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DATE 6/6/82
CDS DSC SITREP FOR THE PRIME MINISTER AS AT 060400A

INTELLIGENCE

1. Current INTSUMS passed separately.

OWN FORCES

2. Sea. HMS ARROW carried out Naval Gunfire Support operations against Port Howard. Unloading continues at San Carlos and Teal

Inlet.

3. Land. No direct contact with enemy. Poor visibility curtailed helicopter operations and severely limited movement of 3 Cdo Bde support elements and 5 Inf Bde deployment. Patrolling in the Two Sisters area is taking place, to establish the extent of minefields.

4. Air. Fog is still preventing operations in the area. Nimrod surface surveillance 400 NM round Ascension located an Argentine merchant ship 150 NM SW of the island.

INCIDENTS

5. Late on 4 Jun Argentine aircraft bombed the West end of Berkeley Sound and the vicinity of Mt Kent. No casualties or damage were reported.

ACCIDENTS

6. None have been reported.

CASUALTIES

7. No deaths or serious injuries were reported in the 24 hours ending 1200 GMT 5 June.

INTENTIONS

8. Sea. HMS EXETER was tasked to sail to the Port Stanley area to try and trigger an Argentine response, by using her Lynx helicopters.

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9. Land. Movement East from San Carlos by 2 battalions will be cross-country, with consequent slower build-up in Mt Kent/Mt Challenger area. Clearance of an enemy Observation Post in the area of Mt Usborne (near Darwin) has been ordered, as has the clearance of possible enemy pockets in the NW area of East Falkland.

10. Air. Two Harrier GR3 should have flown from Ascension to HERMES yesterday (plus 3 Victor tankers), but the sortie was cancelled due to HERMES' weather forecast. It will be reactivated when weather permits. A nimrod will carry out surface surveillance 400 NM round Ascension.