

# Keep the Petrol Flowing

Protecting Sea Lanes of Communication (SLOC) (Persian Gulf)

When ready for sea, get underway and proceed to the Persian Gulf. Your primary mission will be an anti-diesel ASW patrol to protect merchant shipping.

The President has determined that the protection of oil tankers is in the national interest of the United States.

Upon arrival, copy the submarine broadcast to receive the latest intelligence information and locating data on potentially hostile diesel submarines. Your weapon loadout is to be consistent with your primary mission.

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Central Command

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IMMEDIATE

FROM COMNAVCENT  
TO [ship name]

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MSGID/INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT/COMNAVCENT//

SUBJ/DISTRESS CALL//

RMKS/1. DISTRESS CALL RECEIVED FROM MERCHANT TANKER OUTBOUND IN STRAIT OF HORMUZ VICINITY OF 26-38N, 056-26E. ONLY ABLE TO MAKE 5 KTS.  
2. MASTER OF SHIP REPORTS ATTACK BY TWO SURFACED KILO-CLASS SUBMARINES TWO HOURS AGO. MERCHANT WAS INITIALLY ABLE TO OUTDISTANCE THE SUBMARINES, BUT FIRE SPREAD THROUGH THE ENGINEERING SPACES AND HAS REDUCED PROPULSION CAPABILITY TO MINIMUM. FIRE NOW OUT.  
3. KILOS THOUGHT TO BE AS MUCH AS 20 NM BEHIND THE TANKER BUT NOW OVERTAKING.

4. MAKE BEST SPEED TO LOCATION OF TANKER FOR INTERDICTION OF  
ATTACKING SUBMARINES.//

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PRIORITY

FROM COMNAVCENT

TO [ship name]

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MSGID/OPERATIONS TASKING/COMNAVCENT//

SUBJ/MISSION ASSIGNMENT//

RMKS/1. AREA ASSIGNMENT. TRANSIT THE STRAIT OF HORMUZ SUBMERGED  
AND OPERATE WITHIN THE PERSIAN GULF UNTIL RECEIPT OF FURTHER  
TASKING.

2. MISSION. PROTECTION OF ALLIED-FLAGGED COMMERCIAL SHIPPING.

3. COMMAND. COMNAVCENT RETAINS OPERATIONAL COMMAND.

4. RULES OF ENGAGEMENT. PEACETIME ROE ARE IN EFFECT, BUT YOU MAY  
ATTACK ANY UNIT THAT ATTACKS AN ALLIED-FLAGGED SHIP.

5. OTHER. RECENTLY PURCHASED KILO SUBMARINES ARE LIKELY TO MAKE  
NON-ATTRIBUTABLE ATTACKS ON COMMERCIAL SHIPPING TO EMBARRASS THE  
US.//

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FROM COMNAVCENT

TO [ship name]

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MSGID/INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT/COMNAVCENT//

SUBJ/LOCATING DATA//

RMKS/1. AT 0730, TANKER WAS AT 26-40N, 056-35E.

2. TANKER MAKING GOOD COURSE 153, SPEED 5.//

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OOB:

US Forces: 1x 688i Class Submarine

AI Neutral: At least 1x Tanker

OPFOR:

2x Kilo SSK

Biologics are a must, but exacts at builder's discretion