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PERSONAL FOR CLFFI FROM LAND DEP CINCFLEET. OP SUTTON. REF ALFA CTF 317 241354Z MAY 82 (4) REF BRAVO CTU 317.1. (6) 240241Z MAY 82.1 FROM REF BRAVO WE NOW HAVE MUCH CLEARER UNDERSTANDING OF DIFFICULTIES CTU 317.1.1 HAS BEEN OPERATING UNDER, NOT LEAST IN LIMITATIONS OF HELO AND LS MOVEMENT OUTSIDE AD COVER BY DAY AND WITH LIMITED LOGISTIC SUPPORT ASHORE TO DATE. FULLY APPRECIATE ALSO HIS POINT CONCERNING NEED TO ATTRIT ENEMY AIR IF LARGE SCALE TROOP DEPLOYMENT BY HELS TO OCCUR BY DAY. 2 WE AGREE THAT OF INTENTIONS STATED IN REF BRAVO ALL ARE EITHER SUPPORTIVE OF CTF 317'S MAIN AIM TO GO FOR STANLEY OR THEY NEED ONLY RELATIVELY FEW RESOURCES FOR ACCOMPLISHMENT AND SO DO NOT DETRACT FROM MAIN AIM. POSSIBLE EXCEPTION IS INTENTION

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TO RAID GOOSE GREEN/DARWIN, ALTHOUGH THAT WOULD DEPEND UPON SIZE OF FORCE INTENDED FOR THAT OPERATION. SUGGEST EITHER MASKING OPERATION OR ELIMINATION IF EITHER IS NECESSARY. 3 ASSESSMENT HERE IS THAT ENEMY POSSESSES NEITHER WILL NOR MEANS TO MOUNT EFFECTIVE OFFENSIVE GROUND OPERATIONS, AND THAT RAPID AND POWERFUL ACTION WILL BRING ABOUT SPEEDY RESOLUTION OF OVERALL SITUATION. CTF 317'S INTENTION TO DEAL WITH ENEMY IN AND AROUND STANLEY REQUIRES EARLIEST POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT OF D SQN SAS OPERATION BY OTHER FORCES. FOR EXAMPLE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF STRONG FORWARD POSITIONS FROM WHICH, WITH SUPPORT FROM ARTILLERY AN OS, ENEMY'S POSITIONS MAY BE THREATENED IF NOT ELIMINATED. CINC WOULD WELCOME AN EARLY INDICATION OF HOW QUICKLY YOU SEE THIS OCCURING

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