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TO IMMEDIATE MODUK
TELNO U/N
OF 191725Z 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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SIC I9M/IAG
OPERATION GRANBY
MODUK FOR DROW
JOINT COMMANDERS ASSESSREP 009/AUG EFDT191800Z AUG
COVERING PERIOD 181800Z AUG TO 191800Z AUG

1. GENERAL SITUATION. IRAQ HAS CONFIRMED THAT BRITONS IN IRAQ WHO FAIL TO REPORT TO HOTELS NOMINATED BY THE IRAQIS WILL BE ROUNDED UP AND TAKEN TO KEY SITES IN IRAQ AND KUWAIT. SADDAM HUSSEIN PROBABLY SEES THIS AS A WAY OF PARALYSING WESTERN DECISION MAKING CAPACITY. IRAQ IS REDEPLOYING ITS FORCES WITHIN KUWAIT AND IS REINFORCING THEM WITH NEW UNITS

2. ENEMY SITUATION. IRAQI FORCES IN KUWAIT REMAIN IN A RELATIVELY UNCHANGED POSTURE. FORCES IN THE SOUTH ARE DEPLOYED BEHIND A DEFENSIVE LINE WHICH RUNS PARALLEL TO AND SOME 10 TO 20KM INSET FROM THE SAUDI BORDER. THERE HAS BEEN CONTINUOUS REDEPLOYMENT OF IRAQI TROOPS WITHIN KUWAIT AND IT IS LIKELY THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE. IRAQI MAINTAINS FIGHTER OPS OVER KUWAIT AND SOUTHERN IRAQ. TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT AND HELICOPTERS CONTINUE TO OPERATE FROM AIRFIELDS IN KUWAIT. IRAQI STRENGTH IN KUWAIT IS ESTIMATED AT 1100-1200 TANKS, 1100-1200 APC AND 800 ARTILLERY PIECES. TROOP NUMBERS ARE ESTIMATED AT ABOUT 104000. INT ASSESSMENT: THE PATTERN OF DEPLOYMENT STILL FACILITATES A RAPID SHIFT TO AN OFFENSIVE POSTURE, BUT A LACK OF CRITICAL MILITARY AND POLITICAL ACTIVITY MAKES ANY IMMEDIATE OFFENSIVE AGAINST SAUDI ARABIA UNLIKELY

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: UP TO 18 AUG, 56 IN-THEATRE SORTIES HAD BEEN FLOWN. F4S AT AKROTIRI HAVE CONTINUED TO HOLD 2 AT RS10 DURING DAYLIGHT AND RS60 OVERNIGHT. AT THUMRAIT, THE JAGUAR DETACHEMNT FLEW 14 TRAINING SORTIES TODAY (INCLUDING TWO AIRCRAFT

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WHICH FLEW RETURN TRANSITS TO BAHRAIN). THE NIMROD MR2 AT SEEB FLEW
2 SURFACE SURVEILLANCE SORTIES (A TOTAL OF 9 OP SORTIES HAVE BEEN
FLOWN TO DATE) WE ARE STILL EXPERIENCING COMMUNICATIONS
DIFFICULTIES BETWEEN SEEB AND CTG 321.1 AND BY SIGNAL BETWEEN SEEB
AND UK. 2. NIL 3. NIL
C. LAND SITUATION. 1. NIL. 2. NIL. 3. NIL
4. ASSESSMENT. NO CHANGE FROM ASSESSREP 008/AUG
5. INTENTIONS
A. TO CARRY OUT OPERATIONAL AND TRAINING SORTIES FROM ALL 3
ESTABLISHED BASES
B. TO COMPLETE THE LOGISTIC BUILD UP
C. TO RESOLVE ROE PROBLEMS TO PERMIT FULL TORNADO F3 PARTICIPATION
IN ALLIED AD OPERATIONS
D. TO CONTINUE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A HQ AT RIYADH
E. TO ENHANCE LIAISON WITH ALLIED FORCES AS NECESSARY
6. MISSION PRIORITIES. NO CHANGE TO ASSESSREP 001/AUG
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