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DE RUEKJCS #0591 1112320
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P 212121Z APR 82
FM DIA WASHINGTON DC//JSI-7//
TO RHC RDIB/DIACURINTEL
AIG 7011
AIG 7046
AIG 7035
BT

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RN UNITS. IF THIS OCCURS, ATTACKS BY ARGENTINE SUBMARINES WILL PROBABLY NOT BE SUCCESSFUL SINCE RN SUBMARINES WILL PROBABLY BE IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF THE TASK FORC. ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN COMPONENTS OF THE ARGENTINE AND RN FORCEZET BE DISVNTED, HOWEVER, ESPECIALLY IF THE ARGENTINE FORCE ENTERS THE MEZ. THE N WILL PROBABLY EMPLOY BOTH SURFACE AND SUBSURFACE ASSETS AGAINST ANY ARGENTINE FORCE THAT ENTERS THE MEZ.

9. (S/NOFORN) AMPHIBIOUS FORCES MAY BE UTILIZED IN SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND AND THE FALKLANDS. THE BRITISH WILL BENEFIT IF THEY REGAIN SOUTH GEORGIA BECAUSE THIS ISLAND WILL PROVIDE A BASE FOR THEIR NAVAL FORCES IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC. SEIZURE OF SOUTH GEORGIA WILL ALSO PROVIDE AN INITIAL MILITARY ENGAGEMENT TO DEMONSTRATE UK
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RESOLVE WHILE MINIMIZING BRITISH LUSSES.

10. (S/NOFORN) AN ASSAULT AGAINST THE FALKLANDS BY THE ROYAL MARINES WILL BE DIFFICULT. IF THE BRITISH ARE TO BE SUCCESSFUL, THEY MUST STRIKE QUICKLY AND IN FORCE. AN AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION WILL BE THE MOST DEMANDING AND COSTLY OF THE OPTIONS BUT ALSO ULTIMATELY NECESSARY. WITH THE PAUCITY OF ASSAULT HELICOPTERS AND CLOSE AIR SUPPORT, ANY ASSAULT WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY BE IN THE VICINITY OF PORT STANLEY. THE BRITISH PROBABLY FEEL THE EARLY CAPTURE OF PORT STANLEY IS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE SECURITY OF THEIR CITIZENS FROM ARGENTINE FORCES. ANOTHER EARLY OBJECTIVE OF THE ROYAL MARINES MAY BE THE MOUNTAINS THAT ENCIRCLE PORT STANLEY. IF THE BRITISH ARE EFFECTIVE IN ESTABLISHING A BLOCKADE, THE FIGHTING CAPABILITY OF THE ARGENTINE FORCES WOULD BE REDUCED AND THE LIKELIHOOD OF A SUCCESSFUL AMPHIBIOUS/HELICOPTER ASSAULT WOULD IMPROVE.

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OUTLOOK:
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11. (S/NOFORN) AN ASSAULT ON SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND WILL PROBABLY

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BE THE INITIAL BRITISH OPERATION. THIS WILL PROVIDE THE RN WITH A
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NECESSARY BASE AND RESUPPLY POINT FOR ITS UNITS. THE NAVY WILL
PROBABLY BE CAPABLE OF A BLOCKADE OF THE FALKLANDS. RN SHIPBORNE
AIR DEFENSE AND SEA HARRIERS WILL ENABLE THE BRITISH TO ENJOY LOCAL
AIR SUPERIORITY FOR OPERATIONS IN THE FALKLANDS, WITH RN SURFACE
VESSELS AND SUBMARINES CAPABLE OF EXCLUDING ARGENTINE SHIPS FROM
REINFORCING THE ISLANDS. WITHOUT RESUPPLY, AND PROBABLY UNDER
ATTACK BY SEA HARRIER AND NAVAL GUNFIRE, ARGENTINE FORCES WOULD
RAPIDLY BECOME LESS EFFECTIVE. ONCE THE ARGENTINES WERE "SOFTENED"
BY THE BLOCKADE, THE BRITISH WOULD QUITE LIKELY MOUNT AN
AMPHIBIOUS/HELICOPTER ASSAULT AGAINST THE FALKLANDS ISLANDS.

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BRITISH FORCES IDENTIFIED FOR POSSIBLE USE
IN FALKLAND ISLAND DISPUTE

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ROYAL NAVY

- 2 LIGHT CARRIERS (CVH)
- 3 HYDROGRAPHIC (RESCUE)
- 5 DESTROYERS (DD)
- 7 FRIGATES (FF)
- 2 ASSAULT SHIPS (LPD)
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- 6 TANK LANDING SHIPS (LST)
- 10 SUPPORT SHIPS (OILER & REPLENISHMENT)
- 3 SUBMARINES (SSN)

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CIVILIAN REQUISITIONED/CHARTERED

- 2 CRUISE SHIPS
- 11 TANKERS (FUEL)
- 1 TANKER (WATER)
- 1 TANKER (CHEMICAL)
- 2 ROLL-ON/ROLL-OFF (CARGO)
- 1 CONTAINER (CARGO)
- 5 TRAWLERS (MINESWEEP)
- 3 TUGS
- 1 PASSENGER FERRY

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ROYAL MARINE AND BRITISH ARMY

UNIT	NO. OF PERSONNEL
40TH COMMANDO GROUP	648
42TH COMMANDO GROUP	649
45TH COMMANDO GROUP	683
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3D PARATROOP BATTALION	646
2D PARATROOP BATTALION	782

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ARMORED RECONNAISSANCE UNIT 500
SPT PERSONNEL/COMBAT ENGINEERS, ETC. 2,000
UNIT NOT EMBARKED.

ROYAL NAVY FLEET AIR ARM ASSETS

- 20 SEA HARRIER FRS-1 (FLEET DEFENSE)
- 14 SEA KING HC MK-4 ASSAULT HELICOPTERS
- 3 WESSEX HU-5 ASSAULT HELICOPTERS
- 20 SEA KING MK-2/5 ASW HELICOPTERS
- 11 LYNX HAS-2 ASW HELICOPTERS
- 5 SCOUT AH-1 LIGHT ATTACK HELICOPTERS
- 9 GAZELLE AH-1 LIGHT ATTACK HELICOPTERS
- 3 WASP (ASW)

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