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EXCLUSIVE FOR CINCFLEET, GEN MOORE, COMAW, BRIG THOMPSON
FROM RADM WOODWARD

OPERATION SUTTON

1. THE LOSS OF COVENTRY AND DAMAGE TO BROADSWORD EFFECTED BY 3 X A4'S IN OPEN WATER WITH ADEQUATE WARNING IN CLEAR AIR WITHOUT A SAM BEING FIRED CONFIRMS THE BRILLIANT/GLASGOW EXPERIENCE WITH A VENGEANCE. THERE IS SOMETHING WRONG WITH OUR SHIPS AGAIN.
2. THE LOSS OF ATLANTIC CONVEYOR FROM AMONGST THE MAIN BODY AT 420 MILES FROM DESEADO AND 440 MILES FROM RIO GRANDE SUGGESTS THAT THE FIGURE OF 460 MILES QUOTE SAFETY RANGE UNQUOTE I HAD BEEN WORKING TO UNTIL THE NEED FOR CAP OVER AOA PULLED ME 30 TO 40 MILES FORWARD COULD WELL BE CORRECT.
3. DETAILED ANALYSIS OF INCIDENTS CONTINUE BUT INTENTIONS FOR SURFACE OPERATIONS ARE TO REMAIN BEYOND 460 MILES AS BEFORE AND ACCEPT LESS EFFECTIVE CAP OVER AOA IN FAVOUR OF HOPING TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ONE. CONVOYS WILL RUN IN AND OUT BY NIGHT. MISSILE TRAPS ARE OFF.
4. ALL THIS ONLY SERVES TO UNDERLINE THE FUNDAMENTAL NEED TO TAKE PORT STANLEY, AND DEVELOP THE AIRFIELD WITH GOOD MISSILE AIR DEFENCES SO THAT SURFACE FORCES CAN RETIRE AND REDUCE THE INEVITABLE ATTRITION

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