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EXCLUSIVE FOR CINCFLEET AND COMMANDERS

1. ROULEMENT PROBLEM COULD SOON BECOME ACUTE SINCE FIRST FLIGHT WILL HAVE BEEN AT SEA THREE MONTHS CONTINUOUSLY EVEN IF THEY LEAVE FOR UK NOW. FOR MORALE PURPOSES, IMPORTANT SHIPS COMPANIES CAN SEE END, OTHER THAN VIA MAJOR DAMAGE, TO TIME ON STATION.
2. PROBLEM NEVERTHELESS GOVERNED BY REQUIREMENT ON STATION. THIS DIVISIBLE INTO THREE PHASES:
 - A. PHASE I : INITIAL DEPLOYMENT, LANDING AND RECOVERY OF PORT STANLEY. COMPLETE BY 31 MAY/07 JUNE.
 - B. PHASE II : CONSOLIDATION OF PORT STANLEY TO REPLACE CAPABILITY OF ONE AIRCRAFT CARRIER. TO COMPLETE BY MID-JUNE.
 - C. PHASE III : CONSOLIDATION OF PORT STANLEY TO REPLACE AND IMPROVE ON CAPABILITY OF BOTH AIRCRAFT CARRIERS. COMPLETE BY MID-SEPTEMBER.
3. OF THESE, TIMING OF PHASE II COMPLETION ASSESSED CRITICAL. PHASE I REQUIRES COVERING FORCE, LESS DAMAGED SHIPS, AS AT PRESENT. PHASE II SHOULD ALLOW MAIN FORCE LEVELS TO DROP ABOUT HALF PRESENT LEVEL AND ENTAILS SECOND CARRIER REMAINING ON STATION BUT CLEAR OF BATTLE AREA, RETURNING TO RELIEVE FIRST ON COMPLETION REST/MAINTENANCE SOUTH GEORGIA BY END JUNE. PHASE III SHOULD ALLOW REDUCTION TO ONE SSN, SOME DD/FF, AND MCM GROUP ON STATION PLUS AN ASW HELO FORCE BASED ASHORE
4. IF AGREED IN PRINCIPLE, DETAILED RECOMMENDATIONS WILL FOLLOW.

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