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TO IMMEDIATE MODUK
TELNO U/N
OF 171945Z AUGUST 90
AND TO IMMEDIATE CINCFLEET
AND TO IMMEDIATE UKLF
AND TO IMMEDIATE FCO LONDON
AND TO IMMEDIATE HQBFAP RIYADH
AND TO IMMEDIATE RAFDET DHAHRAN
AND TO IMMEDIATE RAFDET THUMRAIT

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Yesterday's sitrep
- indications of moves
to improve defensive
position with
reinforcements

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OPERATION GRANBY
MODUK FOR DROW

JOINT COMMANDERS ASSESSREP 007/AUG EFDT 171800Z AUG
COVERING PERIOD 161800Z AUG TO 171800Z AUG

1. GENERAL SITUATION. THERE HAVE BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL OR MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS IN THE LAST 12 HOURS. IN KUWAIT, IRAQI TROOPS CONTINUE TO CONSOLIDATE THEIR DEFENSIVE POSITIONS, PARTICULARLY ALONG THE COAST. MOVEMENTS THROUGH THE JORDANIAN PORT OF AQABA CONTINUE, BUT AT A REDUCED LEVEL AS THE EFFECT OF UN IMPOSED SANCTIONS BEGIN TO TAKE EFFECT

2. ENEMY SITUATION. IN KUWAIT, IRAQ IS CONTINUING TO IMPROVE ITS DEFENSIVE POSTURE. ENGINEERING AND FORTIFICATION WORK CONTINUES ALONG THE COAST. ELEMENTS OF TWO REGULAR ARMY DIVISIONS, 5 MECH AND 6 ARMD HAVE ARRIVED IN KUWAIT. 5 MECH DIV IS CURRENTLY LOCATED IN SOUTH WEST KUWAIT AND 6 ARMD DIV NORTH OF AL JAHRA. THE REMAINING ELEMENTS OF BOTH DIVISIONS ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN KUWAIT IN THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE ARRIVAL OF THESE REINFORCING UNITS GIVES IRAQ A STRENGTH SIMILAR TO THAT REQUIRED FOR SUCCESSFUL DEFENCE IN THE IRAN IRAQ WAR. IN IRAQ, AT TAJI SSM STORAGE FACILITY, SCUD RELATED ACTIVITY IS CONTINUING. NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY HAS BEEN NOTED AT THE THREE KNOWN SSM LAUNCH SITES. ASSESSMENT: IRAQI FORCES WILL CONTINUE TO REINFORCE AND IMPROVE THEIR DEFENCES ALONG THE COAST AND SAUDI BORDER, WHILE RETAINING THE CAPABILITY FOR FURTHER OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS AT SHORT NOTICE

3. OWN SITUATION

A. NAVAL SITUATION. AS REPORTED BY CINCFLEET

B. AIR/MARITIME AIR SITUATION. 1. THE 12 TORNADO F3 AT DHAHRAN HAVE CARRIED OUT ROUTINE TRAINING: 8 SORTIES WERE FLOWN ON 16 AUG AND THAT RATE IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE. 6 RAFG F4 AIRCRAFT HAVE ARRIVED IN AKROTIRI AND WERE AT RS30 AT 171800Z AUG. THE 6 REMAINING F3S IN

AKROTIRI ARE EXPECTED TO RECOVER TO UK ON 18 AUG. 8 RAPIER FUS OF 20 SQN RAF REGT ARRIVED IN AKROTIRI ON 17 AUG. THE THUMRAIT JAGUAR DETACHMENT HAVE BEEN HOLDING 4 AIRCRAFT AT ONE HOUR READINESS IN THE 4 TIMES CBU FIT. NO FLYING WAS PLANNED TODAY IN RESPECT OF THE OMANI SABBATH. THE NIMROD DETACHMENT AT SEEB WERE DUE TO FLY 2 SURFACE SURVEILLANCE SORTIES ON 17 AUG. THE FIRST SORTIE WAS AIRBORNE AT 0345Z 2. NIL 3. NIL

C. LAND SITUATION. 1. NIL. 2. NIL 3. NIL

4. ASSESSMENT. NO CHANGE FROM ASSESREP 006/AUG

5. INTENTIONS

A. TO CARRY OUT OPERATIONAL AND TRAINING SORTIES FROM ALL 3 ESTABLISHED BASES

B. TO PROVIDE SHOARAD AT AKROTIRI

C. TO COMPLETE THE LOGISTIC BUILD UP

D. TO RESOLVE ROE PROBLEMS TO PERMIT FULL TORNADO F3 PARTICIPATION IN ALLIED AD OPERATIONS

E. TO CONTINUE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A HQ AT RIYADH

F. TO ENHANCE LIAISON WITH ALLIED FORCES AS NECESSARY

6. MISSION PRIORITIES. NO CHANGE TO ASSESREP 001/AUG

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