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REF A. CTF 317 AAA/IB/I9N 120100Z MAY 82 (OPO)

B. CTG 317.0 AAA/I9N 142200Z MAY 82 ②

1. ENTIRELY AGREE YOUR PROPOSALS (REF B) FOR OPS DURING PHASE IV AND BELIEVE THAT EVERY SUCCESSFUL ACTION ON YOUR PART WILL INCREASE CHANCE OF BREAKING ENEMY MORALE WHICH WE BELIEVE IS BECOMING BRITTLE.

2. PRESENT PLAN IS FOR 5 INF BDE SHIPPING TO ARRIVE IN THE AOA DURING 29 - 31 MAY FOR PHASE V. QE2 WILL TRANSFER PERS TO SHIPS FROM TU 317.0.1 CLEAR OF EN AIR THREAT FOR NI TRANSIT TO BEACHHEAD.

DETAILS WILL BE SIG LATER. AGREE IT SHOULD BE SAFER FOR VESSELS WITH IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENTS TO REMAIN CLOSE INSHORE IN AOA BUT CONSIDER THOSE WITH LONG TERM REQUIREMENTS MAY BE BETTER HELD WELL CLEAR TO EAST UNTIL NEEDED.

3. DURING PHASE VI CONCEPT IS TO CONTINUE OPS OUTLINED FOR PHASE IV IN B. INTEND EN STRATEGIC RESERVE AT DARWIN/GOOSE GREEN BE DESTROYED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO ALLOW FREEDOM OF MANOEUVRE, AND IF OPPORTUNITY OFFERS FOR YOU TO ACHIEVE THIS DURING PHASE IV I WILL WELCOME THAT. HOWEVER WE MUST STILL AIM TO CLOSE WITH MAIN ENEMY CENTRE AT PORT STANLEY. STATIC DEFENSIVE POSITIONS THERE WILL BE DESTROYED PIECE MEAL MAKING MAXIMUM USE OF ARTILLERY, NGS, CAS AND OPS AT UP TO SUB UNIT LEVEL, PARTICULARLY AT NIGHT AND TO EXPLOIT SUPERIOR TRG OF OUR TROOPS. 5 INF BDE WILL REINFORCE THERE OPS ONCE THEY ARE ESTABLISHED ASHORE.

4. EN ON WEST FALKLAND, IF NOT DESTROYED, WILL BE ISOLATED BY NAVAL BLOCKADE. I SUSPECT THEY WILL SURRENDER ONCE PORT STANLEY HAS FALLEN.

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