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SITREP NO 2 ON FALKLAND ISLANDS AS AT 032200Z APR 82.

SITUATION

ARGENTINIAN DEPLOYMENT

ONE. FALKLAND ISLANDS. PRESENT INFORMATION INDICATED THAT ASSAULT WAS CARRIED OUT IN 3 PHASES. FIRST PHASE. A LANDING OF SPECIAL FORCES FROM A SUBMARINE RESULTING IN SEIZURE OF LIGHTHOUSE AND THE AIRFIELD. SECOND PHASE. ASSAULT LANDING BY A MARINE BATTALION WHICH TOOK MAIN OBJECTIVES. LAST PHASE. FOLLOW UP ARMY UNITS WITH HEAVY EQUIPMENT INCLUDING ARMOURED VEHICLES LANDED FROM SHIPS AND C130 AIRCRAFT. ONE ARGENTINIAN WAS KILLED AND 2 WOUNDED DURING SPIRITED DEFENCE BY RM DETACHMENT WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SUFFERED NO CASUALTIES. BELIEVED TO BE UP TO 300 ARGENTINE MILITARY PERSONNEL IN EAST FALKLAND ISLAND. NO REPORTS OF INVASION OF WEST FALKLAND ISLAND. ARGENTINA HAS RENAMED PORT STANLEY QUOTE PUERTO REVIERO UNQUOTE AFTER THE LEADER OF RESISTANCE TO BRITISH OCCUPATION 149 YEARS AGO.

T O. SOUTH GEORGIA. ONE ARGENTINA SHIP AT LEITH WITH A FRIGATE AND 54 MARINES BETWEEN THEM CALLED ON BAS TO SURRENDER. IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER THIS HAS OCCURRED BUT RADIO CONTACT BETWEEN HMS ENDURANCE AND GRVTVIKEN WAS LOST AT 021537Z APR. ENDURANCE IS INVESTIGATING BUT REMAINING COVERT.

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THREE. RM DET FALKLANDS. DET AND GOVERNOR RECOVERED TO MONTEVIDEO UNDER ARGENTINIAN ARRANGEMENTS AND ARE TO BE RETURNED TO UK BY RAF VC10 PRESENT ETA 050840Z APR. NO DEBRIEF FROM GOVERNOR/OC DET AT THIS STAGE.

FOUR. RM DET AND BAS SOUTH GEORGIA. RM DET OF 22 REMAIN GRVTVIKEN AREA. IN VIEW OF LOSS OF RADIO CONTACT ACTUAL SITUATION REMAINS UNCERTAIN.

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OPERATION CORPORATE

VE. AS REPORTED IN SITREP NO 1 1ST TASK UNIT NOW OFF MOROCCO.
SIX. 2ND TASK UNIT INCLUDING HMS INVINCIBLE, HERMES, FEARLESS
2 X FF 5 X LSL, 4 X RFA ASSEMBLING IN UK PORTS. PRIME MINISTER

INFORMED THE HOUSE TODAY THAT SECOND TASK UNIT (SUBJECT TO
MINISTERIAL APPROVAL) WOULD SAIL ON 5 APRIL WITH 3 CDO BDE
INCLUDING 3 PARA UNDER COMMAND. MINISTERIAL APPROVAL IS BEING
SOUGHT FOR THE REQUISITIONING OF SIX PLUS VICIL CIVIL MERCHANT
SHIPS INCLUDING P AND O LINER SS CANBERRA.

SEVEN. AIRLIFT TO ASCENSION ISLAND CONTINUES. 2 X C130 ALREADY
ARRIVED, A FURTHER 6 ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE 4 APR. CONTINUED US
COOPERATION FOR THE USE OF WIDEAWAKE AIRFIELD ON ASCENSION
BEING NEGOTIATED.

8. UK LEGAL POSITION. FCO HAS NOT YET DETERMINED THE LEGAL POS-
ITION WITH RESPECT TO ARGENTINA IE. WHETHER WE ARE AT WAR OR IN
A STATE OF BELLIGERENCY. FCO DO NOT AT PRESENT ENVISAGE THAT IT
WILL BE NECESSARY TO CALL FOR RAF ASSISTANCE OF EVACUATION
OF BRITISH NATIONALS FROM ARGENTINA.

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