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COMMAND AND CONTROL FOR OPERATION CORPORATE

1. For your information I attach a copy of a note prepared by ACNS(0) in which is set out the Command Structure of Operation CORPORATE Forces as agreed with CTG 317.

2. Should you have any comments would you please pass them to the Controller DSC by 1400 hours 31 May. The Command Structure will then be issued as an agreed document.

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Enclosure:

1. Command Structure of Operation CORPORATE Forces.

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OVERALL COMMAND

1. The overall Task Force Commander is CINCPLEET (CTF 317), Admiral Fieldhouse, based at Northwood. He has an Air Commander Air Marshal Curtiss, AOC 18 Group. On land force matters he is advised by his Land Deputy, Lieutenant General Trant.
2. Submarines. The submarines in the South Atlantic (Task Group (TG) 324-3) are commanded by Flag Officer Submarines (FOSH), Vice Admiral Herbert, based at Northwood. He is under command CINCPLEET.

COMMANDER COMBINED TASK FORCE

4. Rear Admiral Woodward is Commander Combined Task Force (CCTF) and he has operational control of all forces, less submarines, on Operation CORPORATE South of latitude 10° South. This includes the Landing Group until it is firmly established ashore. CCTF, who is also Tactical Air Controller (TAC), commands from HMS HERMES.
5. CCTF has operational control of the following principal Task Groups:

- a. The Battle Group (TG 317-8). The Battle Group is commanded by CCTF himself.
- b. The Amphibious Group (TG 317-0). The Amphibious Group is commanded by Commodore Amphibious Warfare (COMAW), Commodore Clapp, from HMS FEARLESS.

COMMANDER LAND FORCES FALKLAND ISLANDS

6. The Landing Group (TG 317-1)
 - a. The Landing Group is now commanded by Major General Moore as Commander Land Forces Falkland Islands (CLFFI). He assumed command from Commander 3 Commando Brigade at 211600Z May. CLFFI is now embarked in HMS FEARLESS, he is due to arrive in San Carlos a.m. 30th May.
 - b. Within TG 317-1 are two Task Units (TU) - TU 317-1-1 (3 Cdo Bde) and TU 317-1-2 (5 Inf Bde).
7. Now the Landing Force is firmly established ashore CLFFI has chopped to being under the operational command of CTF 317 from whom he will receive his orders direct. CCTF will retain tactical air control and will clearly have a close liaison with CLFFI.
8. The above arrangements are simplified in diagrammatic form at Appendix 1.

OPERATION CORPORATE COMMAND STRUCTURE
LANDING FORCE (ESTABLISHED ASSETS)

