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SITUATION REPORT FOR OPERATION SUTTON AS AT 1700A 9 JUN 82

1. The purpose of this brief is to update events of OPERATION SUTTON since OD(SA) Meeting am 9 Jun 82.

OWN FORCES

2. No changes notified.

INCIDENTS

3. Liberian Tanker HERCULES. Following the bombing incident of the Liberian Tanker HERCULES at 081400Z, Ushuaia Radio was heard by UGANDA, HECLA and HYDRA at 081730 for 30 minutes repeating the message:

"Steer 270 to make Argentine port. If cannot make Argentine port you will be attacked in 15 minutes".

4. A second attack, as reported by the Master of HERCULES, took place shortly after this message.

5. HYDRA has been diverted to render assistance; ETA 092300Z.

6. Enemy Losses Sustained During Eve 8 Jun. A total of 7 aircraft (possibly 8 as PLYMOUTH was only credited with one kill in CTF's Sitrep but 2 kills in her own incident report) and 4 possible kills.

ACCIDENTS

7. GR3 HARRIER. CTF Sitrep update of 0715A 9 Jun recorded that the pilot was unhurt when a GR3 Harrier engine lost power on take-off and the aircraft hit the ground at the forward operating base. The aircraft was initially assessed as a write-off; further inspection later today.

CASUALTIES

8. None notified.

INTENTIONS

9. None notified.

CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF

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