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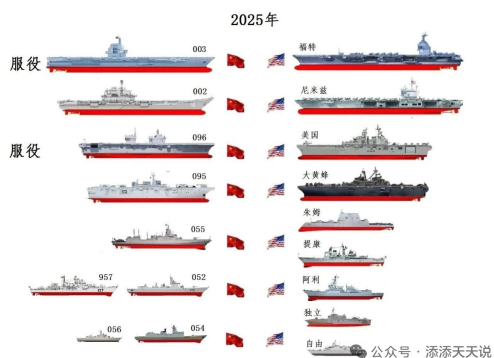


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weapons would be very damaging to international opinion.

7. The most vulnerable magazines are those in the Type 22 Frigates. A direct hit with Exocet on the magazine would probably cause fragment penetration of the warhead and lead to radioactive release. The risk of a similar situation in HMS HERMES, with its dedicated armour protected magazine deep in the ship, is assessed as minimal from Exocet and only moderate from a torpedo or mine. The magazine in HMS INVINCIBLE is also deep but is not so well protected and contains a mixture of torpedoes and nuclear weapons. The risk in HMS INVINCIBLE is thus slightly greater than in HERMES because of the effect that detonation of torpedo warheads would have on their colocated nuclear ones. The RFAs have dedicated magazines deep in the ship and the risks are similar to INVINCIBLE.

8. It is also conceivable that weapons might fall into the hands of the Argentines, by salvage ^{for example} of one of HM Ships ^{from} that had been sunk, ^{on shore} or by ^{standards} outright physical capture. The consequences of this would be highly undesirable and the acquisition of UK nuclear weapon technology in this way by a State which has no such weapons might well prejudice the special Anglo-US relationship in these matters.

9. The implication for our nuclear stockpile of the loss of either HERMES or INVINCIBLE would be extremely serious, since the ships are carrying approximately 40% and 25% respectively of our entire stockpile of nuclear depth bombs.

10. The principal short-term argument against removal of the weapons is, as has been mentioned, the delay involved. It is estimated that the lift of weapons by helicopter to shore would conflict with the heavy storing programme for the ships presently planned for only

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Nukes in the Falklands War

1 April 1982 advice to Cabinet
on the risks of the WE177
stockpile going to the
Falklands, and the risks to

specific ship classes of being hit by Exocet while carrying nuclear weapons, and the risk of Argentina capturing a UK warhead.



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