

LOOSE MINUTE

D/DS5/9/9/9

APS/S of S (Mr Evans)

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DN Plans  
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SSN AVAILABILITY

1. You asked me this afternoon to let you have a note of the availability of operational SSNs on 29 March. This is attached.

28 Sep 82

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CORPORATE LEAD-IN

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S/K/S

SPARTAN : Sailed GIB 010600Z Apr. SOA 23 ETA 12 Apr

SPLENDID : Sailed FASLANE 011300Z Apr. SOA 23 ETA 15 Apr

CONQUEROR : Sailed FASLANE 4 Apr SOA 18 ETA 22 Apr.

[ SUPERB : Reported by media to have sailed GIB 25 Apr ETA 4 Apr ]

RN/RFA

ENDURANCE : In area.

FORT AUSTIN : Sailed GIB ETA PORT STANLEY 11 Apr.

SPRINGTRAIN GROUP

UK GROUP

ANTRIM  
GLASGOW  
COVENTRY  
GLASGOW  
SHEFFIELD

INVINCIBLE - 5 APR  
HERMES "  
ALACRITY -  
ANTELOPE "

BRILLIANT  
ARRON  
PLYMOUTH

OLYMPIA -  
PEARLEAF -  
RESOURCE "

TIDESPRING  
APPLELEAF

FEARLESS - 6 APR  
HLSL 5/6 APR

BROADSWORD } returned from med  
YARMOUTH } passage to GAO

EMPLOYMENT OF SSNs

STARTAN

Due to sail from Gibraltar for South Georgia on 31 Mar (but might be earlier).  
ETA 13 April (F.b.c.)

SPLENDID

Reactive operation against V<sup>I</sup> or II in Northern Fleet Exercise Areas - near main head. 3 1/2 days from recall for preparation. 16 1/2 days passage.

CONQUEROR

Maintaining at Farlane until 7 April. Then could possibly be first choice for South Georgia if higher priority is accorded than D<sup>I</sup> 8 task.

SUPERB

Currently engaged in reactive operation west of Iceland (SEN 17W).

SCPTRE

Arrives Farlane 31 Mar, then SWCP until 30 May. Low weapon load and difficulties in stowage more because of her fit.

SECRET  
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COURAGEOUS

Returning from USA after Sub  
Harporn frings and arrives Farlane  
2 April. War load of Sub Harporn  
available if required - approx. 2  
days to load. However has been  
away from UK for 9 months and  
needs maintenance apart from leave.  
Mechanical state is limiting factor.

VALIANT

Returning from AOTEC trials to  
Farlane on 3 April. Status DED  
in London 19 April - which is linked  
with SSBN refits. If required  
to deploy would need to store  
and adjust weapon load (San Juan?)

WARSPITE

Just completed refit.