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OPERATION GRANBY GENERAL SITREP TEN 20 AUG 1990

1. THE GENERAL SITUATION REPORT FOR OPERATION GRANBY WILL BE ISSUED DAILY AT 2359Z. ADDRESSES SHOULD DISSEMINATE INFORMATION WITHIN THEIR COMMANDS AS THEY REQUIRE.
2. INTELLIGENCE. AT LEAST ONE RGFC DIVISION HAS BEEN RELIEVED FROM ITS POSITION ON THE FEBA IN KUWAIT. TWO MORE RGFC DIVISIONS ARE LIKELY TO BE RELIEVED WHICH WILL ALLOW ALL THREE DIVISIONS TO REGROUP, RESOLVE THEIR LOGISTIC PROBLEMS AND PREPARE FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS. WHEN THIS PROCESS IS COMPLETE THE RGFC DIVISIONS WILL POSE A GREATER THREAT: HOWEVER, THEY ARE LIKELY TO BE STATIONED IN NORTHERN KUWAIT OR SOUTHERN IRAQ WHICH WOULD INCREASE THE WARNING TIME OF THEIR COMMITMENT.
3. POLITICAL SITUATION. IRAQ HAS CONFIRMED THAT ALL FOREIGN MISSIONS IN KUWAIT ARE TO CLOSE BY FRIDAY. AFTER THEN, DIPLOMATIC STAFF WILL BE TREATED AS ANY FOREIGN NATIONAL. A MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE WESTERN EUROPEAN UNION IS TO TAKE PLACE TOMORROW IN PARIS. THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE FOREIGN SECRETARY WILL ATTEND. UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 664 HAS BEEN PASSED. THIS RESOLUTION EXPRESSES CONCERN FOR THE SAFETY AND WELL BEING OF FOREIGN NATIONALS IN IRAQ AND KUWAIT AND DEMANDS THAT IRAQ PERMIT THEIR IMMEDIATE DEPARTURE.
4. US DISPOSITIONS. THERE HAVE BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO THE US AIR, GROUND AND NAVAL FORCE DISPOSITIONS. HOWEVER, THE US MARINE CORP PLANS TO DEPLOY 40 AV8 HARRIERS, 11 C130 HERCULES, 72 F18 HORNETS AND 20 A6 INTRUDER AIRCRAFT TO THE ARABIAN PENINSULA BY THE 23 AUG 90.
5. ROYAL NAVY OPERATIONS. BATTLEAXE AND JUPITER ARE ON PATROL IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE GULF. HMS YORK IS IN JEBEL ALI COMPLETING AN OLYMPUS ENGINE CHANGE AND THE FRA ORANGELEAF IS ON PATROL IN THE GULF OF OMAN. THERE IS NO CHANGE TO THE DEPLOYING UNITS.
6. RAF OPERATIONS. THERE ARE NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO THE STRENGTH AND DISPOSITIONS OF RAF AIR ASSETS ON THE ARABIAN PENINSULA. THE HIGH FLYING RATE HAS NOW REDUCED. THE OFFENSIVE SUPPORT WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT DELIVERY TO CYPRUS AND RESUPPLY MISSIONS CONTINUE. SINCE ARRIVAL THE TORNADO F3S AT DHAHRAN HAVE FLOWN 56 SORTIES AND THE

JAGUARS AT THUMRAIT HAVE COMPLETED 34 SORTIES. AT SEEB NIMRODS ARE FLYING 2 MARITIME RECONNAISSANCE SORTIES PER DAY IN THE GULF OF OMAN AND THE SOUTHERN GULF. THEY ARE PROVIDING SUCH A GOOD SERVICE TO THE USS INDEPENDENCE THAT US MPA HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED FROM OPERATING IN THE GULF. IN CYPRUS THE 4 RAF REGT RAPIER BLINDFIRE UNITS ARE IN POSITION AT AKROTIRI. THE AVFUEL REPLENISHMENT SHIP IS EXPECTED TOMORROW, AND FUEL IS NO LONGER CONSIDERED A PROBLEM. MEANWHILE ON THE PR FRONT A VC-10 CARRYING A PRESS PARTY LEFT BRIZE NORTON THIS MORNING TO VISIT UK FORCES IN THE ARABIAN PENINSULA. THEY ARE DUE IN DHAHRAN SHORTLY BUT HAVE NOT BEEN GRANTED PERMISSION TO CONTINUE ON TO OMAN.

7. LOGISTICS. NO NEW LOGISTICS PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN REPORTED.

8. MILITARY CONFLICT. THERE HAVE BEEN NO REPORTS OF DIRECT MILITARY CONFLICT  
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