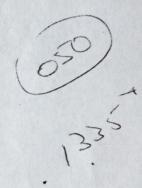
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(1) HAVE CONDUCTED INT ASSESSMENT OF ENEMY AIR CAPABILITY AGAINST GROUND TROOPS OUTSIDE CURRENT AD UMBREQLA:

(A) MIRAGE AND A4. TOTAL APPROX S40 AND 20 LEFT RESPECTIVELY AT 260900Z.)WEAPONS MAINLY 500/1000 LB BOMBS WHICH ARE PRECISION WEAPONS NOT IDEAL FOR AREA TARGET SUCH AS DEPLOYED INFANTRY. FURTHERMORE UNLESS THEIR ATTACK WAS COORDINATED AS RESULT OF AIR RECCE OR LAND-BASED FAC, CHANCES OF ACQUIRING TARGET ARE REDUCED. ARMED RECCE WOULD BE VERY DANGEROUS FOR THEM SINCE IT CONSUMES VALUABLE FUEL AT EXTREME RANGE AND MAKES THEM VULNERABLE TO CAP, RAPIER AND BLOWPIPE

(B) PUKARAS. TOTAL APPROX 50 OF WHICH 6 OR 7 ON FALKLANDS? WOULD

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POSE THREAT TO INFANTRY BUT ARE VULNERABLE TO BLOWPIPE AND SA FIRE. UNCERTAIN HOW MANY RUNNERS REMAIN ON ISLANDS BUT 4 REPORTED ON PORT STANLEY AIRFIELD MIGHT BE WORTHY OF ATTENTION

(C) HELS. TOTAL 3 CHINOOK SOME OF WHICH MAY BE DAMAGED, 1 PUMA BUH2H ON ISLANDS. THIS PROVIDES SIMULTANEOUS LIFT OF APPROX 200 1 PUMA AND WHICH SHOULD NOT POSE SERIOUS THREAT TO ANY BATTALION-SIZED FORCE YOU MIGHT CONSIDER DEPLOYING

2. MY OVERALL ASSESSMENT THEREFORE IS THAT AIR THREAT SHOULD NOT MAKE JKOFFENYAOK LAND RS AN UNACCEPTABLE RISK PROVIDING BLOWPIPE IS DEPLOYED, AND MYN3, T BY HELO IS RESTRICTED TO HOURS OF DARKNESS, DUSK/DAWN///4(

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