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SUBJECT: MILITARY COMMITTEE MEETING, 22 JULY 1982 (U)

1. (U) THIS MESSAGE COVERS THE MILITARY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 22 JULY 1982. CHIEF, FRENCH MILITARY MISSION WAS PRESENT THROUGHOUT.

2. PART 1, ITEM 1, BRIEFING ON CURRENT INTELLIGENCE BY INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, IMS. TEXT OF BRIEFING PASSED TO MODS VIA NATO SIICEN MESSAGE.

-- BE REP (DEDEURWAERDER) INQUIRED AS TO THE SIZE, STRENGTH AND TYPE OF ISRAELI FORCES SURROUNDING BEIRUT. BRIEFER AGREED TO PROVIDE THIS DATA, AS WELL AS DATA ON THE OPPOSING PLO FORCES, AT THE NEXT MEETING.

-- CMC (FALLS) ASKED IF FURTHER CONFRONTATIONS HAD OCCURRED IN THE BEKKA VALLEY, AND IF THE SYRIANS WERE IN A POSITION TO ENGAGE ISRAELI FORCES. BRIEFER ADVISED THAT SYRIAN FORCES WERE CAPABLE OF SMALL SCALE ENGAGEMENTS, BUT THAT ANY ACTION TAKEN AGAINST THE ISRAELIS WOULD ONLY BE TO RELIEVE PRESSURE ON THE PLO FORCES IN BEIRUT.

3. (U) ITEM 2, BRIEFING ON THE CONFLICT IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS. UK ASSISTANT CHIEF OF DEFENSE STAFF (POLICY) AIR VICE MARSHALL GILBERT BRIEFED. A COPY OF THE BRIEFING WILL BE FORWARDED WHEN AVAILABLE, ALTHOUGH THE BRIEFING WAS SIMILAR TO THAT GIVEN TO THE MAC BY SIR FRANK COOPER AS REPORTED IN USNATO 4642, DTG 221752Z JUL 82. QUESTIONS BY VARIOUS MILREPS ELICITED THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

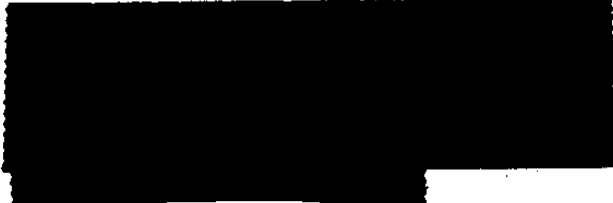
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-- AIR-TO-AIR REFUELING PROVED TO BE A CRITICAL REQUIREMENT, AND VARIOUS AIRCRAFT WERE MODIFIED TO PERMIT THIS ACTIVITY. C130 HERCULES (3) WERE CONVERTED INTO DE FACTO TANKERS.

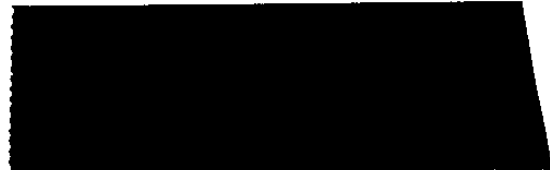
-- THE UK HAD INSUFFICIENT FORCES, AS WELL AS INSUFFICIENT SURVEILLANCE, TO COMPLETELY CLOSE THE EXCLUSION ZONE, PERMITTING LIMITED RESUPPLY OF ARGENTINE FORCES.

-- APPROXIMATELY ONE HALF OF THE ARGENTINE AIRCRAFT LOST WERE DESTROYED BY VARIOUS GROUND SYSTEMS, WHILE THE REMAINDER, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE PLANE POSSIBLY DESTROYED BY CANNON, WERE DOWNED WITH THE AIM 9LCS

-- THE 66 AND 81 MM ANTI-TANK WEAPONS WERE VERY EFFECTIVE AGAINST POINT TARGETS. MORE ORGANIC MACHINE GUNS WERE REQUIRED.

-- THE BLOW PIPE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM WAS "NOT COMPLETELY SUCCESSFUL." RAPIER PROVED VERY EFFECTIVE BUT EXCESSIVE TIME WAS REQUIRED TO PREPARE THE SYSTEM FOR COMBAT AFTER MOVEMENT.

-- BRIEFERS STATED THAT MORE INFORMATION WOULD BE PROVIDED AFTER FURTHER ANALYSIS. THE MC EXPRESSED BOTH PLEASURE AND SATISFACTION WITH THE BRIEFING.



-- THE TASK FORCE WAS GRANTED, THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE POLITICAL AUTHORITIES, ALL REQUESTED RULES OF ENGAGEMENT (EXCEPT FOR ONE (UNSPECIFIED)). TASK FORCE COMMANDER'S INSTRUCTIONS WERE RELATIVELY BROAD, I.E. RETAKE THE FALKLANDS.

-- PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF THE GROUND FORCE ACTIVITIES INDICATED THE HIGH VALUE OF NIGHT FIGHTING AND MOVEMENT, TAKING ADVANTAGE ALSO OF INCLEMENT WEATHER TO MASK OPERATIONS. "YOU CAN NEVER HAVE ENOUGH HELICOPTERS" WAS STATED WITH UTTER CONVICTION. NAVAL GUNFIRE, IN COMBINATION WITH AIR AND GROUND ORDNANCE, WAS EXTREMELY EFFECTIVE DUE TO CLOSE COORDINATION BETWEEN ALL ELEMENTS.

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