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SUBJ: EXECUTE ORDER -- OPERATION EL DORADO CANYON

REFS: A. JCS 220020Z MAR 86 {REVISED ALERT ORDER}

B. JCS 262345Z MAR 86 {P.F. ALERT ORDER -- SECOND REVISION}

C. USCINCEUR 221800Z MAR 86 {REVISED OPORD}

D. HQ USAFE 230445Z MAR 86 {REVISED OPORD}

E. HQ USEUCOM ED 55-47 {PEACETIME ROW, 1 SEP 83}

F. JCS 080224Z APR 86 {REVISED ELDORADO CANYON ALERT ORDER}

1. THIS IS AN EXECUTE ORDER BY AUTHORITY AND DIRECTION OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

2. SITUATION. ON 5 APRIL 1986 TERRORIST SUPPORTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF LIBYA DETONATED A BOMB IN A BERLIN NIGHT CLUB CAUSING THE DEATH OF 1 AMERICAN SOLDIER AND INJURIES TO SEVERAL OTHERS. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS PROOF THAT THIS INCIDENT WAS DIRECTED BY LIBYA'S QADHAFI. IN ADDITION, EVIDENCE IS MOUNTING THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF LIBYA IS ATTEMPTING TO DEVELOP A GLOBAL TERRORISM CAMPAIGN AGAINST AMERICANS AND US INTERESTS. THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO EXECUTE RETALIATORY OPERATIONS AS A RESULT OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS.

3. MISSION. INFLICT DAMAGE TO HEADQUARTERS ASSOCIATED WITH TERRORIST ACTIVITIES, TERRORIST FACILITIES, AND MILITARY INSTALLATIONS THAT SUPPORT LIBYAN SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES.

4. EXECUTION.

A. COURSE OF ACTION:

(24) USAF F-111S, (5) EF-111S, AND SUPPORTING TANKERS WILL SORTIE FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM. (6) F-111S AND (1) EF-111 WILL BE IN AIR SPARES AND WILL RETURN TO BASE APPROXIMATELY 90 MINUTES AFTER TAKEOFF. STRIKE FORCE WILL PROCEED AROUND THE IBERIAN PENINSULA. REQUEST TO OVERFLY FRANCE OR SPAIN WAS DENIED. STRIKE FORCE WILL MAINTAIN TIGHT EMISSIONS CONTROL. F-111S WILL MAINTAIN COMPLETE RADIO SILENCE WITH THEIR TRANSPONDERS OFF. ANY REQUIRED COMMUNICATIONS WILL BE HANDLED BY ACCOMPANYING TANKERS.

USAF F-111S WILL HIT TARGETS IN TRIPOLI. NAVY AIRCRAFT OPERATING FROM THE AMERICA AND CORAL SEA WILL STRIKE TARGETS AROUND BENGHAZI.

B. ADDITIONAL TARGETTING INSTRUCTIONS:

{1} TRIPOLI - AZIZIYAH BARRACKS

STRIKE FORCE: (9) F-111F (ELTON, KARMA, REMIT).

TARGET: TERRORIST COMMAND CENTER AND BARRACKS COMPLEX.

{2} TRIPOLI - SIDI BILAL

STRIKE FORCE: (3) F-111F (JEWEL).

TARGET: TERRORIST TRAINING CAMP.

{3} TRIPOLI - INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

STRIKE FORCE: (6) F-111F (LUJAC, PUFFY).

TARGET: IL-76 CANDID AIRCRAFT.

{4} BENGHAZI - MILITARY BARRACKS

STRIKE FORCE: (7) A-6E (AMERICA).

TARGET: ALTERNATE TERRORIST COMMAND CENTER, STORAGE AND ASSEMBLY
SITE FOR MIG AIRCRAFT.

{5} BENGHAZI - BENINA MILITARY AIRFIELD

STRIKE FORCE: (8) A-6E (CORAL SEA).

TARGET: MIG-23 FIGHTERS AND AIR BASE FACILITIES

{6} COMBAT AIR PATROL:

{A} TRIPOLI: (4) F-14A (AMERICA).

{B} BENGHAZI: (4) F/A-18A (CORAL SEA).

{C} BARCAP: (4) F-14A (AMERICA), (4) F/A-18A (CORAL SEA).

{D} SARCAP: (4) F-14A (AMERICA), (4) F/A-18A (CORAL SEA).

{7} SAM SUPPRESSION:

{A} TRIPOLI: (6) A-7E (AMERICA), (1) EA-6B (AMERICA), (3)
EF-111A, (1) EF-111A SPARE (HARPO).

{B} BENGHAZI: (8) F/A-18A (CORAL SEA), (2) A-7E (AMERICA),
(1) EA-3B (CORAL SEA), (3) EA-6B (AMERICA, CORAL SEA).

{8} MISCELLANEOUS:

{A} AIRBORNE C3: (4) E-2C (AMERICA, CORAL SEA).

{B} ELINT: (2) EA-3B (AMERICA, CORAL SEA)

{C} TANKER: (19) KC-10A, (11) KC-135A, (7) KA-6D, (2) A-7E.

{D} SAR: (4) SH-3H.

C. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:

{1} D-DAY: 14 APRIL 1986.

{2} DESIRED TOT WINDOW: 0000Z 15 APRIL (0200 LIBYA TIME 15 APRIL, 1900 WASHINGTON TIME 14 APRIL, 0000Z 15 APRIL).

{3} DURATION OF OPERATIONS: DURATION OF STRIKE OPERATION: 24 HOURS. DURATION OF FOLLOW-ON OPERATIONS: TO BE DETERMINED.

{5} RULES OF ENGAGEMENT: NORMAL PEACETIME RULES OF ENGAGEMENT APPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS.

{A} MINIMIZE COLLATERAL DAMAGE. MAKE EVERY REASONABLE ATTEMPT TO LIMIT DAMAGE TO OTHER THAN DESIGNATED MILITARY TARGETS.

{B} ALL COMBAT SYSTEMS MUST BE FULLY OPERATIONAL.

{C} ATTACK AIRCRAFT ARE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE ONLY ONE PASS OVER THE TARGET AREA.

{D} EACH ATTACK AIRCRAFT MUST POSITIVELY IDENTIFY TARGET FROM MULTIPLE SOURCES PRIOR TO DROPPING BOMBS.

5. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

A. AIRLIFT PRIORITY: 181.

B. FUNDING: FUNDING WILL NOT BE PROVIDED BY JCS. PARENT SERVICES OF EXECUTING FORCES WILL FUND OPERATIONS. COMMANDERS AND AGENCIES SHOULD CAPTURE EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY.

C. REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS:

{1} USCINCEUR WILL PROVIDE JCS WITH ACTUAL TOT NO LATER THAN H MINUS 12 HOURS VIA SECURE TELECOM. THIS SUSPENSE CANNOT BE SLIPPED AS INFORMATION MUST BE PROVIDED TO NCA AND WILL BE USED TO MAKE NECESSARY NOTIFICATIONS.

{2} SUPPORTED COMMANDER SHOULD ANTICIPATE CONTINUING TWICE-DAILY SITREP REPORTING COMMENCING WITH FIRST TOT. SITREPS SHOULD ARRIVE AT JCS NO LATER THAN 0900Z AND 2100Z.

{3} PRELIMINARY STRIKE RESULTS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO JCS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER AIRCRAFT RECOVERY.

{4} DETAIL STRIKE RESULTS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO JCS NO LATER THAN TOT PLUS 24 HOURS.

{5} OTHER OPERATIONAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS WILL BE FORWARDED AS DEVELOPED.

{6}. DETAILED AFTER ACTION REPORTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOWS: FIRST IMPRESSIONS, 48 HOURS AFTER COMPLETION OF OPERATION; CHRONOLOGY OF ACTIONS, 96 HOURS AFTER COMPLETION; AND LESSONS LEARNED, 7 WORKING DAYS AFTER COMPLETION.

B. OPSEC AND DECEPTION GUIDANCE. SURPRISE IS ESSENTIAL FOR MINIMIZING US LOSSES. INDICATORS WHICH WILL CONVEY US INTENTIONS WILL BE MONITORED AND SHOULD BE CLOSELY CONTROLLED.

C. CLASSIFICATION GUIDANCE AND SPECAT HANDLING. RELEASE OF INFORMATION RELATING TO OPERATION EL DORADO CANYON IS NOT AUTHORIZED WITHOUT JCS APPROVAL.

D. PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE. PUBLIC RELEASE OF INFORMATION ABOUT THESE OPERATIONS IS NOT AUTHORIZED. ANTICIPATE ANY ANNOUNCEMENT OF EL DORADO CANYON TO BE MADE BY THE NCA AFTER OPERATIONS COMMENCE.

6. COMMAND AND CONTROL. USCINCEUR IS THE SUPPORTED COMMANDER. CINCSAC IS THE SUPPORTING COMMANDER. NSA AND DIA ARE SUPPORTING AGENCIES.

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