTRICTIONS

Following an OD(SA) decision on 6 May authority to attack the Argentine Aircraft Carrier is temporarily restricted as follows:

Whenever Rule ONE TWO THREE with suffixes INDIA or GOLF or SSN Rule THREE or FOUR is in force, attack on the Argentine Aircraft Carrier '25 MAY' is not authorised:

- a. When she is within the 12 nm Argentine territorial limit South of 44° South;
- b. When she is both North of 44° South and within 50 nm of the South American coast.

This instruction amends the relevant rules in Annexes A and B."

*Amh*  
Assistant Secretary/CNS  
7 May 1982

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