

Mission #4: Crush the Cartel

Interdiction of Drug Ships (Colombia)

SITUATION: Despite the loss of the Cuban factories, the Colombian drug cartel is still in operation. The Colombian Government is unable to stem the flow of drugs from the country since the Hasquez cartel is too strong and the Colombian officials fear retaliation. They cannot formally request US assistance or allow US Navy or Coast Guard vessels to stop and search these vessels or formally request assistance from their navy. They have quietly appealed to the United States to help them eliminate the smugglers.

MISSION: Proceed via 18N,080W and 12N,075W to conduct surveillance of the port of Barranquilla and interdiction of identified drug ships.

You have been ordered to seek out and sink the ships named in the intelligence reports provided by the SEALs. Confirm identifications visually before attacking. Colombian Navy warships can be expected to react to your attacks by attempting to detect and attack you: they do not know that some of the ships they are protecting are cartel controlled or that you are a US Submarine operating with the tacit approval of the Colombian government. Your attacks must be carried out in international waters, but you have permission to enter Colombian territorial waters to search for and identify targets before they disperse. Remain undetected when inside foreign territorial waters; remain unidentified in international waters. Plausible deniability must be maintained. Use no missiles. Though friendly, the escort vessels may attack if they detect you.

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IMMEDIATE

FROM CTF21
TO [ship name]

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SUBJ/LOCATING DATA//

RMKS/1. SHIPS CARRYING DRUG SHIPMENTS HAVE BEEN POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED AS CONTAINER SHIPS, BOTH LOCATED WITHIN THE HARBOR VICINITY OF 10-55N, 074-25W.

2. A COASTAL PATROL IS CURRENTLY TO THE EAST OF THE HARBOR, PATROLLING TOWARD THE WEST. A MISSILE PATROL BOAT IS NORTH OF THE HARBOR, AND A FRIGATE IS PATROLLING TO THE NORTHWEST.
3. SOME FISHING ACTIVITY, PLEASURE BOATS, AND COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC WILL BE ENCOUNTERED.
4. TO AVOID INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT, POSITIVELY IDENTIFY THE CONTAINER SHIPS AND DESTROY THEM IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS.//

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PRIORITY

FROM CTF 21
TO [ship name]

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SUBJ/MISSION ASSIGNMENT//

- RMKS/1. AREA ASSIGNMENT. OPERATE IN THE WATERS BOUNDED BY LAT 13N, LONG 073-30W, LONG 075-30W, AND THE COLOMBIAN COAST.
2. MISSION. IDENTIFY DRUG-CARRYING VESSELS, TRACK THEM, AND DESTROY THEM IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS.
 3. COMMAND. CTF 21 RETAINS OPERATIONAL CONTROL.
 4. RULES OF ENGAGEMENT. DO NOT ATTACK VESSELS OF THE COLOMBIAN NAVY EVEN IN SELF-DEFENSE.
 5. OTHER. GOV'T OF COLOMBIA HAS REQUESTED US ASSISTANCE IN STEMMING THE FLOW OF DRUGS BUT WILL NOT PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGE THIS. COLOMBIAN VESSELS ESCORTING THE CIVILIAN SHIPS ARE NOT AWARE OF YOUR PRESENCE AND MAY ACT TO DEFEND THE CIVILIAN VESSELS.//

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FROM CTF 21
TO [ship name]

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SUBJ/NEW LAUNCH TARGET//

RMKS/1. CONTAINER SHIP DETECTED BY RADAR SATELITE AT 11-19N, 074-24W
AT LOCAL TIME 07:00.//

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FROM CTF 21

TO [ship name]

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SUBJ/NEW LAUNCH TARGET//

RMKS/1. CONTAINER SHIP DETECTED BY RADAR SATELITE AT 11-20N, 074-17W
AT LOCAL TIME 07:00.//

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OOB:

US Forces: 1x 688i Class Submarine

OPFOR:

2x Container Ships

2x Almirante Padilla-class frigates (Colombian FS 1500 German Frigates)

Biologics are a must, up to builder for specifics.