

INSTRUCTIONS TO BASE COMMANDER GRYTUIKEN

If statement from Bahia Paraiso at 031000 asks for Base to be surrendered, Base Commander should not comply. He should make clear that any attempted landing will be resisted. If Argentines then invade, RM detachment is to resist invasion using force in accordance with ROE laid down in ^{VDA/WFA/IAF 232001Z MAR} ~~IAF/WFA/IAF 232001Z MAR~~ but they should not resist beyond the point where we might be lost to no avail.

GRYTVIKEN

Present RM detachment is 22. The BRAS Base Commander has a team of about 20. BRAS leader is civil authority. The RM detachment's present instructions ~~are~~ (021800Z) are to fire only in self-defence and not without warning.

The Argentinian Bahía Paraiso is believed to have about 40 mannes on board. She has 2 helicopters. The vessel is in the immediate vicinity of Grytviken.

BRAS Commander has been notified by Bahai Paraiso to expect a message after 031000Z. It is assumed that this message will ask Grytviken to surrender the base. It is possible that ~~the~~ ^{Argentinian} 2 ^{helicopters} are in the general area.

HMS ENDURANCE is operating covertly to the SW of S. Georgia at a distance of approximately 200 miles. She has been

instructed to avoid contact with Argentinian
naval forces and, if contact is however
made, to fire only if fired upon.

Crs adamant that in no way should ROE
be de-escalated. Odds v. different from
Port Stanley situation. Wd. only approve
de-escalation on direct instruction of S&S.

S&S - took view that should not surrender
& shd. keep to agreed ROE.

FCO - pro-surrender. FCS advice to be
sought c. 7.30am.

Holding signal sent 020414Z saying
instructions to Base Cdr. somewhat. RM
ROE remain as previously stated

Message from Dr. Laws

Following received from Dr Laws (BAS)

BRANSFIELD message: "GRITVYKEN had voice contact with BAHIO PARAISSO at 2130 GMT and it was arranged to ~~be~~ will contact again 031000 GMT on channel 16 VHF. Announcements for FIDS (1) from Military Governor decision named activities are to commence and requested co-operation of the population".

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