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YOUR AAA/ACA/LDQ 241008Z MAR 82 (NOTAL)
THE THREE MAIN CONSTRAINTS FOR THE SHIP REMAINING ON STATION
ARE MORALE FOOD AND FUEL
A. MORALE. THE FAMILIES OF MY SHIPS COMPANY ARE WELL AWARE THAT
THE SHIP IS DUE TO RETURN TO THE UK ON 20 MAY. IMPORTANT THOUGH
THIS IS THERE ARE NO OTHER CONSTRAINTS FOR RETURNING TO THE UK

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AS THE SHIP IS DUE TO PAY OFF ANYWAY
B. FOOD. THE SHIP ONLY HAS PROVISIONS FOR ANOTHER 3 WEEKS BEFORE
IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO REPLENISH AT MONTEVIDEO. (PROVISIONS IN ANY
QUANTITY ARE NOT AVAILABLE IN STANLEY AND STORING HAD BEEN
PLANNED FOR 24 MAR AT MONTEVIDEO). ALLOWING FOR PASSAGE TIME IT
WILL THEREFORE BE POSSIBLE TO REMAIN IN THE SOUTH GEORGIA/
STANLEY AREAS FOR A FURTHER 14 DAYS
C. FUEL. 80 PERCENT REMAINS. THIS IS SICIENT FOR 25 DAYS
STEAMING AT 12 KNOTS OR 50 DAYS AT ANCHOR. IT WOULD BE HIGHLY
DESIRABLE TO FUEL AGAIN AT STANLEY BEFORE LEAVING THE STATION.
MY SURVEY BOAT AND SMALL SURVEY PARTY ARE STILL IN THE FALKLANDS
2. SUMMARY. THE SHIP LD REMAIN IN SOUTH GEORGIA FOR A FURTHER
TWO WEEKS BEFORE REPROVISIONING. THERE IS NO BAR TO THE LENGTH
OF TIME ON STATION EXCEPT MORALE. IN ORDER TO RETURN TO UK BY
20 MAY WITH JUST TWO BRIEF TWO DAY STOPOVERS EN ROUTE THE
SHIP WOULD HAVE LEAVE STANLEY BY 20 APR
3. IN SHORT I WOULD PREFER TO DO THE JOB QUICKLY (AND AM FULLY
PREPARED) TRANSPORT THE ARGENTINES TO STANLEY OR ARGENTINA AND
RESUME MY ORIGINAL PROGRAMME
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