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Prime Minister
Contract, subject to
the views of colleagues in
OD(SA)?
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Yes no

PRIME MINISTER

MARITIME RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

Our Ambassador in Brazil has taken up with the Brazilian Chief of Naval Staff the question of possible deployment of Brazilian submarines outside Brazilian territorial waters where they might come into contact with units of the Naval Task Force. Admiral Aratanha has now assured our Ambassador that all Brazilian submarines will be held within 200 miles of the Brazilian coast. There is no likelihood of encountering conventional submarines from any other Navy in the area.

2. On Monday we considered (OD(SA) ^{in folder} 10th Meeting) Rules of Engagement applicable on the high seas between 10° and 35° South (and West of 20° West.) These Rules authorised attack on any ship, submarine or aircraft demonstrating hostile intent by coming within 25 miles of a British ship or submarine. However, OD(SA) withheld approval of a Rule authorising our forces to presume that any conventional submarine encountered would be Argentinian. In light of the Brazilian undertaking I believe we can now safely promulgate this Rule. May I have your agreement to this. *Yes no*

3. I am copying this minute to the members of OD(SA), and to Sir Robert Armstrong, Sir Michael Palliser and Sir Ian Sinclair.

SW

22nd April 1982

Ministry of Defence