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IMMEDIATE 271620Z MAR 82

FROM COMMCEN FCO LONDON
TO MODUK NAVY
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FM BUENOS AIRES 27/1620Z MAR 82

TO IMMEDIATE MODUK NAVY

TELEGRAM NUMBER 27/1620Z OF 27 MARCH 1982

INFO IMMEDIATE FCO (FOR SAMD), PORT STANLEY (PERSONAL FOR GOVERNOR),
HMS ENDURANCE AND CINCFLEET.

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FROM BRITNAVAT BUENOS AIRES
TO MODUK NAVY

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MODUK FOR D14 AND COMMODORE INT (NAVY)

SOUTH GEORGIA: DEPLOYMENT ARGENTINE NAVY

1. ARGENTINE PRESS FRIDAY 26 MARCH CONTAINED REPORT OF JOINT ARGENTINE/URUGUAYAN ANTI-SUBMARINE EXERCISE AND STATEMENT THAT DESTROYER BOUCHARD AND CORVETTE GRANVILLE SAILED MAR DEL PLATA.

2. CHILEAN CONSUL ALSO INFORMED EMBASSY THAT NONE OF ARGENTINE NAVY FOUR SUBMARINES WERE IN MAR DEL PLATA.

3. I WAS AWARE THAT SUCH AN EXERCISE WAS PLANNED AND BELIEVE PROBABLY GENUINE.

4. ARGENTINE PRESS SATURDAY 27 MARCH REPORTS:-

(A) BAHIA PARAISO ARRIVAL IN SOUTH GEORGIA AND STATEMENT THAT ANCHORED IN SIGHT OF HMS ENDURANCE

(B) STATEMENT THAT CORVETTES DRUMMOND AND GRANVILLE HAVE BEEN DESPATCHED TO AREA

(C) PUNTA MEDANOS - ARGENTINE NAVY TANKER IS IN USHUAIA AND SUPPORTING CORVETTES

(D) STATEMENT OF INTENSE ACTIVITY IN PUERTO BELGRANO AND THAT VARIOUS SHIPS UNSPECIFIED HAD SAILED

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(F) STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY III MAR DEL PLATA IN THE PREPARATION OF ONE SUBMARINE UNSPECIFIED WHICH HAD ALSO SAILED

(F) STATEMENTS THAT A DETACHMENT OF MARINES EMBARKED IN BAHIA PARAISO.

5. DETAILED PRESS COMMENT CONFLICTS WITH SOME KNOWN FACTS BUT CONFIRMATION SECRET SOURCES OF OTHERS OBTAINABLE.

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