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A. ADA/I9N 310530Z MAY 82 (33)

1. FURTHER TO A I INTEND TO CLOSE UP TO THE ENEMY GARRISON IN THE PORT STANLEY AREA WITH 3 CDO BDE IN THE NORTH AND 5 INF BDE IN THE SOUTH

A. PHASE 1

(1) 3 CDO BDE CONTINUE THEIR MOVE ON THE AXIS DOUGLAS SETTLEMENT-TEAL INLET-MARLOW BR-MT KENT. TO SUPPORT THIS I HOPE TO BE ABLE TO OPEN UP SAN SALVADOR WATER AND THUS REDUCE THE LAND L OF C

(2) CONCURRENTLY 5 INF BDE OFFLOAD INTO THE FORCE MAINT AREA (FMA) AT SAN CARLOS. THIS WILL TAKE SEVERAL NIGHTS AS EXPLAINED IN A

B. PHASE 2

5 INF BDE ADVANCE ON THE AXIS FITZROY SETTLEMENT-BLUFF COVE-MT CHALLENGER TO CLOSE UP WITH 3 CDO BDE

C. PHASE 3

CONSOLIDATE BOTH BDES IN THE HILLS WEST OF PORT STANLEY TO BEGIN THE DEFEAT OF THE ENEMY MAIN BODY

2. THROUGHOUT THESE PHASES SPECIAL FORCES WILL CONTINUE RECCE, OP AND DIRECT ACTION OPS, AND NGS AND CAS WILL CONTINUE TO APPLY PRESSURE AND CAUSE ATTRITION

3. ONE CDO WILL FOR THE PRESENT CONTINUE TO GUARD THE FMA WHICH WILL REMAIN AT SAN CARLOS. ONE COY WILL HOLD DARWIN/GOOSE GREEN

4. THE HARRIER STRIP WILL INITIALLY BE DEVELOPED AT PORT SAN CARLOS

5. BECAUSE OF THE CONSTRAINTS OUTLINED IN A I CANNOT STATE A TIME SCALE FOR THIS CAMPAIGN, BUT I DO NOT ENVISAGE ACHIEVING PHASE 3 BEFORE 7 JUNE AT THE EARLIEST

6. THE FINAL DEFEAT OF THE ENEMY IS DEPENDENT ON HIS WILL TO FIGHT. AT DARWIN/GOOSE GREEN OUR INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENTS UNDERESTIMATED BOTH HIS STRENGTH AND THE FERVOUR WITH WHICH THE MORE FANATICAL CORE FOUGHT. WE MUST BE PREPARED FOR THIS TO OCCUR AGAIN AT PORT STANLEY LEADING TO A PROTRACTED BATTLE  
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