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1. AFTER THE EVENTS OF THE LAST FEW DAYS, NOT LEAST THE REDUCED BUT CONTINUING CAPABILITY OF THE ARG AIR FORCE, MY THOUGHTS ARE AS FOLLOWS.

2. A. CONSOLIDATION ASHORE IS PROCEEDING SATISFACTORILY.

B. THE AIR THREAT TO LAND FORCES IS CAPABLE OF INFLICTING SOME ATTRITION, BUT CANNOT BE DECISIVE.

C. AIR THREAT AGAINST SHIPS PARTICULARLY CVS COULD, IN THE WORST CASE, BRING THE WHOLE OPERATION TO A HALT.

D. SM THREAT IS CURRENTLY SMALL.

E. SURFACE THREAT IS POTENTIALLY CONSIDERABLE BUT WE HAVE A FAIR CHOICE OF EFFECTIVE

COUNTERS PROVIDING WE GET REASONABLE WARNING.

3. I DEDUCE FROM THIS THAT THE WAR MUST BE WON ASHORE, BUT COULD BE LOST AT SEA. WE MUST THEREFORE PRESS ON TO STANLEY WITH THE GREATEST VIGOUR, DASH AND DRIVE. FORCES AT SEA MUST IN CONTRAST OPERATE WITH CAUTION TO ENSURE THE SURVIVAL OF THE FLEET IN BEING WHILE AT THE SAME TIME KEEPING A FLOW OF SUPPLIES MOVING ASHORE.
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