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INFO IMMEDIATE BELGRADE (FOR ALEXANDER)

FOR PS

1. AS REQUESTED FOLLOWING IS NAVAL DISPOSITION IN THE GULF:

IRAN:

- 3 DESTROYERS
- 8 FRIGATES
- 9 MISSILE PATROL CRAFT
- 7 LARGE AND 20 SMALL PATROL CRAFT
- 12 LARGE AND 8 SMALL HOVERCRAFT
- 2 LANDING SHIPS
- 2 LOGISTIC SUPPORT SHIPS

IRAQ:

- 12 OSA MISSILE CRAFT
- 12 MOTOR TORPEDO BOATS
- 2 FLEET MINESWEEPERS
- 3 INSHORE MINESWEEPERS
- 4 LANDING CRAFT
- 2 LARGE PATROL CRAFT
- 8 SMALL PATROL CRAFT

KUWAIT:

NIL

UAE:

- 6 MEDIUM AND 3 SMALL PATROL CRAFT
- 2 LARGE MISSILE PATROL CRAFT (NOT OPERATIONAL)

QATAR:

- 6 MEDIUM PATROL CRAFT

OMAN:

- 6 MISSILE PATROL CRAFT
- 1 LOGISTIC LANDING CRAFT
- 6 SMALL LANDING CRAFT
- 1 ARMED YACHT
- 1 FREIGHTER

BAHRAIN:

- 20 COASTAL GUARD PATROL CRAFT

SOVIET UNION:

- 1 FRIGATE (NEAR STRAITS OF HORMUZ)
- 1 DESTROYER
- 1 MINESWEEPER
- 1 INTELLIGENCE GATHERER
- 1 NUCLEAR SUBMARINE (SSN) (ALL IN NORTH ARABIAN SEA)

USA:

- 1 COMMAND SHIP
 - 1 DESTROYER
 - 2 FRIGATES
 - AIRCRAFT CARRIER
 - AMPHIBIOUS GROUP (IN NORTH ARABIAN SEA)
- } ALL AT BAHRAIN

2. IRAN IS MAINTAINING HORMUZ PATROL WITH 1-3 FRIGATES, AND NORTH GULF PATROL WITH FRIGATE, MINESWEEPER AND PATROL CRAFT.
3. THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS OF SINKINGS BY IRAQ AND IRAN. THESE PROBABLY REFER TO PATROL CRAFT IN THE SHATT AL ARAB.

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