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FROM DIS, DI(ROW), IRAQ CRISIS CELL
OP GRANBY NATO RELEASABLE INTELLIGENCE SITREP AS AT 041800Z SEPT 90
THIS INFORMATION SHOULD NOT BE RE-ISSUED WITHOUT PRIOR REFERENCE TO
THE ORIGINATOR.
(NS) PRECISE IDENTIFICATION OF IRAQI FORMATIONS IN KUWAIT AND
SOUTHERN IRAQ FOLLOWING THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE REPUBLICAN GUARD FORCE
COMMAND (RGFC) DIVISIONS CONTINUES TO PRESENT CONSIDERABLE PROBLEMS.
(NS) WITHIN KUWAIT ITSELF THERE APPEARS TO BE THE EQUIVALENT OF AT
LEAST EIGHT DIVISIONS, ALTHOUGH THIS FORCE MAY REPRESENT MAJOR
ELEMENTS OF POSSIBLY 10 DIVISIONS. THE DEFENSIVE LINE CONSTRUCTED
SOME TWO WEEKS AGO HAS BEEN PUSHED FORWARD IN SOME AREAS AND HAS BEEN
EXTENDED IN THE WEST RIGHT UP TO THE IRAQ-KUWAIT BORDER.
INCREASINGLY MORE INFANTRY UNITS ARE BEING IDENTIFIED IN FORWARD
POSITIONS WITH ARMOUR FURTHER BACK IN CONFORMITY WITH STANDARD IRAQI
PRACTICES BUT CONTRARY TO ORIGINAL DEPLOYMENTS.
(NS) POSSIBLY TWO COMPLETE RGFC DIVISIONS ARE NOW IN THE WADI AL
BATIN AREA JUST INSIDE IRAQ TO THE WEST OF THE BORDER WITH KUWAIT,
AND THUS EXTEND THE DEFENSIVE LINE IN A FULL SEMI-CIRCLE. INDIVIDUAL
RGFC BRIGADES HAVE BEEN NOTED IN THE NORTH ON BOTH SIDES OF THE IRAQ-
KUWAIT BORDER, BUT IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO DEFINE DIVISIONAL
BOUNDARIES IF THEY EXIST. FURTHER REGULAR ARMY DIVISIONS ARE STILL
FURTHER NORTH IN THE GENERAL AREA OF BASRAH.

(NS) WE ASSESS, THEREFORE, THAT THE PRESENT GARRISON OF KUWAIT IS DRAWN FROM THE REGULAR ARMY AND IS OF EQUIVALENT SIZE TO THE ORIGINAL INVASION FORCE. IT IS DIGGING IN IN SOLID DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. A SECOND LINE OF DEFENCE OR DEFENSIVE RESERVE IS POSITIONED ALONG THE IRAQI BORDER LARGELY DRAWN FROM THE RGFC WITH ADDITIONAL RESERVES AVAILABLE. A PROPORTION OF THE RGFC IS UNLOCATED AND MAY HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO BAGHDAD: THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT IT IS BEING RE-GROUPED FOR AN EARLY NEW OFFENSIVE.

(NS) SADDAM HUSSEIN'S STRATEGY APPEARS TO BE TO CONSOLIDATE THE DEFENCE OF THE TERRITORY HE HAS SEIZED AND TO USE DIPLOMATIC PRESSURE TO CREATE A RIFT IN THE OPPOSING FORCES. ALL HIS PROPAGANDA IS DESIGNED TO DISTRACT ATTENTION FROM THE OCCUPATION OF KUWAIT AND TO CREATE AN IMPRESSION OF A REGIONAL CRISIS CAUSED BY INTRUSION OF WESTERN FORCES INTO ARAB AND ISLAMIC AFFAIRS. HE WILL ALSO SEEK TO USE THE TIME GAINED TO FIND WAYS OF OVERCOMING THE IMPACT OF ECONOMIC SANCTIONS. IF HE FAILS IN THESE ENDEAVOURS HE RETAINS THE OPTION OF RENEWED AGGRESSION TO INCREASE THE PRESSURE ON THE WORLD COMMUNITY

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