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SITUATION REPORT FOR OPERATION SUTTON AS AT 311900A

1. There have been no reported Argentine air attacks on our forces at sea in the vicinity of the Falklands since the unsuccessful air attack on the Carrier Battle Group at 1730Z yesterday. Ground forces reported ineffectual bombing took place inland east of San Carlos between 0800Z and 0320Z this morning. Nothing was detected by forces at San Carlos.
2. One Vulcan aircraft attacked radar installations at Port Stanley with SHRIKE missiles at 0850Z this morning. First reports indicate that 3 missiles were fired and were believed to be successful. A more detailed report is awaited.
3. The Argentine Hospital Ship BAHIA PARAISO was stopped at 1415Z 5 miles south of Barren Island at the extreme SE entrance to the Falkland Sound. She was intercepted by a Lynx helicopter which refused refuelling facilities offered. A boarding party from San Carlos was being sent by Wessex helicopter. Further reports are awaited. The BAHIA PARAISO was bound for the Bay of Harbours (SE of E Falkland) ostensibly to pick up wounded Argentinians. Earlier today a message was sent to the Argentinians via Brazilia requesting the BAHIA PARAISO to rendezvous with the SS UGANDA some 30 miles north of Falkland Sound for the transfer of 140 wounded Argentinians. It is assumed that this message had not reached her at the time of interception.
4. Following a report by INVINCIBLE of a possible Super Etendard aircraft at Port Stanley, Harriers from HERMES attacked the airfield at 1550Z today. Two Sea Harriers suppressed ground fire with bombs while two Harrier GR5 attacked at low level with rockets. Initial reports said that four Pucara aircraft were possibly destroyed but no Super Etendard was seen. The two GR3 received slight damage but all aircraft returned safely.
5. Elements of 42 Cdo supported by artillery were established around Mount Kent 10 miles West of Port Stanley during the night 30/31 May. Six RNs were wounded in a clash with Argentine forces in the vicinity.
6. It is planned to land 1 battalion of 5 Inf Bde tonight in San Carlos together with logistic support. The remaining two battalions are planned to land during the night 1/2 June.

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