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TO IMMEDIATE AIG 4116  
TELNO U/N  
OF 182359Z AUGUST 90  
AND TO IMMEDIATE HQBFAP RIYADH

*PRIME MINISTER*  
*Still no sign of an imminent offensive. 25/8/90.*  
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*Reports on BL Team as noted!*  
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OPERATION GRANBY GENERAL SITREP EIGHT 18 AUG 1990

1. THE GENERAL SITUATION REPORT FOR OPERATION GRANBY WILL BE ISSUED DAILY AT 2359Z. ADDRESSEES SHOULD DISSEMINATE INFORMATION WITHIN THEIR COMMANDS AS THEY REQUIRE.
2. INTELLIGENCE. IT IS ASSESSED THAT THE DEPLOYMENTS OF IRAQI TROOPS IN KUWAIT CONTINUE TO BE DEFENSIVE AND RELATIVELY UNCHANGED FROM PREVIOUS REPORTS. ALTHOUGH THIS COULD CHANGE AT SHORT NOTICE IT IS NOT BELIEVED THAT AN ATTACK ON SAUDI ARABIA IS LIKELY IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.
3. POLITICAL SITUATION. MIN(DP), THE HON ALAN CLARK MP, CONTINUED HIS VISIT TO THE GULF AREA. HIS VISIT TO BAHRAIN IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL, HE OBTAINED BAHRAINI AGREEMENT TO THE ROTATION OF RAF AIRCRAFT AND CLARIFIED OTHER DETAILS. MR CLARK WAS IN ABU DHABI EARLIER TODAY, WHERE HE MET THE PRESIDENT AND CROWN PRINCE BEFORE TRAVELLING ON TO DUBAI FOR A MEETING WITH THE FEDERAL MINISTER OF DEFENCE. HE RETURNS TO THE UK TONIGHT. CONCERN CONTINUES TO GROW AT IRAQI THREATS TO MOVE UK AND OTHER NATIONALS HELD IN KUWAIT AND IRAQ TO MILITARY AND OTHER INSTALLATIONS. EGYPT HAS FORMALLY CALLED FOR A MEETING OF THE ARAB LEAGUE ON 26 AUG. THE COMMANDER OF THE BRITISH LIAISON TEAM REPORTS TODAY THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE TEAM IN KUWAIT ARE FIT AND WELL. UK EMBASSY IN BAGHDAD HAS STILL NOT BEEN ALLOWED TO VISIT THE MEMBERS OF THE TEAM THERE. IT IS REPORTED THAT BRITISH WIVES HAD JOINED THEIR HUSBANDS BUT IT IS STILL NOT CLEAR WHETHER THE TEAM REMAIN IN THE HOTEL OR HAVE BEEN MOVED ELSEWHERE.
4. US DISPOSITIONS. THERE HAVE BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO THE US AIR FORCE DISPOSITIONS. IT IS REPORTED THAT THE US HAS ACTIVITATED STAGE 1 OF THE CIVIL RESERVE AIR FLEET MEASURES TO HELP CARRY CARGO AND TROOPS ON OPERATIONS IN THE GULF. THE FLEET CONSISTS OF COMMER-CIAL PLANES FROM 29 US COMPANIES AND FOR STAGE 1 INVOLVES SOME 38 AIRCRAFT. THERE ARE NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO IN-THEATRE TROOP DISPOSITIONS. THERE ARE NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO THE US NAVY DISPOSITIONS.
5. ROYAL NAVY OPERATIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED WITH YORK AND BATTLEAXE ON PATROL IN THE SOUTHERN GULF AND JUPITER DUE TO RESUME HER PATROL

*Bot 3 members picked up by Stage 1*

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6. RAF OPERATIONS. THERE ARE NO CHANGES TO THE IN-THEATRE AIR ASSETS. THE JAGUARS PLANNED TO FLY SOME 16 TRAINING SORTIES TODAY AND THE F35 FROM CYPRUS WERE UK-BOUND WITH TANKER SUPPORT.

7. LOGISTICS. THE OVERALL THE LOGISTIC SITUATION REMAINS SATISFACTORY AND IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT A MEDICAL SURGICAL TEAM IS DEPLOYING TO DHAHRAN TODAY.

8. THERE HAVE BEEN NO REPORTS OF DIRECT MILITARY CONFLICT

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