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PERSONAL FOR CLFFI FROM LAND DEP CINC.

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

(A) MIRAGE AND A4. TOTAL APPROX 540 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 AND
8 UH2H ON ISLANDS. THIS PROVIDES SIMULTANEOUS LIFT OF APPROX 200
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,
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