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1. CTG 317.1 AND I SUGGEST PHASE IV OF REF A DOES NOT GO FAR ENOUGH IF THE NEW AIM OF REPOSSESSING THE FI AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE IS TO BE MAINTAINED
 2. SUBMIT REPOSSESSION WILL BE A CONTINUING AMPHIBIOUS TASK AND LAND OPS WILL RARELY BE CONDUCTED IN ISOLATION
 3. WHEN PHASE III COMPLETED WE HOPE TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE WEEK BEFORE PHASE V BEGINS. DURING THIS WEEK, SUBJECT TO ENEMY AND WEATHER, NOT ONLY SHOULD WE BE ABLE TO STRENGTHEN THE BEACHEAD CREATE A HARRIER/CHINOOK AIRSTRIIP PROVIDED WITH FUEL AND PUSH OUT OPS AND RECCE ROUTES FOR AN ADVANCE ON PORT STANLEY BUT ALSO TO CARRY OUT RECCES AND SMALL RAIDS ON DARWIN, LAFONIA AND WEST FALKLAND. THE AIM OF THE RAIDS WILL BE TO CLEAR OUR BACKS BY TAKING OUT SMALL ARG UNITS AND MAKE IT VERY DIFFICULT FOR ARG TO REINFORCE AND RESUPPLY THESE AREAS. WE SEE SPECIAL FORCES BEING USED HERE. LATER IT MAY ALSO BE POSSIBLE TO TAKE OUT HIS LARGER FORMATIONS SUCH AS THOSE AT FOXBAY AND PORT HOWARD BY UNITS OF 3CDOBDE. MUCH OF THIS CAN BE DONE AT NIGHT BY SEA THUS HUSBANDING R HELOS. WE ARE WELL EQUIPPED FOR SUCH OPERATIONS.
 4. THE PROBLEMS OF THE FINAL RECAPTURE OF PORT STANLEY WOULD ALSO BE EASED BY MEANS OF LANDING CRAFT IN THE SALVADOR AND JOHNSON HARBOUR AREAS LEADING TO THE CAPTURE OF PORT LOUIS/GREEN PATCH AND LONG ISLAND MT, PERHAPS CREATING A SECOND AOA IN PORT LOUIS HARBOUR FROM WHICH MORE EASILY TO ATTACK.
 5. WHATEVER STRATEGY IS EMPLOYED WE SEE A NEED FOR AMPHIB SHIPS TO LAND ONLY ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT. IT IS ALSO CLEAR THAT MOST AMPHIB SHIPS WILL HAVE TO RENGIN IN THE AOA UNDER RAPIER AND NAVAL POINT AIR DEFENCE COVER SINCE CTG 317.8 HAS INSUFFICIENT ASSETS TO PROTECT THE AOA AND HIS OWN ESSENTIAL CVBGs AS WELL AS AN AMPHIB GROUP ACTING IN THE TRADITIONAL OFFSHORE SUPPORT MODE. HOPEFULLY WE WILL FIND IT SAFER IN THAN OUT.
 6. ANY THOUGHTS ON THE CONCEPT FOR PHASE VI WOULD BE WELCOME AS OUR MOVES IN PHASE IV SHOULD COMPLEMENT THEM
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