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OPERATION GRANBY GENERAL SITREP TWENTYSIX AT 052359Z SEP 90

1. ADDRESSEES SHOULD DISSEMINATE INFORMATION WITHIN THEIR COMMANDS AS REQUIRED.

3. POLITICAL SITUATION. THE FOREIGN SECRETARY HAS BEEN IN JORDAN TODAY ON THE FINAL DAY OF HIS TOUR OF GULF STATES. ALL DEPENDANTS OF THE BLT WHO JOINED THE CONVOY FROM KUWAIT TO BAGHDAD ON 4 SEP ARRIVED SAFELY AND ACCESS TO THEM PRESENTS NO PROBLEMS. 15 DEPENDANTS OF BLT ARE LEFT IN KUWAIT. A VIRGIN ATLANTIC 747 (THE SCARLET LADY) ARRIVED THIS MORNING AT GATWICK CARRYING 100 WESTERN WOMEN AND CHILDREN INCLUDING 57 BRITONS.

4. US OPERATIONS. NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES.

5. ROYAL NAVAL OPERATIONS. YORK AND JUPITER ARE ON PATROL IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE GULF. BATTLEAXE IS ALONGSIDE JEBEL ALI WITH ORANGELEAF BOTH SAIL 6 SEP. THE THREE CALENDAR SHIPS ARE OFF AKROTIRI AND WILL MAKE AN OVERNIGHT PASSAGE TO PORT SAID FOR THEIR CANAL TRANSIT ON FRIDAY. FORT GRANGE AND OLNA ARE IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE RED SEA IN COMPANY WITH THE DUTCH TASK GROUP. (ETA IN 000 8 SEP) DILIGENCE IS IN MOMBASA, AND WILL SAIL 7 SEP FOR JEBEL ALI, (ETA 16 SEP) GLOUCESTER IS DUE IN GIBRALTAR 6 SEP, SAILING AGAIN 9 SEP. 260 MERCHANT SHIPS HAVE BEEN CHALLENGED SINCE 25 AUG.

6. EMBARGO SURVEILLANCE. THE ZANNUBIA IS MOVING TOWARDS APILOTS BUOY ONE MILE OFF MUSCAT. SHE IS TO BE MET BY THE IRAQI AMBASSADOR TO OMAN WHO, IT IS UNDERSTOOD, WILL INSTRUCT THE CAPTAIN OF THE SHIP TO PROCEED TO ADEN. EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE BY THE FCO, VIA THE US, TO ENCOURAGE THE VESSEL TO RETURN TO ITS PORT OF ORIGIN, COLOMBO, SRI

LANKA, AND NOT TO GO TO ADEN. RECENT REPORTS INDICATE THAT AN ITEM OF EQUIPMENT REQUIRED BY THE HITTIN IS TO BE DELIVERED TO THE PORT OF AGABA. THIS COULD BE INTERPRETED AS THE POSSIBLE DESTINATION OF THIS TANKERS HITTIN, RUMALIA AND AL GADISIYAH AT MINA AL BAKRA. HERALD (WHILE ON PASSAGE TO AUGUSTA ETA 7 SEP) IS PROVIDING OVERT SURVEILLANCE OF GUR MARINER. THE LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OF SEIZING THE GUR MARINER. THE LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OF SEIZING THE GUR MARINER CARGO ARE BEING EXAMINED BY DEPT OF TRANSPORT OFFICIALS. IRAQI TANKER KIRKUK IS BELIEVED TO BE FULLY LADEN AT UMM QASR.

7. ARMY OPERATIONS. AN NBC RECCE PARTY HAS DEPLOYED TO QATAR AND AN ADVANCE PARTY OF 22ND FIELD HOSPITAL HAVE DEPLOYED TO BAHRAIN TO APPROVE THE SUGGESTED SITE OF THE OLD RAF MUHARRAQ HOSPITAL AND TO ASSESS AVAILABILITY OF SUITABLE US FACILITIES.

8. RAF OPERATIONS. THE TORNADO F3S CONTINUE TO FLY OPERATIONAL CAP SORTIES. THE F3 ROULEMENT IS AT 24 HOURS NOTICE TO MOVE. THE TORNADO GR1S AT MUHARRAG ARE MAINTAINING 4 AIRCRAFT ON 60 MINUTES READINESS AND TRAINING SORTIES CONTINUE. ROUTINE TRAINING FOR JAGUARS AT THUMAIT DOHA. THE OUT LOAD OF WEAPONS TO MAHARRAG IS COMPLETE. APPROVAL HAS BEEN GIVEN TO RELEASE TWO VSC 501 SATCOM TERMINALS AT JOINT HEADQUARTERS FOR ONWARD DEPLOYMENT. THE DSF TSC 502 WITH ITS CREW WILL THEN BE AVAILABLE FOR DSF USE AND PROBABLY RETURN TO UK.

9. LOGISTICS. A BACKLOG OF PRIORITY ONE FREIGHT FOR THE GULF HAS BUILT UP AT RAF LYNEHAM. A SECOND DAILY RESUPPLY FIGHT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED, AND THE BACKLOG SHOULD BE CLEARED WITHIN 48 HOURS. THE PROVISION OF AIR CONDITIONED TENTAGE FOR THE OPERATIONAL ARE IS BEING STAFFED. A RUBB HANGER (A DEMOUNTABLE SERVICING FACILITY) WITH A TROPICAL STYLE COVERING IS TO BE DESPATCHED ON 9 SEP TO PROVIDE SHELTER FOR AIRCRAFT UNDERGOING REPAIR/OVERHAUL. A PROTOTYPE SUNSHADE TO PROTECT LINE SERVICING PERSONNEL IS BEING DEVELOPED FOR TRIAL. IF SUCCESSFUL, A SHORT PRODUCTION RUN FOR THUMRAIT WILL FOLLOW
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