

AIRCRAFT

15	A-6 & A-7	Coral Sea & America Carrier Battle Groups
18	F-111F	RAF Lakenheath
3	EF-111	RAF Upper Heyford
12	KC-10	RAF Mildenhall
9	KC-135	" "
5	KC-10	RAF Fairford
4	KC-135	" "

LIBYA AIRSTRIKES - 14 APRIL 1986

MUNITIONS EXPENDED

F-111F strike aircraft:

2000-pound laser-guided bombs

500-pound high drag, gravity bombs

A-6E strike aircraft:

500-pound gravity bombs

750-pound gravity bombs

A-7 and F/A-18 SAM suppression aircraft:

HARM missiles

SHRIKE missiles

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Data on Aircraft Aborts

KC-10/KC-135 Tanker Support Aircraft

No aborts

EF-111 ECM Aircraft

No aborts

A-7 and F/A-18 SAM Suppression Aircraft

No aborts

F-111F Strike Aircraft

Five aborts*

3 - systems degradation

2 - cause not reported

A-6E Strike Aircraft

Two aborts*

- cause not reported

(*NOTE: Pilots were directed in advance to abort if any system was not working properly before they reached their assigned target areas.)

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CHRONOLOGY

US OPERATIONS AGAINST LIBYA

14 APRIL 1986

12:13 p.m. EST 28 KC-10/KC-135 commenced departure from RAF Fairford and RAF Mildenhall.

12:36 p.m. 24 F-111s commenced departure from RAF Lakenheath and 5 EF-111s sortied from RAF Heyford. Four silent refuelings conducted enroute the target area.

NOTE: The above totals include spare aircraft.

5:45-6:15 p.m. USS AMERICA launched 6 A-6E strike and 6 A-7 strike support aircraft.

5:20-6:20 p.m. USS CORAL SEA launched 8 A-6E strike and 6 F/A-18 strike support aircraft.

6:54 p.m. Commenced ECM with EF-111s and SAM supression with A-7s and F/A-18s.

7:00 p.m. Commenced simultaneous attacks on BENINA AIRFIELD and the BENGHAZI MILITARY BARRACKS with 12 A-6Es and the AZIZIYAH BARRACKS-Tripoli and the SIDI BILAL TERRORIST TRAINING CAMP with 8 F-111s.

7:06-7:11 p.m. 5 F-111s conducted an attack on the TRIPOLI MILITARY AIRPORT, the final target.

7:13 p.m. All Navy strike aircraft confirmed "feet wet" (i.e. over the ocean, away from the libyan land mass) Unabl to confirm all USAF aircraft "feet wet".

7:15 p.m. SAR Forces alerted to search for a possible missing aircraft.

7:46 p.m. CORAL SEA strike aircraft back on deck.

7:53 p.m. AMERICA strike and primary support aircraft back on deck.

8:14 p.m. First return refueling confirms 1 F-111 missing.

10:16 p.m. 1 F-111 returning to UK diverted to Rota, Spain with over-heated engine.

11:24 p.m. Diverted F-111 reported safe on deck at Rota.

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3:10 a.m. All aircraft (less the 1 F-111 reported missing and the diverted F-111 in Rota) reported safe on deck in the UK.

10:00 p.m. SAR effort terminated. Negative result.

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5:01 p.m. F-111 which had diverted to Spain returned to RAF

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AIRCRAFT STATISTICS

USAF Tanker Support Aircraft

28 KC-10s and KC-135s, launched from RAF Fairford and RAF Mildenhall. (The original plan had called for 30 but only 28 were needed and only 28 were used.)

USAF ECM Aircraft

5 EF-111s, launched from RAF Heyford. (Only three of these took part in the attack; one returned to Great Britain with the F-111F airborne spares cited below, and the other was held in reserve for use if needed.)

USAF Strike Aircraft

24 F-111Fs, launched from RAF Lakenheath. (Six of these were airborne spares which returned to base as planned, after their initial refueling. The other 18 continued on; 13 of these attacked targets as designated in the attached chronology and 5 aborted.)

USN Strike Aircraft

14 A-6Es, launched from the USS AMERICA (6 aircraft) and CORAL SEA (8 aircraft). (Twelve of these attacked targets as designated in the attached chronology and two aborted.)

USN SAM (Surface-to-Air Missile) Suppression Aircraft

12 A-7s and F/A-18s, launched from the USS AMERICA (6 A-7s) and USS CORAL SEA (6 F/A-18s). (All of these attacked targets as designated in the attached chronology.)

Talking Paper for the Chairman, JCS, for Information

I. SUBJECT: US Operations Against Libya

A. CHRONOLOGY (EST)

14 APRIL

- 1213 28 KC-10/KC-135 commenced departure from RAF Fairford and RAF Mildenhall.
- 1236 24 F-111s commenced departure from RAF Lakenheath and 5 EF-111s sortied from RAF Heyford. Four silent refuelings conducted enroute the target area.

NOTE: The above totals (28 and 24) include spare a/c.
- 1745-1815 USS AMERICA launched 6 A-6E and strike support a/c.
- 1750-1820 USS CORAL SEA launched 8 A-6E strike a/c.
- 1854 Commenced ECM/SAM supression.
- 1900 Commenced simultaneous attacks on BENINA AIRFIELD, the BENGHAZI MILITARY BARRACKS with 12 A-6Es and the AZIZIYAH BARRACKS-Tripoli and the SIDI BILAL TERRORIST TRAINING CAMP with 8 F-111s.
- 1906-1911 5 F-111s conducted an attack on the TRIPOLI MILITARY AIRPORT, the final target.
- 1913 All Navy strike a/c confirmed feet wet. Unable to confirm all USAF a/c feet wet.
- 1915 SAR Forces [REDACTED] alerted to search for a possible missing a/c .
- 2146 CORAL SEA strike a/c back on deck.
- 2153 AMERICA strike and primary support a/c back on deck
- 2014 First return refueling confirms 1 F-111 missing.
- 2216 1 F-111 returning to UK diverted to Rota, Spain with over-heated engine. RTB Lakenheath 161501 EST
- 2324 Diverted F-111 safe on deck at Rota.

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- 0310 All a/c (less the 1 F-111 reported missing and the diverted F-111 in Rota) safe on deck in the UK.
- 2200 SAR effort terminated. Negative results.

B. TARGET INFORMATION

BENINA AIRFIELD.

- TOT: 141900.
- Strike Information.
 - 8 aircraft launched from USS CORAL SEA 141750 (9 planned),
 - 6 arrived at target (5 with [REDACTED] CBU-59 (APAM) each) and 1 with [REDACTED] MK-82 each (500LB GP Bombs).
 - 2 aircraft aborted - reasons unknown.
- Damage reports.
 - 1 F-27 (Friendship) destroyed.
 - 1 MIG-23 (Flogger) destroyed.
 - 5 MIG-23 (Flogger) probably destroyed.
 - 20 bomb craters on apron.
 - 2 M-8 (Hip) helicopters destroyed.
 - 1 M-8 (Hip) helicopter possibly destroyed.
 - Numerous buildings with small holes in sides and roof.
 - 12 "burn marks" indicating that 12 additional MIG-23s (Flogger) were destroyed and subsequently removed. Two pieces of heavy lift equipment were in evidence.

BENGAZI MILITARY BARRACKS.

- TOT: 141900.
- 6 A-6Es launched from USS AMERICA at 141745 with [REDACTED] Mk-82s (500LB General Purpose Bomb) each.
- All aircraft on target.
- No aborts.
- Damage assessment.
 - Large storage building destroyed.
 - Some MIG-23 (Flogger) shipping crates destroyed.

AZIZIYAH BARRACKS, TRIPOLI.

- TOT: 141900.
- Strike information.
 - 9 aircraft launched from Lakenheath at 141236.
 - 5 arrived at target with [REDACTED] GBU-10's (2000LB Laser Guided Bomb) each.
 - 3 aircraft on target.
 - 1 aircraft dropped long.
 - 1 aircraft missing, crew remains in MIA status.
 - 4 aircraft aborted.
 - 2 aborts for systems degradation.
 - 1 abort prior to last refueling.
 - 1 abort after last refueling.
 - Damage reports.
 - Heavy damage to roof and front of headquarters building.
 - At least 14 craters in area.
 - Building across from French Embassy damaged.
 - No observable damage to French Embassy.
 - Battalion headquarters damaged.

. SIDI BILAL.

- TOT: 141900.
- Strike information.
 - 3 F-111s with [REDACTED] GBU-10s (2000LB Laser Guided Bomb) each launched from Lakenheath at 141236.
 - All aircraft on target.
 - No aborts.
 - Damage Assessment.
 - 3 buildings (Naval Academy) damaged.

TRIPOLI MILITARY AIRFIELD.

- TOT: 141906 - 141911.
- Strike information.
 - 6 F-111s launched from Lakenheath at 141236.
 - 5 arrived at target with [REDACTED] BSU-49s (500LB high drag bombs) each.
 - 1 acft aborted for loss of terrain following radar.
- Damage reports (preliminary).
 - All bombs on target.
 - At least 3 to 5 probable IL-76 aircraft destroyed.
 - Facility damage: To be determined. [REDACTED]

C. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION.

- Suppression of enemy air defense (SEAD).
 - HARM [REDACTED] (High-Speed Anti-Radiation Missile)
 - Tripoli targets: [REDACTED]
 - Benina targets: [REDACTED]
 - SHRIKE [REDACTED]
 - Tripoli targets: [REDACTED]
 - Benina targets: [REDACTED]
- LIBYAN SCUD FIRING.
 - At 151034, Libyans apparently fired 2 SCUD missiles at Lampedusa island (south of Sicily).
 - Island is the location of a long range area navigation (LORAN) station operated by approximately 35 US Coast Guard personnel.
 - Evacuation of 30 USCG personnel is complete with a skeleton crew of 5 USCG personnel remaining.

D. FORCES

- USS CORAL SEA CVBG.
 - USS CORAL SEA (CV).
 - USS BIDDLE (CG).
 - USS DE WERT (FFG).
 - USS WILLIAMS (FFG).
 - USS J.L. BROWN (FF).
 - USS CAPADANO (FF).
 - CARRIER AIR WING 13.

- USS AMERICA CVBG.
 - USS AMERICA (CV).
 - USS TICONDEROGA (CG/AEGIS).
 - USS DALE (CG).
 - USS FARRAGUT (DDG).
 - USS KING (DDG).
 - USS HALYBURTON (FFG).
 - USS ALYWIN (FF).
 - USS PHARRIS (FF).
 - USS VREELAND (FF).
 - USS PETERSON (DD).
 - CARRIER AIR WING 1.

- 48th TAC Fighter Wing (Lakenheath).
 - F-111 (24).

- 20th TAC Fighter Wing (Upper Heyford).
 - EF-111 (5).

- Tanker Task Force (Fairford/Mildenhall).
 - KC-10 (19).
 - KC-135 (9).

E. PERSONNEL IDENTIFICATION

- PILOT: CAPT. FERNANDO L. RIBAS-DOMINICCI
- WEAPONS OFFICER: CAPT. PAUL F. LORENCE
- NOK notified by USAF.

APPROVED BY _____ DIRECTOR, J-3

DIRECTOR, JOINT STAFF

Prepared by: _____

STRIKE FORCES

U. S. NAVY:

USS CORAL SEA - NORFOLK, VA

USS BIDDLE (CG-34)
USS DE WERT (FFG-45)
USS WILLIAMS (FFG-24)
USS J.L. BROWN (FF-1089)
USS CAPADANO (FF-1093)

CARRIER AIR WING - 13

F/A-18 VFA 131/132 VMFA 314/323
A-6E VA 55
KA-6D
E-2C VAW 127
EA-6B VAQ 135
SH-3 HS-17

USS AMERICA - NORFOLK, VA

USS TICONDEROGA (CG-47 AEGIS)
USS DALE (CG-19)
USS FARRAGUT (DDG-37)
USS KING (DDG-41)
USS HALYBURTON (FFG-40)
USS ALYWIN (FF-1081)
USS PHARRIS (FF-1094)
USS VREELAND (FF-1068)
USS PETERSON (DD-969)

CARRIER AIR WING - 1

F-14 VF 102/33
A-7 VA 46/47
A-6E VA 34
KA-6D
E-2C VAW 123
EA-6B VMAQ 2
S-3A VS 11
SH-3 HS 32

U. S. AIR FORCE: 3RD AF IN USAFE

	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>HOME BASE</u>	<u>LAUNCH BASES</u>
F-111	48 TAC FTR WING	RAF LAKENHEATH	RAF LAKENHEATH
EF-111	20 TAC FTR WING	RAF UPPER HEYFORD	RAF UPPER HEYFOR
KC-10 & KC-135	STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND - (EUROPEAN TANKER TASK FORCE)		RAF FAIRFORD & RAF MILDENHALL

OJCS SUMMARY SHEET

TO: J-30	CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED	FOR USE BY ORIGINATOR
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REMARKS

1. The attached proposed Talking Paper was prepared to provide a summary of the JCS SITREPs for use by CJCS for information.
2. Request approval and signature on attached proposed Talking Paper.

Attachment
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ACTION OFFICER	COORDINATION/APPROVAL					
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Talking Paper for the Chairman, JCS, for Information

I. SUBJECT: 14 April US Strike Against Libya

A. Forces:

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 - CARRIER AIR WING 13.

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- 48th TAC Fighter Wing (Lakenheath).
 - F-111 (24).

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 - EF-111 (5).

- Tanker Task Force (Fairford/Mildenhall).
 - KC-10 (20) includes SR-71 support.
 - KC-135 (22) includes SR-71 support.

B. Launch times.

- USAF: 141236.
- USS CORAL SEA (CVW-13): 141750.
- USS AMERICA (CVW-1): 141745.

C. Tripoli Military Airfield.

- TOT: 141906 - 141911.
- Strike information.
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- Damage reports (preliminary).
 - All bombs on target.
 - At least 3 to 5 probable IL-76 aircraft destroyed.
 - Facility damage: To be determined. Heavy cloud cover precludes further damage assessment.

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E. Aziziyah Barracks, Tripoli.

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 - Building across from French Embassy damaged.
 - No observable damage to French Embassy.
 - Battalion headquarters damaged.

F. Benghazi Military Barracks.

- TOT: 141900.
- 6 A-6Es launched from USS AMERICA at 141745 with 16 Mk-82s (500LB General Purpose Bomb) each.
- All aircraft on target.
- No aborts.
- Damage assessment (preliminary).
 - Large storage building destroyed.
 - Some MiG-23 (Flogger) shipping crates destroyed.

G. Sidi Bilal.

- TOT: 141900.
- Strike information.
 - 3 F-111s with GBU-10s (2000LB Laser Guided Bomb) each launched from Lakenheath at 141236.
 - All aircraft at target.
 - No aborts.
 - Damage Assessment (preliminary).
 - 3 buildings (Naval Academy) damaged.

H. Miscellaneous information.

- Suppression of enemy air defense (SEAD).
 - HARM [REDACTED]
 - Tripoli targets: [REDACTED]
 - Benina targets: [REDACTED]
 - SHRIKE [REDACTED]
 - Tripoli targets: [REDACTED]
 - Benina targets: [REDACTED]

- Recovery.

-- F-111 diverted to Rota, SP, for mechanical problems. It was escorted by an additional F-111. The escort rejoined the tanker and returned to Lakenheath. The divert aircraft is in a hangar awaiting repair.

-- 150310: USAF aircraft completed recovery.

- SAR.

-- Terminated 151745.

-- Forces:

- Libyan SCUD firing.

-- At 151034, Libyans apparently fired 2 SCUD missiles at Lampedusa island (south of Sicily).

-- Island is the location of a long range area navigation (LORAN) station operated by approximately 35 US Coast Guard personnel.

-- Evacuation of 30 USCG personnel is complete with a skeleton crew of 5 USCG personnel remaining.

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DIRECTOR, J-3

DIRECTOR, JOINT STAFF

Prepared by: _____

CLASSIFICATION

- 1. The attached proposed message conveys a "Well Done" to the operational forces involved in the self-defense actions against Libya.
- 2. Request approval and signature on the attached proposed message.

Attachment
a/s

ACTION OFFICER	COORDINATION/APPROVAL					
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CTG SIX ZERO PT TWO
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20 TFW RAF UPPER HEYFORD UK//CC//
7 AD RAMSTEIN AB GE//CC//
48 TFW RAF LAKENHEATH UK//CC//
USS AMERICA
USS CORAL SEA
306 STRAT WING RAF MILDENHALL UK//CC//
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SUBJ: WELL DONE

ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT, CONGRATULATIONS ON A SUPERB JOB IN THE US SELF-DEFENSE ACTIONS AGAINST LIBYA. THE PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF THIS OPERATION WERE EXEMPLARY, DEMONSTRATING FIRM AMERICAN RESOLVE TO RETALIATE AGAINST ANY ACT OF TERRORISM. EACH OF YOU SHOULD BE JUSTIFIABLY PROUD OF YOUR INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTION. YOUR EFFORTS HAVE SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED AMERICAN POLICY TO COUNTER TERRORISM, AND THE NATION IS PROUD. MAY I ADD MY PERSONAL THANKS TO THOSE OF THE PRESIDENT FOR A SUCCESSFUL OPERATION AND A JOB WELL DONE. WARMEST REGARDS, ADMIRAL WILLIAM J. CROWE, JR., CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
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TO USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GE//ECJ3//
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CINCUSAFE RAMSTEIN AB GE

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SUBJ: OPERATION PRAIRIE FIRE - REQUEST FOR FINAL ROE (U)
REF: A. JCS 282228Z DEC 85
B. JCS 312234Z DEC 85

[REDACTED]

2. (TS) REF A AND B OUTLINED ROE FOR PLANNING PURPOSES. REQUEST
FINAL CONSOLIDATED ROE FOR PRAIRIE FIRE EXECUTION BE SUBMITTED FOR
CONSIDERATION NLT 291200Z JAN 86.

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+++++IMMEDIATE DELIVERY REQUIRED+++++

ACTION J3-JOD CODEWORD OFFICER (15) (M)
INFO DIRECTOR J-3 (1) DIRECTOR JOINT STAFF (1)
NMCC DEP DIR OPS (1) CJCS CODEWORD OFFICER (2)

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CINCUSNAVEUR LONDON UK

SUBJ: OPERATION PRAIRIE FIRE-ADDITIONAL TASKING (U)
REF: JCS 312234Z DEC 85

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2. (TS) WE HAVE BEEN TASKED BY THE NCA TO CONDUCT ADDITIONAL PLANNING IN CONJUNCTION WITH REF. ACCORDINGLY, AS AN ADDITIONAL MISSION PARA 4, REF, CONDUCT DETAILED PLANNING AND BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION OPERATIONS (AIR AND SURFACE) IN THE GULF OF SIDRA SOUTH OF 32-30N.
3. (TS) FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, ASSUME THE ADDITIONAL FORCE TO BE UTILIZED IS THE SARATOGA CVBG.
4. (TS) REQUEST NOT LATER THAN 091400Z JAN 86, CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS INCLUDING TIME LINE TO EXECUTE ONCE THE SARATOGA CVBG ENTERS THE MED, WITH DETAILED PLANNING TO FOLLOW. OPSEC IS PARAMOUNT.

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ACTION J3-JOD CODEWORD OFFICER (15) (M)
INFO DIRECTOR J-3 (1) DIRECTOR JOINT STAFF (1)
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u USCINCEUR VAHINGEN GE

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SUBJ: FON CHALLENGE (S) (u)

u 1. (TS) TO FULLY ADDRESS ALL OPTIONS FOR A FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION CHALLENGE OF LIBYAN CLAIMS, REQUEST SOONEST YOUR RISK AND FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENTS OF: A) OPERATIONS IN THE FIR AND B) LIMITED OPERATIONS, DAY AND NIGHT, SOUTH OF 3230 NORTH USING ONLY TWO CVBGS FOR EITHER.

u 2. (TS) ADDITIONALLY, YOU SHOULD BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT STRIKES AGAINST THE FIRST FOUR PRIORITY TARGETS PLANNED UNDER PRAIRIE FIRE NOT LATER THAN 48 HOURS AFTER RECEIPT OF AN EXECUTE ORDER.
WARMEST REGARDS

[REDACTED]
DECL OADR BT

+++++IMMEDIATE DELIVERY REQUIRED+++++

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INFO DIRECTOR J-3 (1) DIRECTOR JOINT STAFF (1)
J3-JOD CODEWORD OFFICER (15) NMCC DEP DIR OPS (1)

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u DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
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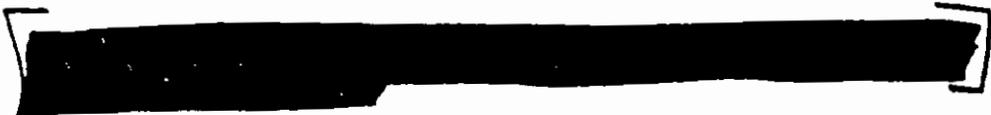
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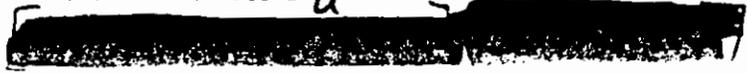
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SUBJ: PRAIRIE FIRE PLANNING (U)
BE ADVISED THAT ON 11 JAN 86 EUCOM WAS TASKED TO BE PREPARED TO
CONDUCT STRIKES AGAINST THE FIRST FOUR PRIORITY TARGETS PLANNED
UNDER PRAIRIE FIRE NOT LATER THAN 48 HOURS AFTER RECEIPT OF AN
EXECUTE ORDER.

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ACTION J3-JOD CODEWORD OFFICER (15) (M.C)
INFO DIRECTOR J-3(1) DIRECTOR JOINT STAFF (1)
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SUBJ: ATTAIN DOCUMENT--ROE CLARIFICATION (S) ^M

REF: USCINCEUR 191935Z JAN 86

- 1. (S) REF MSG MOST APRECIATED AND WAS VERY HELPFUL TO SECDEF AND JCS AS THE DECISION CONCERNING EXECUTION APPROACHES.
- 2. (S) IN ORDER TO INSURE WE HAVE PROVIDED YOU EVERYTHING YOU NEED ON ROE, REQUEST ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON FOLLOWING:
 - A. (S) WHICH SUPPLEMENTAL ROE, IF ANY, ARE DESIRED FOR PRESENCE OPS (SURFACE COMBATANTS AND AIR) IN THE FIR NORTH OF 32-30N.
 - B. (S) WHICH SUPPLEMENTAL ROE ARE DESIRED FOR FOW OPS (SURFACE COMBATANT AND AIR) SOUTH OF 32-30N.
 - C. (S) IF SUPPLEMENTAL ROE ARE AUTHORIZED TO WHAT LEVEL OF COMMAND WILL THE SUPPLEMENTAL ROE, BY ROE ITEM NUMBER, BE SUB-DELEGATED.
- 3. (S) REGRET SHORT FUSE, BUT REQUIRE RESOLUTION ASAP IN ORDER TO APPROVE PRESENCE OPERATIONS COMMENCING AT 240001Z JAN 86.

DECL OADR BT

[REDACTED]

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*****CLERK/DUTY OFFICER*****
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OUTSIDE OF THE ENVELOPE *****

ACTION TERM SVC (1) CJCS CODEWORD OFFICER (2) (M,C)
INFO DIRECTOR J-3 (1) DIRECTOR JOINT STAFF (1)
J3-JOD CODEWORD OFFICER (15) NMCC DEP DIR OPS (1)

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
JCS MESSAGE CENTER

IMMEDIATE
O 220144Z JAN 86 ZFF4
FM JCS WASHINGTON DC//CJCS//
TO USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GE
INFO USCINCLANT NORFOLK VA
USCINCPAC HONOLULU HI
DIRNSA FT GEORGE G MEADE MD
USNMR SHAPE BE
CINCUSAFE RAMSTEIN AB GE

ZYUW RUEKJCS9238 0220144

USCINCCENT MACDILL AFB FL
CINCSAC OFFUTT AFB NE
DIA WASHINGTON DC
CINCUSNAVEUR LONDON UK
COMSIXTHFLT

[REDACTED]

SUBJ: OPERATION ATTAIN DOCUMENT (U)

REF: USCINCEUR 191930Z JAN 86

1. ~~(S)~~ AS RESULT OF JCS MEETING TODAY, BE PREPARED TO EXECUTE PRESENCE OPS (REF MSG) NOT EARLIER THAN 240001Z JAN 86.
2. ~~(S)~~ FOR USCINCEUR: REQUEST YOU IMMEDIATELY FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONDUCT FLIGHT OPERATIONS IN THE TRIPOLI FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION COMMENCING AT 240001Z JAN 86 FOR A PERIOD OF SEVEN DAYS AND BE PREPARED TO EXECUTE PRESENCE OPERATIONS COMMENCING 240001Z JAN.

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J3-JRC CODEWORD OFFICER (1) DIRECTOR J-3 (1)
DIRECTOR JOINT STAFF (1) J3-JOD CODEWORD OFFICER (15)
NMCC DEP DIR OPS (1)

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Z 240024Z JAN 86

FM JCS WASHINGTON DC//DJS/PA//

TO USCINCEUR VAHINGEN GE

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CTG SIX ZERO PT ONE

USCINCCENT MACDILL AFB FL

CINCSAC OFFUTT AFB NE

DIA WASHINGTON DC

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CTF SIX ZERO

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SUBJ: PUBLIC AFFAIRS PLAN FOR PRESENCE OPERATIONS *674*

REFS: A. CINCUSNAVEUR 231157Z JAN 86

B. USCINCEUR 231728Z JAN 86

1. (U) THIS IS A OASD(PA)/OJCS COORDINATED MESSAGE.

2. (U) REF A, AS MODIFIED BY REF B, IS APPROVED WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:

A. (U) CHANGE THE NOTE FOLLOWING STATEMENT, IN PARA 2C TO READ, QUOTE NOTE: IN THE EVENT OF HOSTILE REACTION BY LIBYAN FORCES AND/OR RESPONSE BY US FORCES, PROPOSED STATEMENT AND SUPPORTING QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WILL BE FORWARDED SEPARATELY ASAP. UNQUOTE.

B. (U) DELETE FROM A4: (OR YES AS APPROPRIATE)

C. (U) DELETE PARAGRAPH 4.

3. (U) PROPOSED STATEMENT AND Q'S AND A'S IN REFS A AND B, AS MODIFIED ABOVE, ARE DECLASSIFIED ON RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE AND ARE AUTHORIZED FOR USE IN RESPONSE TO MEDIA QUERIES. QUERIES SHOULD BE ANSWERED AT THE LOWEST POSSIBLE LEVEL. PARAGRAPH 4 REF A REMAINS CLASSIFIED TOP SECRET AND PROTECTED WITHIN THE ██████████ SYSTEM.

4. *674* REQUEST YOU PROVIDE ASAP EXPANDED Q AND A'S ELABORATING ON PARA 4 REF A TO COVER POSSIBLE FUTURE OPERATIONS.

DECL OADR BT

+++++IMMEDIATE DELIVERY REQUIRED+++++

ACTION DIRECTOR JOINT STAFF (1) (M)
INFO DIA JSJ CODEWORD OFFICER (2) NMIC TEAM CHIEF (1)
DIRECTOR J-3 (1) J3-JRC CODEWORD OFFICER (1)
J3-JOD CODEWORD OFFICER (15) NMCC DEP DIR OPS (1)
CJCS CODEWORD OFFICER (2)

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
JCS MESSAGE CENTER

CONF. NUMBER 13

IMMEDIATE

ZYUW RUEKJCS4162 0382249

O 072249Z FEB 86

FM JCS WASHINGTON DC//DJS-PA//

TO USCINCEUR VAHINGEN GE//ECPAO//

INFO SECDEF WASHINGTON DC//OASD-PA/DPL//

CND WASHINGTON DC

USCINCLANT NORFOLK VA

USNMR SHAPE BE

CINCUSNAVEUR LONDON UK//PA//

COMSIXTHFLT

SUBJ: PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE: ATTAIN DOCUMENT (AD) (U)

REFS: A. CINCUSNAVEUR 051032Z FEB 86 (PASEP)

B. USCINCEUR 061605Z FEB 86 (PASEP)

C. SECDEF 051225Z FEB 86 (NOTAL)

1. [REDACTED]

2. ~~1st~~ REFS A AND B PROVIDED PROPOSED PA GUIDANCE FOR AD 11 AND 111. UPON EXECUTION, Q'S AND A'S IN REF A ARE APPROVED FOR USE IN RESPONSE TO MEDIA QUERY ONLY, WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:

A. DELETE A3B. CHANGE A3A TO READ A-3 PROPOSE FOLLOWING RESPONSE FOR OPS NORTH OR SOUTH OF 32-30 NORTH: THE US WILL BE (HAS BEEN) CONDUCTING OPERATIONS IN THE TRIPOLI FIR IN INTERNATIONAL AIRSPACE OVER INTERNATIONAL WATERS. WE ARE NOT DISCUSSING SPECIFICS OF OUR OPERATION WITHIN THE FIR. (FYI--OUR INFORMATION POLICY IN CASE OF AN INCIDENT WOULD BE TO INCLUDE APPROXIMATE LOCATION, EVEN IF SOUTH OF 32-30).

B. USCINCEUR PAD PROVIDE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS 6, 10, 11, 12 AND 13 AS APPROPRIATE.

C. IN QUESTIONS 10, 15, AND 18 DELETE GULF OF SIDRA AND REPLACE WITH TRIPOLI FIR.

D. QUESTION 23 SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS: CAN YOU PROVIDE A LISTING OF THE OPERATIONS IN THE FIR SINCE 1981?

3. ~~2nd~~ WHILE CURRENT POLICY REMAINS PASSIVE RESPOND TO QUERY ONLY, YOU SHOULD BE AWARE A MORE PRO-ACTIVE PUBLIC AFFAIRS POLICY IS BEING DISCUSSED WITHIN DOD FOR AD. AS A RESULT, YOU MAY WANT TO BEGIN PLANNING FOR SHORT-NOTICE TASKING FOR MORE ACTIVE MEASURES, SUCH AS, P-3 MEDIA EMBARK OR CV MEDIA EMBARK.

4. (U) FOR ALCON. PER REFS A AND B, CHANGE A-11 TO REF C TO READ IN OCTOBER 1984, USS INDEPENDENCE, USS AMERICA AND USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER WERE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AT THE SAME TIME.

5. (U) THIS IS A JCS/DOD COORDINATED MESSAGE.

DECLAS: OADR BT BT

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SECRETARY OF DEFENSE NOTE MSG ADDRESSED TO PA/PLEASE PASS
IF APPROPRIATE

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INFO DIRECTOR J-3 (1) DIRECTOR JOINT STAFF (1)
NMCC DEP DIR OPS (1) CJCS CODEWORD OFFICER (2)
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (1)

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10-14 FEB

ATTAIN DOCUMENT II OPS CENT MED

CORAL SEA AND SARATOGA

15-18 FEB
17-20 FEB

INPORT ALEXANDRIA
INPORT TRIESTE

CORAL SEA
SARATOGA

19-23 FEB
20-25 FEB

EAST/CENT MED TRANSIT/PHIBLEX
OPS/TRANSIT CENT/WEST MED

CORAL SEA
SARATOGA

24-27 FEB
26 FEB- 7 MAR

INPORT NAPLES
INPORT PALMA

CORAL SEA
SARATOGA

28 FEB- 2 MAR
3- 9 MAR
10-20 MAR

OPS CENT MED
INPORT MONACO
OPS WEST MED
(11-12 DATEX WITH FRANCE)
(12-23 EXERCISE SARDINA-86* WITH ITALY)
(13-14 US-ONLY MISSILE EXERCISE)

CORAL SEA
CORAL SEA
CORAL SEA

7-17 MAR
23-30 MAR

SARATOGA SCHED NOT YET FIRM (NAVEUR ADDING TO SARDINA-86)
CORAL SEA SCHED NOT YET FIRM

23- MAR

PROPOSED THREE CVBG FON

CORAL SEA, SARATOGA, AMERICA

*NOTE: WORKUP WITH THREE CVBGs PRIOR TO PROPOSED FON OPS WILL REQUIRE
MODIFICATION (CANCELLATION OF ALL OR PORTIONS) OF SARDINA-86

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10-14 FEB

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
JCS MESSAGE CENTER

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IMMEDIATE
O 081529Z MAR 86
FM JCS WASHINGTON DC
TO USCINCEUR VAHINGEN GE//J3//
INFO USNMR SHAPE BE
CINCUSNAVEUR LONDON UK

ZYUW RUEKJCS2206 0671537

USCINCLANT NORFOLK VA

[REDACTED]
SUBJ: DUTCHOP SARATOGA BG (U)
REF: USCINCEUR/J3 211236Z FEB 86
(U) REFERENCED PROPOSAL IS APPROVED FOR PLANNING.

DECL OADR BT

+++++IMMEDIATE DELIVERY REQUIRED+++++

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INFO DIRECTOR J-3 (1) DIRECTOR JOINT STAFF (1)
NMCC DEP DIR OPS (1) CJCS CODEWORD OFFICER (2)

OJCS SUMMARY SHEET

TO: J-30	CLASSIFICATION [REDACTED]	FOR USE BY ORIGINATOR
SUBJECT: Changed SITREP Times - ATTAIN DOCUMENT III ^u SECRET		FOR USE BY OJCS ONLY
		DJIRM NO
		DJIRM DATE
		ACTION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVAL
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SIGNATURE
		<input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION

REMARKS

- ^u ~~SECRET~~ The attached proposed message approves USCINCEUR's request* to change the reporting times for the SITREPs for ATTAIN DOCUMENT III that were established in our ATTAIN DOCUMENT III Execute Order**.
- ^u ~~SECRET~~ These new times are as follows:
 - First SITREP arrives NLT 220900Z Mar 86 (0400EST) for the 24 hour period 210400Z to 220400Z with projections for 220400Z to 230400Z.
 - Next SITREP arrives NLT 222100Z (1600EST) for the 12 hour period 220400Z to 221600Z with projections for 230400Z to 231600Z.
 - Next SITREP arrives NLT 230900Z for 221600Z to 230400Z with projections for 231600Z to 240400Z.
 - Subsequent SITREPs arrive 0900Z and 2100Z.

3. (U) Recommend J-3 approve and sign the attached message.

Attachments
a/s

References
* Telecon USCINCEUR [REDACTED] 18 Mar 86
** JCS 150027Z MAR 86 (Execute Order)

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Declassify on OADR

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ACTION OFFICER	OFFICE	COORDINATION	
	BC/C	EXTENSION	OFFICER
	CJOD	50423	EXTENSION
	J3SE		EXTENSION
	J-33		J-33
DATE OF PREPARATION 18 MAR 1986	CLASSIFICATION [REDACTED]		

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
JCS MESSAGE CENTER

PRIORITY

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P 182229Z MAR 86

FM JCS WASHINGTON DC//J3//

TO USCINCLANT NORFOLK VA
USCINCEUR VAHINGEN GE
USCINCPAC HONOLULU HI
CINCSAC OFFUTT AFB NE
DIA WASHINGTON DC

USCINCENT MACDILL AFB FL
CINCMAC SCOTT AFB IL
USCINCRD MACDILL AFB FL
DIRNSA FT GEORGE G MEADE MD

INFO USNMR SHAPE BE
CINCUSAFE RAMSTEIN AB GE

CINCUSNAVEUR LONDON UK
COMSIXTHFLT

SUBJ: CHANGED SITREP TIMES - ATTAIN DOCUMENT III
REFS: A. TELECON USCINCEUR [REDACTED] 18 MAR 86.

- 1. [TS] REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS IN PARA 5 OF ATTAIN DOCUMENT III EXECUTE ORDER ARE CHANGED AS FOLLOWS: THE FIRST SITREP WILL ARRIVE NLT 220900Z MAR 86 FOR THE 24 HOUR PERIOD FROM 210400Z TO 220400Z WITH PROJECTIONS FOR 220400Z TO 230400Z. THE NEXT SITREP WILL ARRIVE NLT 222100Z FOR THE 12 HOUR PERIOD 220400Z TO 221600Z WITH PROJECTIONS FOR 230400Z TO 231600Z. THE NEXT SITREP WILL ARRIVE NLT 230900Z FOR THE 12 HOUR PERIOD 231600Z TO 240400Z. SUBSEQUENT SITREPS WILL ARRIVE NLT 0900Z AND NLT 2100Z AS ABOVE.
- 2. [TS] THE CONTENT DESCRIBED IN REF MSG PARA 5 A THROUGH 5 H REMAIN UNCHANGED.

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CJCS CODEWORD OFFICER (2) NMIC TEAM CHIEF (1)

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DESTROY WHEN NO LONGER NEEDED

^u
[TS] Background Paper for the Chairman, JCS, concerning USEUCOM NOI filing for operations in the Tripoli FIR.

I. (U) SUBJECT. USEUCOM Notice of Intent (NOI) Status (U)

II. (U) MAJOR POINTS

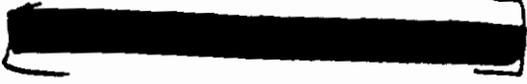
- A. ^u[TS] Tripoli FIR NOIs were filed as follows:
 - 22 Jan for 24 - 31 Jan ATTAIN DOCUMENT I ops. (Tab A)
 - 10 Feb for 12 - 15 Feb ATTAIN DOCUMENT IIA ops. (Tab B)
 - 28 Feb for 01 - 04 Mar ATTAIN DOCUMENT IIB ops but flights not conducted. (Tab C)
- B. ^u[TS] Flight ops were conducted 12 March with SARATOGA aircraft from WMED but no NOI was filed.
- C. ^u[TS] NOI is filed (Copy not yet available) for flight ops in FIR 13 Mar but these ops will not be conducted.
- D. ^u[TS] NOI will be filed 14 Mar for 151200Z - 162359Z Mar 86. Actual flight ops (CORAL SEA aircraft) will be conducted 15 -20 Mar.
- E. ^u[TS] NOI will be filed 17 Mar for 19 - 20 Mar ops in FIR (CORAL SEA aircraft).
- F. ^u[TS] NOI will be filed 19 Mar for flight ops (Helos) for 201200Z - 211200Z Mar.
- G. ^u[TS] NOI will not be filed for the 3 CVBG TACAIR flights in FIR 21 - 22 Mar unless the 10 day NOI for ATTAIN DOCUMENT III is directed. NOI for 23 Mar and beyond is being staffed.

APPROVED BY _____ DIRECTOR, J-3

DIRECTOR, JOINT STAFF

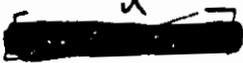
Prepared by: 

- Attachments
- TAB A--NAS SIGONELLA 220310Z JAN 86
 - TAB B--NAS SIGONELLA 100001Z FEB 86
 - TAB C--NAS SIGONELLA 280804Z FEB 86



INTERNAL STAFF PAPER
RELEASE COVERED BY JCS MOP 39

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(U) Background Paper for the Chairman, JCS, concerning ATTAIN DOCUMENT IIB Notice of Intent (NOI).

I. (U) SUBJECT. NAS SIGONELLA NOI 280804Z FEB 86 (U)

II. (U) MAJOR POINTS

A. [TS] ATTAIN DOCUMENT IIB operations in the Tripoli FIR were originally planned for the period of 1 to 4 March 1986. The USCINCEUR Concept of Operations for ATTAIN DOCUMENT IIB was briefed to the Joint Chiefs of Staff 25 February 1986 in anticipation of approval for the Execute Order. The Concept of Operations included the filing of an NOI 48 hours in advance of flight operations. If the Execute Order had been approved, the NOI would have been filed NLT 262359Z for operations 1 to 4 March 1986 as planned.

B. [TS] The result of the 25 February ATTAIN DOCUMENT IIB briefing was the 27 February request to SecDef (Tab A) for cancellation of the planned 1 to 4 March operations. Upon a favorable reply from SecDef on 28 February the ATTAIN DOCUMENT IIB cancellation order was transmitted at 280015Z FEB 86. (Tab B)

C. [TS] CTF-60 in anticipation of conducting ATTAIN DOCUMENT IIB operations filed a pro-forma NOI 280445Z FEB 86, which was transmitted into ICAO channels by NAS SIGNONELLA at 280804Z FEB 86 (TAB C). Upon receipt of the cancellation 28 Feb, planned flight operations in the Tripoli FIR were not conducted and both CORAL SEA and SARATOGA proceeded to port calls in Naples, IT and Malaga, SP respectively.

APPROVED BY _____ DIRECTOR, J-3

DIRECTOR, JOINT STAFF

Prepared by:

[REDACTED]

Attachments

TAB A--CM-182-86 27 Feb 86 "Mediterranean Operations (U)

TAB B--JCS 280015Z FEB 86

TAB C--NAS SIGONELLA 280804Z Feb 86

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
JCS MESSAGE CENTER

IMMEDIATE
O 192052Z MAR 86
FM JCS WASHINGTON DC//J3/C3S//
TO USCINCRD MACDILL AFB FL
INFO USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GE

ZYUW RUEKJCS5110 0782052

JCSE MACDILL AFB FL

SUBJ: DEPLOYMENT APPROVAL OF JCS - CONTROLLED COMMUNICATIONS
ASSETS FOR OPERATION ATTAIN DOCUMENT (U)

1. (C) [REDACTED]

2. (U) THIS IS NOTIFICATION TO DEPLOY COMMUNICATIONS ASSETS [AW JCS
MOP 167 TO SUPPORT OPERATION ATTAIN DOCUMENT.

3. [S] REQUEST TAKE ACTION TO DEPLOY COMMUNICATIONS LISTED IN
PARA 4 BELOW IN SUPPORT OF THE FOLLOWING OPERATION.

- 1 - NAME: OPERATION ATTAIN DOCUMENT
- 2 - OPERATIONAL LOCATION: LINDSEY AB, GE FOR FURTHER
DEPLOYMENT.
- 3 - DURATION OF REQUIREMENT: AS SOON AS PRACTICAL FOR ESTIMATE
LESS THAN 30 DAYS.

4 - SUPPORTED CINC: (POC) EUCOM: [REDACTED] SECURE 6416,
DROP 6 (6420 DURING NON DUTY HOURS). LINDSEY AB: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (AV) 339-3521.

5 - CHOP: UPON ARRIVAL LINDSEY AB, GE.

6 - MODE OF SHIPMENT: PRIORITY AIR.

4. [S] UNITS AND LOCATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

UNIT	OP LOCATION	EQUIPMENT	QUANTITY
JCSE	LINDSEY AB, GE FOR FURTHER DEPLOYMENT	AN/URC-101/110 RADIO WITH ANT, AC/DC, PWR SUP, KY-57 AND ASSOC COMSEC FILL DEVICES AND CABLES	10

5. (U) ALL TRANSPORTATION AND PERSONNEL SUPPORT COSTS INCLUDING PER
DIEM (LESS PAY AND ALLOWANCES) INCIDENT TO THE DEPLOYMENT AND
RECOVERY, WILL BE FUNDED BY EUCOM.

6. (U) DIRECT LIAISON IS AUTHORIZED AMONG ALL CONCERNED. KEEP JCS
INFORMED. NOTIFY JCS OF COMMITMENTS OR CIRCUMSTANCES (AND TIMING
THEREOF) WHICH PREVENT SUPPORTING THIS DEPLOYMENT.

7. (U) OJCS/C3SDO POC IS [REDACTED] VON 227-0007, KY-3 2809.

DECL OADR BT

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INFO DIRECTOR J-3 (1) DIRECTOR JOINT STAFF (1)
NMCC DEP DIR OPS (1) CJCS CODEWORD OFFICER (2)

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JCS WASHINGTON DC//CJCS//
USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GE
INFO CINCUSNAVEUR LONDON UK
CINCUSAFE RAMSTEIN AB GE
USNMR SHAPE BE

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PERSONAL FOR GENERAL LAWSON, INFO ADMIRAL MOREAU, GENERAL DONNELLY,
AND GENERAL ROGERS FROM GENERAL KELLEY

SUBJ: OPERATIONS IN THE VICINITY OF LIBYA ~~u~~

REF: USCINCEUR 211532Z MAR 86

1. ~~u~~ SECSTATE AND SECDEF HAVE AGREED THAT STATE WILL SEND A
MESSAGE BETWEEN 1700 AND 1800 EST SATURDAY 22 MAR 86 (222200Z-
222259Z) TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS THAT WE ARE REAFFIRMING OUR MARITIME
RIGHTS IN THE GULF OF SIDRA, SOUTH OF 32-30N BUT WILL REMAIN OUTSIDE
TERRITORIAL LIMITS. FURTHER, WE WILL PERFORM AIR AND SURFACE
PENETRATIONS INTO THE GULF OF SIDRA. COUNTRIES TO BE NOTIFIED WILL
BE BELGIUM, ITALY, UK, TUNISIA, EGYPT, AND FRANCE.

CJCS/DJS/JE

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2. ^u [18] NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY ORCHESTRATED BY
DOD AND DOS AND IT IS IMPORTANT THAT NOTIFICATION TO FOREIGN
GOVERNMENTS DOES NOT OCCUR OUTSIDE OF AGREED UPON CHANNELS.
THEREFORE DO NOT NOTIFY YOUR COUNTERPARTS.

WARM REGARDS

DECL OADR -

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[REDACTED]

OJCS SUMMARY SHEET

TO: CJCS	CLASSIFICATION u [REDACTED]	FOR USE BY ORIGINATOR
THRU: S PFD 3/26 P. F. CARTER, JR. [REDACTED], USN [REDACTED] Staff OKM		FOR USE BY OJCS ONLY
		DJEM NO 547-86
		DJEM DATE 26 Mar 86
		ACTION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVAL
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SIGNATURE
		<input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION
SUBJECT: ATTAIN DOCUMENT III Termination (U)		

REMARKS u

1. [LPS] Attached proposed messages direct USCINCEUR to terminate Operation ATTAIN DOCUMENT III and provide further guidance for Operation PRAIRIE FIRE.
2. [LPS] The attached EXECUTE ORDER (TAB A) directs USCINCEUR to terminate Operation ATTAIN DOCUMENT III NLT 1800 Libyan time, 27 March 1986.
3. [LPS] The attached REVISED ALERT ORDER (TAB B) for Operation PRAIRIE FIRE directs USCINCEUR to be ready to execute PRAIRIE FIRE NET 48 hours after notification plus time required to conduct strike(s) with TOT optimization.
4. (U) Recommend approval and release of the attached messages.
5. (U) Requires SecDef approval OK Cur

Attachment
a/s

Classified by Director, J-3
Declassify on OADR

[REDACTED]

ACTION OFFICER	COORDINATION/APPROVAL			
	OFFICE	NAME & DATE	EXTENSION	OFFICE
[REDACTED]	J-3			J-5 LA/IA COPY - PFD
				USA USN COPY - PFD
				USAF USMC "
				ISA DIA "
				JSOA J-4 "

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JCS WASHINGTON DC//CJCS//

USCINCLANT NORFOLK VA

USCINCCENT MACDILL AFB FL

USCINCEUR VAHINGEN GE

CINCMAC SCOTT AFB IL

USCINCPAC HONOLULU HI

USCINCREC MACDILL AFB FL

CINCSAC OFFUTT AFB NE

DIRNSA FT GEORGE G MEADE MD

DIA WASHINGTON DC

[REDACTED]

INFO CSA WASHINGTON DC

CNO WASHINGTON DC

CSAF WASHINGTON DC

CMC WASHINGTON DC

USNMR SHAPE BE

CINCUSNAVEUR LONDON UK

CJCS/DJS/SJCS/CEC/JSOA/DIA/
A11/00SP/SEC/CSJCS/SJPD/CSJC
V1C00D/07/ASIN/CMN:EE

[REDACTED]

M/Kove

[REDACTED]

02 03

00 TTTT

CINCUSAFE RAMSTEIN AB GE
COMSIXTHFLT

SUBJ: EXECUTE ORDER--ATTAIN DOCUMENT III TERMINATION (U)

REFS: A. JCS 150027Z MAR 86 (EXECUTE ORDER) (NOTAL)

B. USCINCEUR 211236Z FEB 86 (NOTAL)

1. ~~(TS)~~ THIS IS AN EXECUTE ORDER BY AUTHORITY AND DIRECTION OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.
2. ~~(TS)~~ SITUATION. OBJECTIVES OF "ATTAIN DOCUMENT III" HAVE BEEN MET.
3. ~~(TS)~~ MISSION. TERMINATE "ATTAIN DOCUMENT III" AND RETURN TO NORMAL OPS.
4. (U) EXECUTION.

A. (U) COURSE OF ACTION:

(1) ~~(TS)~~ AT 1200 LIBYAN TIME (1100Z), 27 MAR 86, TICONDEROGA SAG WILL COMMENCE TRANSIT OUT OF THE GULF OF SIDRA. SAG WILL COMPLETE TRANSIT TO NORTH OF 32-30NB NOT EARLIER THAN 1600 LIBYAN TIME (1500Z), 27 MAR 86. SAG TRANSIT WILL BE A GRADUAL RPT GRADUAL DEPARTURE.

(2) ~~(TS)~~ SARATOGA BG OUTCHOP SCHEDULE IN REF B APPROVED. COMMENCE TURNOVER 31 MAR 86.

03 03

00 TTTT

[REDACTED]

{3} ^u [TS] CORAL SEA OUTCHOP APPROVED FOR 10 APRIL 86.

B. ^u [TS] MAJOR COMBAT FORCES: IAW REF A.

C. {U} COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:

{1} ^u [TS] COMMENCE OPERATIONS: 1200 LIBYAN TIME (1100Z).

27 MAR 86.

{2} {U} ROE REMAINS AS STATED IN REF A.

{3} {U} OPERATIONAL CONSTRAINTS: IAW REF A.

^u S. ^u [TS] ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: CONTINUE TWICE DAILY
COMMANDER'S SITREP. IAW REF A. FINAL SITREP DUE 280400Z MAR 86.

6. {U} COMMAND AND CONTROL: IAW REF A.

7. {U} PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE: PA GUIDANCE TO BE PROVIDED SEPCAR.

8. {U} DIRLAUTH ALCON. KEEP JCS INFORMED.

DECL OADR

[REDACTED]

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SUBJ: JCS SITREP NO. 6 FOR "ATTAIN DOCUMENT III" CENTRAL
MEDITERRANEAN OPERATIONS

- 1. COMSIXTHFLT HAS COMPLETED FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION OPERATIONS IN THE GULF OF SIDRA. THE SURFACE ACTION GROUP (SAG) WITHDREW NORTH OF 32-30N AT 271432Z MAR 86.
- 2. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR THE PERIOD 271200Z TO 271432Z IS DERIVED FROM USEUCOM AND OTHER SOURCES FOR "ATTAIN DOCUMENT III."
 - A. COMPLETED OPERATIONS.

(1) THE NAVY BATTLE FORCE CONSISTING OF USS AMERICA, USS CORAL SEA, AND USS SARATOGA CONTINUED OPERATIONS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AS DISENGAGEMENT OPERATIONS WERE CONDUCTED BY THE SURFACE ACTION GROUP (SAG) THAT INCLUDES USS TICONDEROGA, USS SCOTT, AND USS CARON.

(2) SINCE INITIAL PENETRATION BELOW 32-30N (241100Z MAR 86) THE SAG HAS OPERATED CONTINUOUSLY FOR 75 HOURS BELOW 32-30N AND EXITED THE AREA AT 271432Z MAR 86.

AIR.

(1) TWO FIGHTER AIRCRAFT CROSSED 32-30N, PENETRATED TO 31-35N/18-00E, CONDUCTED OPERATIONS, AND RETURNED TO BASE. NO LIBYAN REACTION NOTED.

(2) 271200Z - 271400Z, CAP STATIONS ONE AND TWO CONTINUOUSLY MANNED AS WELL AS SSC/SUCAP SUPPORT TO SAG.

- CUMULATIVE SORTIES IN TRIPOLI FIR TO DATE

	DAY	NIGHT
US NAVY	846	922
LIBYA	101	132
- CUMULATIVE SORTIES BELOW 32-30N	DAY	NIGHT
	159	156

B. PROJECTED OPERATIONS.

AIR OPERATIONS WILL CONTINUE IN THE TRIPOLI FIR UNTIL 272359Z MAR 86.

C. INTELLIGENCE. NO CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS REPORT.

D. (U) PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE. SECOND MEDIA EMBARK SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED 26 MAR. RESULTED IN HALF-HOUR ON-CAMERA INTERVIEW WITH COMSIXTHFLT AND CTF 60. MEDIA EMBARK PROPOSED FOR 27 MAR CANCELED. CHINFO WORKING REQUEST FROM PETER JENNINGS, ABC-TV, TO CONDUCT TAPED INTERVIEW WITH COMSIXTHFLT TO BE USED FOR ABC'S FEATURE "PERSON OF THE WEEK."

E. (U) WEATHER. WIDELY SCATTERED RAINSHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS WILL BE OVER THE MEDITERRANEAN. WINDS WILL BE WEST TO NORTH AT 10 TO 20 KNOTS EVERYWHERE EXCEPT NORTHEASTERN LIBYA WHICH WILL HAVE WINDS FROM THE SOUTHWEST TO SOUTH AT 10 TO 25 KNOTS BECOMING WEST TO NORTH AT 10 TO 20 KNOTS LATER IN THE PERIOD.

3. (U) THIS CONSTITUTES THE FINAL JCS SITREP FOR "ATTAIN DOCUMENT III."

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SUBJ: CHANGE OF NICKNAME FOR OPERATION PRAIRIE FIRE (S)

1. [REDACTED]

2. (S) EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY THE OPERATIONAL NICKNAME FOR PRAIRIE FIRE IS CHANGED TO ELDORADO CANYON. ALL PAST PLANNING UNDER PRAIRIE FIRE REMAINS VALID AND WILL BE CONTINUED UNDER THE NICKNAME OPERATION ELDORADO CANYON.

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REMARKS:

1. (S) The attached proposed Chronology SITREP No. 1 satisfies request for periodic updates.
2. (U) Recommend approval and signature on attached Background Paper.

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(U) Background Paper for the Director for Operations

I. (U) SUBJECT. ELDORADO CANYON Chronology; SITREP NO. 1

II. (U) MAJOR POINTS. The following information has been provided by USEUCOM concerning ELDORADO CANYON activity as of 142000 EST.

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A. ~~(S)~~ Air

- The USAF F-111s and EF-111s and the necessary KC-10/KC-135 tanker support sortied from RAF Lakenheath, RAF Upper Heyford, RAF Mildenhall, and RAF Fairford in Great Britain starting at 141256 EST. The USN A-6 strike aircraft and the Navy support launched from USS CORAL SEA and USS AMERICA at 141830 EST. The TOT time, centered on 141900 EST, was achieved as shown.

- Strike Operations:

<u>TOT TIME</u> (EST)	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>A/C</u>	<u>ORDNANCE</u>
141906 to 141911	TRIPOLI MILITARY AIR FIELD	6 F-111	[REDACTED] BSU-49 each

REMARKS:

NR 6 aircraft aborted prior to TOT. Five (5) across target.

Damage Assessment:

141900	BENINA AIR FIELD	2 A-6 7 A-6E	[REDACTED] MK-82 each [REDACTED] APAM each
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REMARKS:

One (1) aircraft aborted prior to TOT.

Damage Assessment:

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141900

TARABULUS BARRACKS
(AZIZIYAH)

9 F-111

[REDACTED] GBU-10

REMARKS:

NR 9 aircraft aborted prior to TOT. Eight (8) across target

Damage Assessment:

141900

BENGAZI MILITARY
BARRACKS (JAMAHIRIYAH)

6 A-6E

[REDACTED] MK-82

REMARKS:

Damage Assessment:

141905

SIDI BILAL TERRORIST
TRAINING CAMP

3 F-111

[REDACTED] GBU-10

REMARKS:

Damage Assessment:

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(U) Background Paper for the Director for Operations

I. (U) SUBJECT. ELDORADO CANYON Chronology; SITREP NO. 2

II. (U) MAJOR POINTS. The following information has been provided by USEUCOM concerning ELDORADO CANYON activity as of 142200 EST.

A. ^U~~(S)~~ Air

- The USAF F-111s and EF-111s and the necessary KC-10/KC-135 tanker support sortied from RAF Lakenheath, RAF Upper Heyford, RAF Mildenhall, and RAF Fairford in Great Britain starting at 141256 EST. The USN A-6 strike aircraft and the Navy support launched from USS CORAL SEA and USS AMERICA at 141830 EST. The TOT time, centered on 141900 EST, was achieved as shown.

- Strike Operations:

<u>TOT TIME</u> (EST)	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>A/C</u>	<u>ORDNANCE</u>
141906 to 141911	TRIPOLI MILITARY AIR FIELD	6 F-111	[REDACTED] BSU-49 each

REMARKS:

NR 6 aircraft aborted prior to TOT. Five (5) across target.

Damage Assessment: TBD

141900	BENINA AIR FIELD	2 A-6 7 A-6E	[REDACTED] MK-82 each [REDACTED] APAM each
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REMARKS:

One (1) aircraft aborted prior to TOT.

Damage Assessment: TBD

141900	TARABULUS BARRACKS (AZIZIYAH)	9 F-111	[REDACTED] GBU-10 each
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REMARKS

1. ~~(S)~~^U The attached proposed JCS Chronology SITREP No. 3 satisfies request for periodic updates.

2. (U) Recommend approval and signature on attached Background Paper.

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(U) Background Paper for the Director for Operations

I. (U) SUBJECT. ELDORADO CANYON Chronology; SITREP NO. 3

II. (U) MAJOR POINTS. The following information has been provided by USEUCOM concerning ELDORADO CANYON activity as of 150400 EST.

A. ~~(S)~~ Air

(1) The USAF F-111s and EF-111s sortied from RAF Lakenheath and RAF Upper Heyford; the necessary KC-10/KC-135 tanker support sortied from RAF Mildenhall and RAF Fairford in Great Britain starting at 141256 EST. The USN A-6 strike aircraft and the Navy support launched from USS CORAL SEA and USS AMERICA at 141830 EST. The TOT time, centered on 141900 EST, was achieved as shown.

(2) One (1) F-111 is reported missing.

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(4) Strike Operations:

<u>TOT TIME</u> (EST)	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>A/C</u>	<u>ORDNANCE</u>
141906 to 141911	TRIPOLI MILITARY AIR FIELD	6 F-111	[REDACTED] BSU-49 each

REMARKS:

One (1) aircraft aborted prior to TOT. Five (5) across target.

Damage Assessment: TBD

141900	BENINA AIR FIELD	2 A-6 7 A-6E	[REDACTED] MK-82 each APAM each
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REMARKS:

One (1) aircraft aborted prior to TOT. Eight (8) across target.

Damage Assessment: TBD

141900	TARABULUS BARRACKS (AZIZIYAH)	9 F-111	[REDACTED] GBU-10 each
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REMARKS:

One (1) aircraft aborted prior to TOT. Eight (8) across target.

Damage Assessment: TBD

141900 BENGHAZI MILITARY BARRACKS (JAMAHIRIYAH) 6 A-6E MK-82 each

REMARKS:

Damage Assessment: TBD

141905 SIDI BILAL TERRORIST TRAINING CAMP 3 F-111 GBU-10 each

REMARKS:

Damage Assessment: TBA

(5) Libyan Reactions:

-- 142235 Unconfirmed report of AAA in central Tripoli area.

(7) Missile expenditures: EAST TGTS WEST TGTS TOTAL

HARM:
SHRIKE:

(8) Recovery:

-- One F-111 diverted to Rota, SP due to mechanical problems escorted by a second F-111. The escort rejoined the tanker and returned to home base. The divert aircraft is in hangar awaiting repair.

-- 150310 F-111s and tankers on deck in UK.

B. ^u ~~ST~~ Surface (nothing to report)

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REMARKS

1. (U) The attached background paper provides the latest summary of events relating to the subject operation against Libya.
2. (U) Recommend approval and signature on the attached Background Paper.

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Background Paper for the Chairman, JCS for Information

I. SUBJECT: ELDORADO CANYON Summary (U)

II. MAJOR POINTS The following information is the latest summary of events relating to the subject operation against Libya as of 150700 EST.

A. (U) Targets/Aircraft Assigned:

- (1) ~~(S)~~ ^U Tripoli Military Airfield/6 F-111F.
~~(S)~~ One F-111F aborted prior to TOT.
- (2) ~~(S)~~ ^U Benina Airfield/9 A-6E.
~~(S)~~ One A-6E aborted prior to TOT.
- (3) ~~(S)~~ ^U Tarabulus Barracks (Aziziyah)/9 F-111F.
~~(S)~~ One F-111F aborted prior to TOT.
~~(S)~~ One F-111F lost during the strike.
- (4) ~~(S)~~ ^U Benghazi Military Barracks (Jamahiriyah)/6 A-6E.
- (5) ~~(S)~~ ^U Sidi Bilal Terrorist Training Camp/3 F-111F.

B. ~~(S)~~ ^U US missile expenditures - 36 HARM, 12 SHRIKE.
~~(S)~~ No confirmed results.

C. ~~(S)~~ ^U Libyan reaction--unconfirmed AAA and SAM firings.

D. ~~(S)~~ ^U US losses - one F-111F missing. SAR ongoing with no results.

E. ~~(S)~~ ^U Battle damage assessment (BDA) - Post strike pilot reports all weapons dropped in the Benghazi complex. Several secondary fires - vehicles and aircraft burning at Benina Airfield. No reports on USAF strikes on targets in Tripoli area.

F. ~~(S)~~ ^U Remarks: One F-111F recovered at Rota, SP. 16 F-111F recovered at home station. All Navy aircraft recovered aboard ship. All tankers and support aircraft recovered safely.

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FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF UP TO 3 CVBG'S AND 1 BB SAG SPECIFICALLY
DESIGNED TO NEUTRALIZE LIBYAN POWER PROJECTION CAPABILITY
INCLUDING THEIR TACTICAL AIR FORCES, AIR DEFENSE FORCES AND
SEAPOWER. COMMANDERS ESTIMATE SHOULD INCLUDE RECOMMENDED ACTIONS
FOR PROTECTION OF STRIKE FORCE

SUBJ: WARNING ORDER FOR OPERATION--PRAIRIE FIRE TOY
1 (S) THIS IS A WARNING ORDER. REQUEST COMMANDERS ESTIMATES FOR MCA
CONSIDERATION NLT 290000Z DEC 85.

2. (U) SITUATION AT APPROXIMATELY 0900 HOURS, 27 DEC 85 TERRORISTS
THREW GRENADES AND OPENED FIRE WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS SIMULTANEOUSLY
AT THE E. A. CHECK IN COUNTERS AT THE VIENNA AND ROME INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORTS. THE ATTACK IN ROME KILLED OR WOUNDED AT LEAST 20 AMCITS.
INTELLIGENCE SOURCES HAVE LINKED THE ATTACKS TO THE ABU NIDAL
ORGANIZATION WITH LIBYAN SUPPORT. THE USG HAS PUBLICLY STATED THAT
ONCE POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE IS MADE APPROPRIATE
RETRIBUTORY ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

(U) EXECUTION

3. (U) SHOULD THE SITUATION DETERIORATE FURTHER, MORE
COMPREHENSIVE ACTION MAY BE REQUIRED. REQUEST YOU DEVELOP COA'S

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- E. (S) FOR USCINCLANT AND USCINCPAC REQUEST YOU PROVIDE USCINCEUR
INFORMATION SOONEST ON AVAILABILITY OF CVBG'S AND BB SAG.
- F. (U) COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:
 - (1) (S) TENTATIVE C-DAY, L-HOUR: NOTIFICATION PLUS 36 HOURS.
 - (2) (S) ANTICIPATED D-DAY: NOTIFICATION PLUS 36 HOURS.
 - (3) (U) ANTICIPATED LENGTH OF OPERATION: TBD.
 - (4) (S) PROPOSED COA

- (5) (U) DIRLAUTH ALCON: KEEP THE JCS INFORMED.
- 5. (U) ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.
 - A. (U) TRANSPORT:
 - (1) (S) AIRLIFT MOVEMENT PRIORITY: 181.
 - (2) (S) STRATEGIC LIFT RESOURCES MAY BE REQUIRED. CINCPAC
SHOULD APPLY LIFT AS REQUIRED AND ADVISE JCS OF ANY
PROBLEMS/SHORT FALLS.
 - (3) (S) FUNDING FOR TRANSPORTATION COSTS WILL NOT BE PROVIDED
BY JCS. PARENT SERVICE(S) OF EMPLOYING UNIT(S) WILL FUND
OPERATIONS.
 - (4) (S) COMMANDERS SHOULD BEGIN TO CAPTURE COSTS AND
EXPENDITURES UPON RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE.
 - B. (U) REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS: CINC IS AUTHORIZED TO USE OPREP-1
REPORTING AS REQUIRED. NORMAL OPERATIONAL REPORTING AS PRESCRIBED
IN JCS PUB 8. MOVEMENT OF FORCES WILL BE REPORTED IAW APPROVED
JCS PROCEDURES.
 - C. (S) OPSEC AND DECEPTION GUIDANCE: ELEMENT OF SURPRISE IS
ESSENTIAL. EVIDENCE OF THE PREPARATIONS FOR A CONDUCT OF US FORCE
MOVEMENT WILL LIKELY GENERATE CONSIDERABLE OUTSIDE INTEREST.
PROTECT OR CONTROL THOSE INDICATORS WHICH MAY COMPROMISE OUR
CLASSIFIED INTENTIONS AND/OR CONVEY UNDESIRE SIGNALS TO OUR

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3. (U) COMMAND AND CONTROL

4. (U) COMMAND RELATIONSHIPS: USCINCEUR IS THE SUPPORTED
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SUBJ: LIBYAN STRIKE PLANNING (75)
1. (75) A STRONG POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT THERE IS A LIBYAN CONNECTION WITH THE ABU NIDAL ORGANIZATION WHICH IS BELIEVED TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE 27 DEC BOMBINGS AT THE VIENNA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND ROME'S FUMICINO AIRPORT. WE HAVE BEEN TASKED TO DEVELOP MILITARY RETALIATORY OPTIONS AGAINST LIBYA.

(75) REQUEST YOU BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT OUR ACTIVITIES WITH DETAILED STRIKE PLANNING DATA, INCLUDING LAND-BASED AND CVGB TACTICAL AIR OPTIONS. WE EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE MORE DEFINITIVE GUIDANCE BY 281700Z DEC.
(U) BEST REGARDS

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SUBJ: ALERT ORDER--OPERATION PRAIRIE FIRE (U)
REFS: A. JCS 282228Z DEC 85
C.B. USCINCEUR 292155Z DEC 85

THIS IS AN ALERT ORDER. THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE HAS APPROVED ALERTING OF FORCES AND EXECUTION PLANNING FOR OPERATION PRAIRIE FIRE. REQUEST SUPPORTED COMMANDER'S OPORD NLT 021200Z JAN 86.

B. (U) SITUATION



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- 4. MAJOR COMBAT FORCES:
 - (1) UK-BASED F-111 AIRCRAFT.
 - (2) USS CORAL SEA CVBG.
 - (3) STRIKE SUPPORT ASSETS AS REQUIRED.

C. USCINCEUR: STRIKE PLAN SHOULD BE BASED ON A LAUNCH RECOVERY OF F-111'S IN UK, EXCEPT FOR IN-FLIGHT EMERGENCIES BATTLE DAMAGE. MISSION PLANNING SHOULD INCLUDE OPTIONS FOR OVERFLIGHT OF ANY COUNTRY OTHER THAN TARGET. TANKER SUPPORT SHOULD BE PRE-POSITIONED FOR MISSION LAUNCH FROM UK. OUT-THEATER ECM ASSETS MAY BE PROVIDED BY SUPPORTING CINCS, IF NECESSARY. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT STRIKE WILL NOT OCCUR 1-THAN 96 HOURS AFTER RECEIPT OF EXECUTE ORDER. THIS SHOULD PRECLUDE THE REQUIREMENT FOR UNSCHEDULED IN-THEATER FORCE MOVEMENTS.

D. USCINCLANT: CONTINUE PLANNING FOR AUGMENTATION OF USCINCEUR WITH ONE OR TWO CVBG(S), AND/OR ONE BDBG.

F. CINCPAC: PROVIDE AIRLIFT SUPPORT AS REQUESTED BY SUPPORTED AND SUPPORTING COMMANDERS.

G. USCINCPAC: PROVIDE ECM ASSETS TO USCINCEUR, IF REQUESTED. CONTINUE PLANNING FOR AUGMENTATION OF USCINCEUR ONE CVBG.

H. CINCSAC: PROVIDE AIR REFUELING SUPPORT AS REQUESTED BY SUPPORTED OR SUPPORTING COMMANDERS.

K. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:

- (1) D-DAY, H-HOUR: TBD. NOT ANTICIPATED TO BE PRIOR 4 JANUARY 1986.
- (2) ANTICIPATED LENGTH OF OPERATION: 24 HOURS.
- (3) JDA WILL COORDINATE AND/OR MONITOR DEPLOYMENTS REQUIRED BY SUPPORTED/SUPPORTING COMMANDERS AND TOA'S
- (4) PRE-STRIKE OPSEC IS A PARAMOUNT CONSIDERATION UNSCHEDULED MOVEMENT OF FORCES, CANCELLATION OF BLOCK LEA AND OTHER SIGNALS SHOULD BE AVOIDED UNTIL ISSUANCE OF EXECUTE ORDER.
- (5) ROE: USE MINIMUM FORCE NECESSARY FOR ACCOMPLISHMENT.

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OF THE MISSION AND PROTECTION OF FRIENDLY FORCES. MINIMIZE
CIVILIAN CASUALTIES AND DAMAGE. PREEMPTIVE STRIKES AGAINST
LIBYAN AIR DEFENSES ARE NOT AUTHORIZED. IF FOLLOW-ON
OPERATIONS ARE DIRECTED, ADDITIONAL ROR WILL BE PROVIDED, IF
REQUIRED.

- (6) (U) DIRLAUTH ALCON: KEEP JCS INFORMED.
- 6. (U) ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.
 - A. AIRLIFT PRIORITY: 1B1.
 - B. (U) FUNDING WILL NOT BE PROVIDED BY JCS. PARENT SERVICES OF
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COMPLETION.
 - D. OPSEC AND DECEPTION: SURPRISE IS ESSENTIAL FOR MINIMIZING
US LOSSES. PERSONNEL WILL BE BRIEFED ON OPSEC PROCEDURES.
INDICATORS WHICH WILL CONVEY US INTENTIONS WILL BE MONITORED AND
SHOULD BE CLOSELY CONTROLLED.
 - E. PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE: PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE WILL
REMAIN CLASSIFIED UNTIL DECLASSIFIED BY JCS. INFORMATION NOT
SPECIFICALLY RELEASED WILL REMAIN CLASSIFIED. PUBLIC RELEASE OF
THIS INFORMATION IS NOT AUTHORIZED. PUBLIC AND MEDIA QUERIES
SHOULD BE TAKEN AND REFERRED TO OASD(PA) (AUTOVON 227-5131) OR TO
DJS(PA) THROUGH THE DMCC. ADDITIONALLY, UPON EXECUTION PROVIDE,
BY FASTEST MEANS POSSIBLE, PROPOSED PASSIVE PA PLAN TO INCLUDE
STATEMENT AND QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS CONCERNING OPERATIONAL
ASPECTS OF MISSION FOR USE IN RESPONSE TO QUERY BY OASD(PA) AND
MCA.
- 7. (U) COMMAND AND CONTROL.
 - A. WHERE CRITICAL COMMUNICATIONS RESOURCES ARE NOT SATISFIED
BY AUGMENTING OR SUPPORTING UNITS, THE SUPPORTED COMMANDER SHOULD
VALIDATE AND FORWARD THOSE REQUIREMENTS (AW JCS MOP 167). REQUEST
FOR SUPPORT SHOULD BE PRIORITIZED BY SUPPORTED COMMANDER.
 - B. COMMAND RELATIONSHIPS: USCINCEUR IS THE SUPPORTED
COMMANDER. USCINCLANT, USCINCENT, CINCPAC, USCINCPAC,
USCINCRD, CINCSAC, AND [REDACTED] ARE SUPPORTING COMMANDERS. DIA.

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REMARKS

1. (U) The attached proposed script will be the operations portion of a briefing of ELDORADO CANYON to be given to the Israeli Defense Minister of Intelligence at the SECRET level. The operations portion is primarily an introduction for the intelligence briefing on BDA and Post-strike developments. The only planned additional briefing aids are the two unclassified maps previously used by SecDef and others in briefing the raid.
2. (U) Recommend J-33 approval of attached script.

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BRIEFING FOR

FOR MG SHAHAK, ISRAELI DIRECTOR FOR MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, 20 MAY 1986

Good afternoon, sir. I am [REDACTED] Current Operations, J-3, JCS

Provide overview of the raid to provide a background for Intel briefings and discussions.

(u) The mission was to conduct simultaneous night strikes against five directed targets. Specifically, the raid was to damage/destroy combat swimmer school at Murrat Sidi Bilal terrorist-training facility, damage/destroy Qadhafi's terrorism HQ and C³ apparatus at Azziziyah as well as the Jamahiriyah Guard Barracks at Banghazi, and protect the striking US forces from Libyan air threat while damaging Libya's IL-76 power/logistics projection capability.

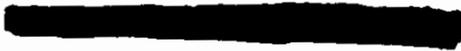
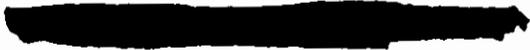
(u) The general concept of operations was to use F-111Fs from Great Britain against the three western-most targets in Tripoli; that is, the Sidi Bilal Training Facility, the Aziziyah Barracks and Headquarters, and the Tripoli

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Military Airport; and on the eastern targets, A-6Es from the USS CORAL SEA and USS AMERICA were scheduled against Benina Air Base and the Benghazi Barracks and Alternate Headquarters. Tactical support was to be provided by aircraft from the two carriers and KC-10s and EF-111s launched from Great Britain. Staging the F-111s closer was not considered a realistic option since third country diplomatic clearance would be required. This presented an OPSEC problem eliminating the element of surprise and increasing the risk to striking forces. Lack of overflight rights for the F-111s complicated planning and execution but was within operational parameters. Due to the long range (2800 nm, one way), the mission required additional tanker aircraft to be deployed to the UK. Additional spare F-111s were planned in case of avionics failures during the long flight. The most experienced, trained, formed crews were chosen for the mission.

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(u) Of the aircraft attacking the Aziziyah Barracks, there was one F-111 that did not return, he apparently went down off the coast about four miles north of Tripoli. There was an immediate SAR initiated which continued for a day and a half after the aircraft was reported lost, with no indication either visual or electronic that anyone had survived.

(u) The effectiveness/coordination of the Air Force and Naval forces has been assessed as superb. Perhaps the most telling fact is the exact on time TOT by forces based 3000 miles apart. A very complex joint strike plan successfully integrated strike and strike-support (EOM, C3OM, EW, CAP, SAR) air and naval forces. The aircrews, as the primary strike planners, were given the flexibility to develop attack plans and force packages. Each target area had several desired target elements (aim points). The selection of aim points and munitions was left to the crews attacking that target area.

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(u) Sir, unless you have any operational questions, specific BDA and Libyan reactions will now be covered by my colleagues from DIA.

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- E. (JCS) USCINCEUR: IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT OPERATIONS WILL NOT COMMENCE IN LESS THAN 96 HOURS AFTER RECEIPT OF EXECUTE ORDER.
- F. (JCS) USCINCLANT: CONTINUE PLANNING FOR AUGMENTATION OF USCINCEUR WITH ONE OR TWO CVBG(S) AND/OR ONE BBSAG.
- G. (JCS) USCINCPAC: CONTINUE MOVING USS SARATOGA CVBG TO THE NORTH ARABIAN SEA. CONTINUE PLANNING FOR AUGMENTATION OF USCINCEUR WITH AN ADDITIONAL CVBG.

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 - (4) (JCS) PROPOSED ROE:
 - (A) (JCS) PEACETIME RULES OF ENGAGEMENT ARE IN EFFECT.
 - (B) (JCS) SUBMIT ANY REQUIRED ADJUSTMENTS OR ADDITIONS TO JCS FOR NCA APPROVAL.
 - (C) (U) DIRLATH ALCON: KEEP JCS INFORMED.
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 - A. (JCS) WHERE CRITICAL COMMUNICATIONS RESOURCES ARE NOT SATISFIED BY

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SUBJ: ATTAIN DOCUMENT--WARNING ORDER (U)

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SUBJECT LINE:

- 2. (JCS) THIS IS A WARNING ORDER. REQUEST COMMANDER'S ESTIMATE FOR NCA CONSIDERATION NLT 091200Z JAN 86.
- 3. (JCS) SITUATION: LIBYA CONTINUES TO CLAIM AIRSPACE AND TERRITORIAL WATERS IN EXCESS OF THOSE NORMALLY RECOGNIZED BY INTERNATIONAL LAW. THE US GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO CHALLENGE THESE EXCESSIVE CLAIMS BY CONDUCTING FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION OPERATIONS IN THE GULF OF SIDRA.
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- 5. (U) EXECUTION:
 - A. (JCS) COURSE OF ACTION: PLAN FOR CONDUCT OF BOTH DAY AND NIGHT CHALLENGES OF BOTH AIRSPACE AND TERRITORIAL SEA CLAIMED BY LIBYA IN EXCESS OF 12 NM. OPERATIONS SHOULD BE PLANNED NO CLOSER TO LIBYA THAN 12 NM. BE PREPARED TO PROTECT CHALLENGING FORCES FROM LIBYAN HOSTILE REACTION. BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT TACAIR STRIKES AND NAVAL GUNFIRE MISSIONS AGAINST LIBYAN TARGETS IN RESPONSE TO ANY LIBYAN HOSTILE ACTIONS AGAINST CHALLENGING FORCES.
 - B. (U) MAJOR COMBAT FORCES:
 - (1) (JCS) USS CORAL SEA CVBG.
 - (2) (JCS) USS SARATOGA CVBG.
 - (3) (JCS) UR-BASED F-111'S.
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1. ~~(TS)~~ THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE HAS DIRECTED THE USS SARATOGA CVBG TO PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO THE CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN SEA.

3. ~~(TS)~~ OPSEC CONTINUES TO BE A PARAMOUNT PLANNING CONSIDERATION.

5. (U) WARMEST REGARDS.

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SUBJ: ATTAIN DOCUMENT--MODIFIED WARNING ORDER (U)
REF: JCS 080049Z JAN 86 (NCTAL)

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- 1. ~~1.11~~ THIS IS A WARNING ORDER. THIS MESSAGE SUPERSEDES REFERENCE. ALL COPIES OF REFERENCE SHOULD BE DESTROYED. REQUEST COMMANDER'S ESTIMATE FOR NCA CONSIDERATION NLT 101200Z JAN 86.
- 2. ~~1.11~~ SITUATION: LIBYA CONTINUES TO CLAIM AIRSPACE AND TERRITORIAL WATERS IN EXCESS OF THOSE NORMALLY RECOGNIZED BY INTERNATIONAL LAW. THE US GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO CHALLENGE THESE EXCESSIVE CLAIMS BY CONDUCTING FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION OPERATIONS IN THE GULF OF SIDRA.
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- 7. ~~1.11~~ USCINCPRED: DEPLOY FORCES AS REQUESTED BY SUPPORTED AND/OR SUPPORTING COMMANDERS.
- 8. (U) COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:
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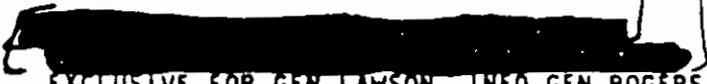
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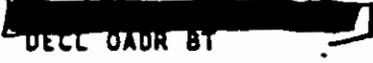


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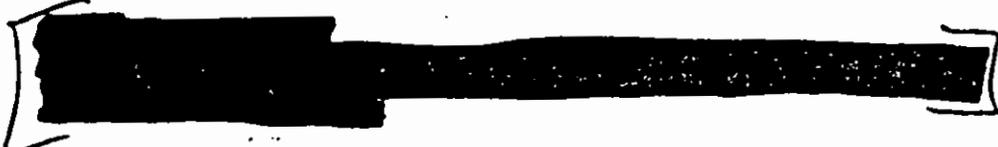
1. (U) APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING
OPERATION ATTAIN DOCUMENT. FOLLOWING RESPONSES ARE KEYED TO
SUBPARAGRAPHS OF PARAGRAPH 1, REF B:

- u A. ~~(S)~~ YOUR REQUEST FOR 24-HOUR EXTENSION OF THE SUSPENSE FOR
COMMANDER'S ESTIMATE IS APPROVED. REQUEST AS DETAILED A CONCEPT
OF OPERATIONS AS POSSIBLE UNDER THE TIMELINES.
- u B. ~~(S)~~ BY SEPARATE MESSAGE, YOUR RECOMMENDED OPTIONS FOR
OPERATION PRAIRIE FIRE WILL BE APPROVED FOR FURTHER PLANNING
AND WE WILL REQUEST A DETAILED STRIKE PLAN FOR THAT OPTION.
UPON JCS APPROVAL OF THE STRIKE PLAN, PRAIRIE FIRE SITREPS WILL
BE DISCONTINUED. ADDITIONALLY, YOUR RECOMMENDATION TO MODIFY
THE DAILY SITREP REQUIREMENT TO READ "AS OF 0600Z DAILY TO
ARRIVE NLT 1200Z DAILY" IS APPROVED. A MODIFICATION TO JCS
WARNING ORDER WILL CONTAIN THIS CHANGE.

2. (U) WARMEST REGARDS.



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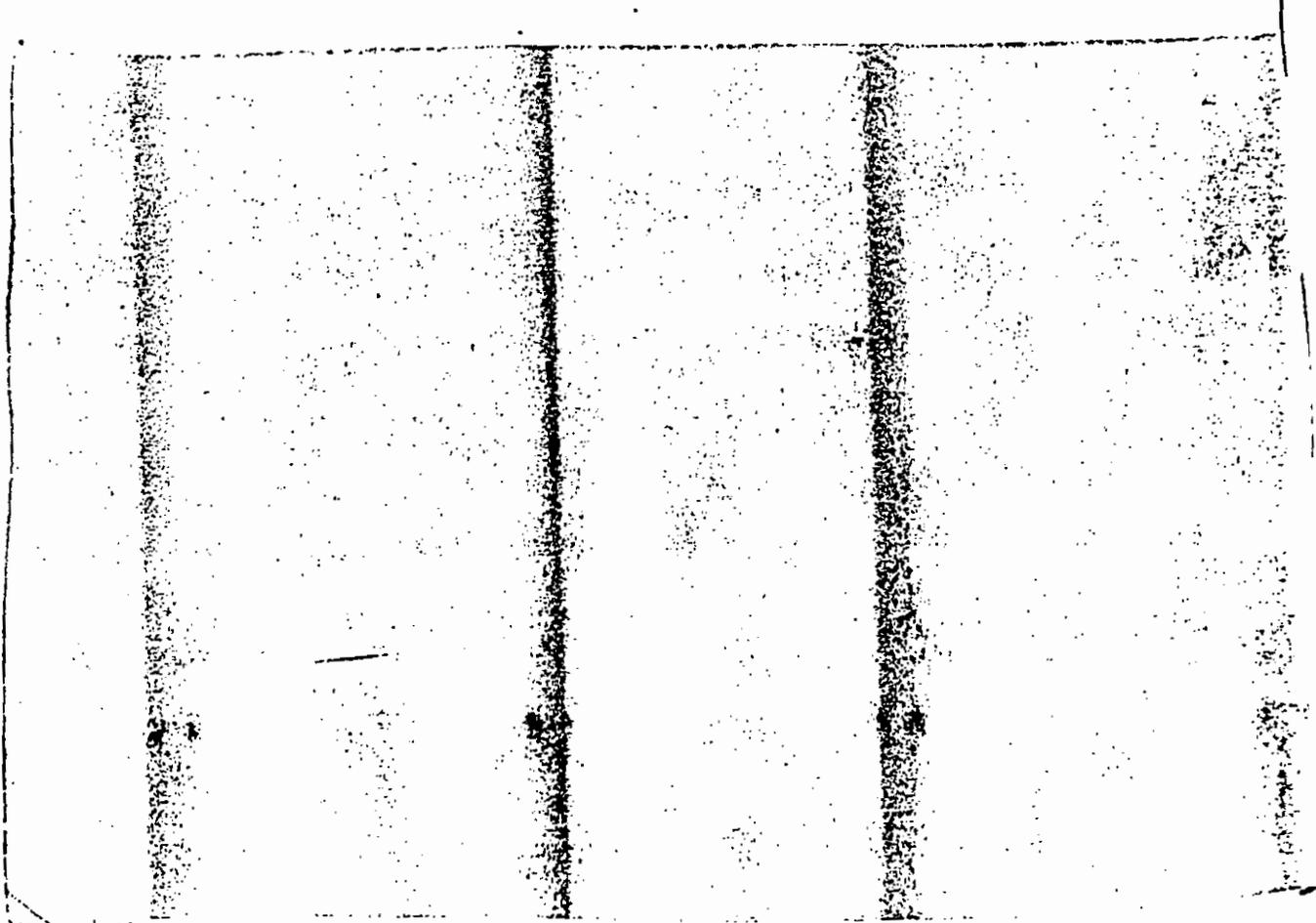
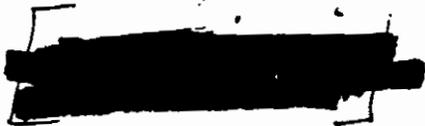
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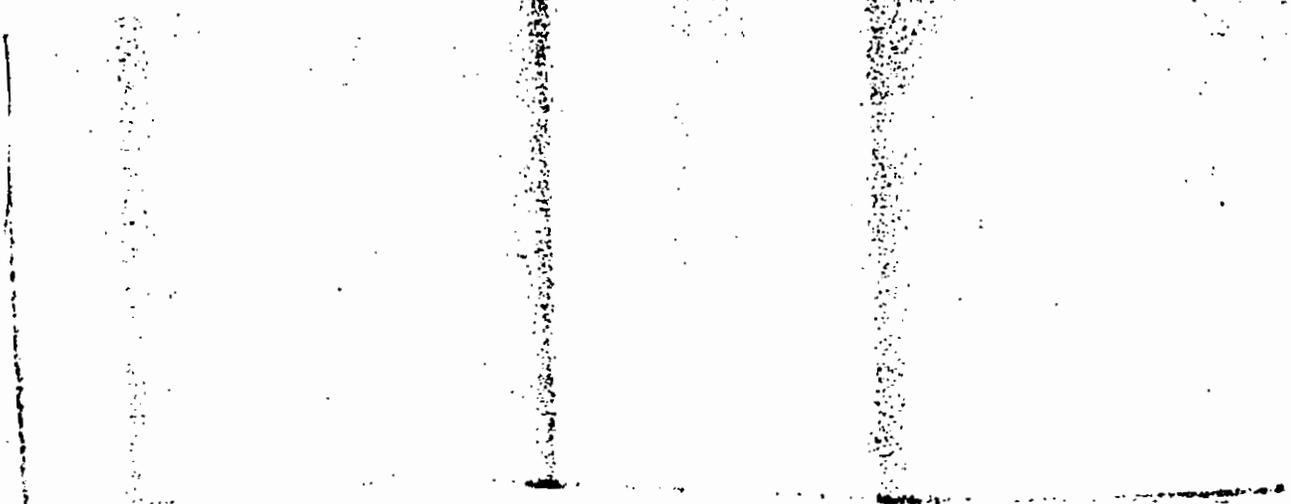
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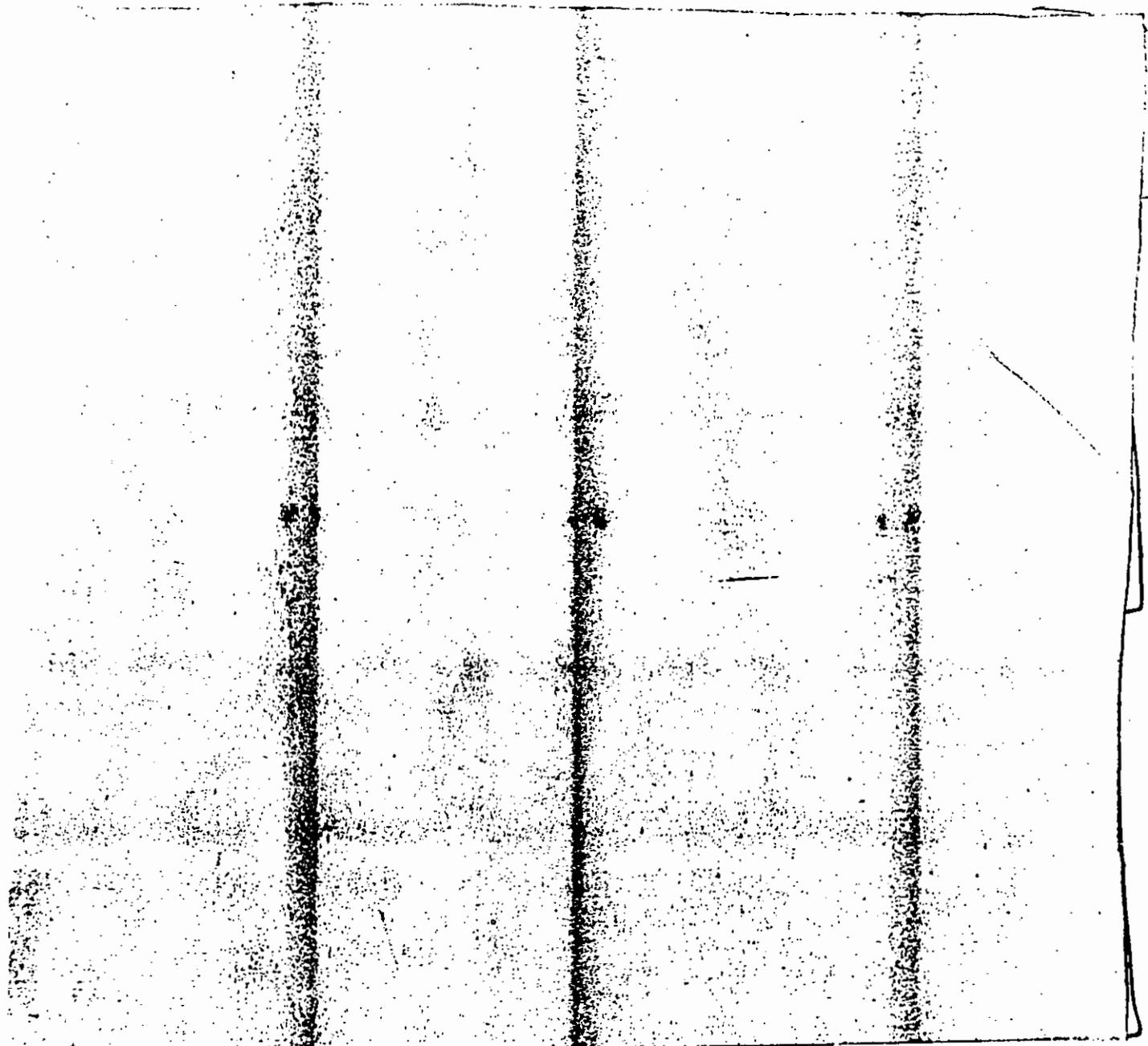
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3. ^u~~(S)~~ In response to your tasking to develop a plan to demonstrate resolve and capability against Libya, the Joint Chiefs recommend:



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5. ~~(S)~~ If this timing is not acceptable, the three-CVBG operation could be conducted 16 days after movement instructions are issued to the USS AMERICA CVBG.

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For the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

William J. Crowe, Jr.

WILLIAM J. CROWE, JR.
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SUBJ: MODIFICATION TO ALERT ORDER--PRAIRIE FIRE (S)

REFS: A. JCS 082139Z JAN 86--REQUEST FOR DETAILED STRIKE PLAN

B. JCS 312234Z DEC 85--ALERT ORDER

C. USCINCPAC 110135Z JAN 86 (NOTAL)

1. (U) THIS MESSAGE CONFIRMS MODIFICATIONS TO NCA GUIDANCE PREVIOUSLY PASSED SEPARATELY TO SOME ADDRESSEES BY OTHER MEANS.
2. (U) FOR USCINCEUR: REQUEST DETAILED STRIKE PLANNING (REF A) ARRIVE JCS NLT 171000Z JAN 86.
3. (U) REF B IS MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

A. (U) ADD TO PARA 5B (MAJOR COMBAT FORCES): USS SARATOGA CVBG

4. (U) FOR USCINCEUR: IN LIEU OF CURRENT DAILY PRAIRIE FIRE AND ATTAIN DOCUMENT SITREPS, REQUEST SITREPS TWICE EACH WEEK WITH A REPORTING TIME AS OF 1200Z EVERY MONDAY AND FRIDAY. EACH SITREP SHOULD COVER THE PERIOD SINCE THE LAST SUBMISSION AND PROJECT ANTICIPATED OPERATIONS/EVENTS UNTIL THE NEXT SUBMISSION.

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- U B. ~~1~~ MAJOR COMBAT FORCES:
 - (1) USS CORAL SEA CVBG.
 - (2) USS SARATOGA CVBG.
 - (3) SUPPORT ASSETS AS REQUIRED.
- C. (U) COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.
 - (1) ~~1~~ EXPECTED D DAY: 220001Z JAN 86.
 - (2) ~~1~~ ANTICIPATED LENGTH OF OPERATION: NOT MORE THAN 10 DAYS PENDING LIBYAN RESPONSE.
 - (3) ~~1~~ DURATION OF OPERATIONS IN MEDITERRANEAN: TBD.
 - (4) ~~1~~ RULES OF ENGAGEMENT:
 - (A) ~~1~~ PEACETIME ROE IN EFFECT.
 - (B) ~~1~~ SUBMIT ANY REQUIRED ADJUSTMENTS OR ADDITIONS TO JCS FOR ICA APPROVAL.
 - (5) ~~1~~ NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) TO CONDUCT FLIGHT OPERATIONS IN THE TRIPOLI FIR WILL BE FILED FOR FLIGHT OPERATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS MISSION.
 - (6) (U) DIRLAUTH ALCON: KEEP JCS INFORMED.

SUBJ: OPERATION ATTAIN DOCUMENT--MISSION DIRECTIVE SERIAL 001 (U)
REF: JCS 080049Z JAN 86 (WARNING ORDER)

~~1~~ THIS IS AN OPERATION ATTAIN DOCUMENT MISSION DIRECTIVE AND IS ISSUED FOR PLANNING. THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE HAS APPROVED ALERTING FORCES FOR EXECUTION OF THIS MISSION DIRECTIVE. REQUEST SUPPORTED COMMANDER'S GENERAL CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS AND MISSION TASKING 48 HOURS AFTER RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE. INFO JCS.

~~1~~ MISSION. DEMONSTRATE US RESOLVE AND CAPABILITY AGAINST LIBYA. USCINCEUR WILL CONDUCT OPERATIONS TO KEEP LIBYAN ARMED FORCES UNCERTAIN AS TO US INTENTIONS, AND SIGNAL LIBYAN, EUROPEAN AND ARAB OBSERVERS THAT THE US HAS THE CAPABILITY AND THE WILL TO CONDUCT MILITARY STRIKES, IF NECESSARY.

U 5. ~~1~~ EXECUTION.

- U (1) ~~1~~ UPON COMPLETION OF DUAL CVBG EMED WORLUP INCREASE THE TEMPO OF OPERATIONS WITHIN THE TRIPOLI FIR WITH DAY AND NIGHT AIR AND SURFACE COMBATANT OPERATIONS. CARRIERS SHOULD REMAIN OUTSIDE THE FIR DURING THIS PERIOD. PLAN TO COMMENCE OPERATIONS NO EARLIER THAN 220001Z JAN 86.
- U (2) ~~1~~ BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT AIR AND/OR SURFACE PENETRATIONS OF ILLEGALLY EXCESSIVE LIBYAN CLAIMED TERRITORIAL SEAS AND AIRSPACE IN THE GULF OF SIDRA BELOW 32-30N
- U (2) ~~1~~ BE PREPARED TO EXECUTE OPERATION PRAIRIE FIRE.

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- 6. (U) ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.
 - A. (U) FUNDING WILL NOT BE PROVIDED BY JCS. PARENT SERVICES OF EXECUTING FORCES WILL FUND OPERATIONS. COMMANDERS AND AGENCIES SHOULD BEGIN TO CAPTURE EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY.
 - U B. ~~1~~ REPORTING: IAW REF, COMMANDERS ARE AUTHORIZED TO USE OPREP 1 REPORTING. SUPPORTED COMMANDER SHOULD SUBMIT DAILY SITREPS TO JCS UPON RECEIPT OF THIS ORDER. REPORTS SHOULD BE AS OF 0600Z DAILY TO ARRIVE NLT 1200Z DAILY. DETAILED AFTER-ACTION REPORTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOWS: FIRST IMPRESSIONS, 24 HOURS AFTER COMPLETION OF THIS MISSION; CHRONOLOGY OF ACTIONS, 72 HOURS AFTER COMPLETION; AND LESSONS LEARNED, 7 WORKING DAYS AFTER COMPLETION.
 - U C. ~~1~~ OPSEC AND DECEPTION: SURPRISE IS ESSENTIAL FOR MINIMIZING US LOSSES. PERSONNEL WILL BE BRIEFED ON OPSEC PROCEDURES. INDICATORS WHICH WILL CONVEY US INTENTIONS WILL BE MONITORED AND SHOULD BE CLOSELY CONTROLLED.
 - U D. ~~1~~ PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE. PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE WILL REMAIN CLASSIFIED UNTIL DECLASSIFIED BY JCS. INFORMATION NOT SPECIFICALLY RELEASED WILL REMAIN CLASSIFIED. PUBLIC RELEASE OF THIS INFORMATION IS NOT AUTHORIZED. PUBLIC AND MEDIA QUERIES SHOULD BE TAKEN AND REFERRED TO DJS(PA) THROUGH THE INICC. ADDITIONALLY, UPON EXECUTION, PROVIDE, BY FASTEST MEANS POSSIBLE, PROPOSED PASSIVE PA PLAN TO INCLUDE STATEMENT AND QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS CONCERNING OPERATIONAL ASPECTS OF MISSION FOR USE IN RESPONSE TO QUERY BY DJS(PA) AND ICA.
- 7. (U) COMMAND AND CONTROL.
 - U A. ~~1~~ WHERE CRITICAL COMMUNICATIONS RESOURCES ARE NOT SATISFIED BY AUGMENTING OR SUPPORTING UNITS, THE SUPPORTED COMMANDER SHOULD VALIDATE AND FORWARD THOSE REQUIREMENTS IAW JCS MOP 167. REQUEST FOR SUPPORT SHOULD BE PRIORITIZED BY SUPPORTED COMMANDER.
 - U B. ~~1~~ COMMAND RELATIONSHIPS. USCINCEUR IS THE SUPPORTED COMMANDER. USCINCLANT, USCINCENT, USCINCPAC, AND CINCSAC, ARE SUPPORTING COMMANDERS. DIA AND NSA ARE SUPPORTING AGENCIES.

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SUBJ: MODIFICATION TO ALERT ORDER--PRAIRIE FIRE (6)
REFS: A. USCINCEUR 211215Z JAN 86--DETAILED STRIKE DATA
B. JCS 082139Z JAN 86--REQUEST FOR DETAILED STRIKE PLAN
C. JCS 312234Z DEC 85--ALERT ORDER
1. (6) THIS MESSAGE CONFIRMS MODIFICATIONS TO NCA GUIDANCE
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(U) Background Paper for the Chairman, JCS, for information

I. ^U ~~(TS)~~ SUBJECT. Libyan Anti-ship Missile Threat to US FIR/FON
Operations ~~(TS)~~ ^U

II. (U) MAJOR POINTS

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FYI:

- ~~(S)~~^u IOWA presently inport Norfolk. Scheduled underway 18 Feb for Caribbean FLEETEX and CENTAM presence ops through 12 March. IOWA will transit Panama Canal 24 Feb for EASTPAC ops.
- ~~(TS)~~^u Participation in Libyan FON 23-29 March would require departure from Norfolk NLT 10 March. Additionally should have minimum of 2 wks prep for Med deployment in Norfolk, i.e., should leave Caribbean to arrive Norfolk NLT 25 Feb or be held in Norfolk now. Tab B shows BBBG sked.

APPROVED BY _____ DIRECTOR, J-3

DIRECTOR, JOINT STAFF

Prepared by: _____

Attachments

TAB A--DIA Memorandum for the Chairman, JCS, 15 February 1986
TAB B--BBBG SAG Schedules



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CM-182-86

27 February 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Mediterranean Operations (U)

1. ⁴(PS) During the past several months, elements of EUCOM have operated inside the Tripoli FIR on two separate occasions. During the period 23-29 March, EUCOM will conduct a deliberate Freedom of Navigation challenge below 32 degrees 30 minutes North using both air and surface elements. This FON challenge will involve elements of three carrier battle groups and will be deliberately planned and executed.

2. ⁴(PS) In the intervening period between 27 February and 23 March, the Chiefs recommend that the EUCOM Commander be given maximum flexibility in conducting operations off the coast of Libya with the following constraints:

a. No Freedom of Navigation challenge will be conducted during this period nor will any elements of the force operate south of 32 degrees 30 minutes North.

b. The decision to file a Notification of Intent (NOI) will be left to the EUCOM Commander.

c. All elements of the EUCOM force are authorized to operate within the Tripoli FIR at the discretion of the EUCOM Commander.

d. Normal peacetime Rules of Engagement will apply, with the addition of the following three ROE:

These are the same ROE which have been in effect for the previous two FIR operations.

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3. ^u~~(TS)~~ CINCEUR will continue to be prepared to conduct retaliatory operations against Libya within 48 hours of an execute order in response to either linkable terrorist acts or hostile acts of aggression committed against US forces.

4. ^u~~(TS)~~ Request approval of the above as soon as possible.

William J. Crowe, Jr.
WILLIAM J. CROWE, JR.
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4. ⁴ JCS FOR DIRNSA: REQUEST PROVIDE SUPPORT AS REQUIRED BY
USCINCEUR FOR OPERATIONS IN THE TRIPOLI FIR.

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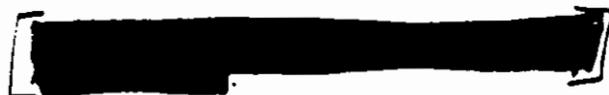
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B. USCINCEUR 101100Z JAN 86 (COMMANDER'S ESTIMATE--ATTAIN DOCUMENT)
C. JCS 311907Z JAN 86 (ALERT ORDER--ATTAIN DOCUMENT II/III)
D. USCINCEUR 081200Z FEB 86 (OPREP-1/ATTAIN DOCUMENT TWO OPORD)
E. JCS 081831Z FEB 86 (ATTAIN DOCUMENT IIA, IIB, AND III EXECUTE ORDER)
F. USCINCEUR 091145Z FEB 86 (EXECUTE ORDER - ATTAIN DOCUMENT IIA, IIB, AND III)

1. ⁴ JCS THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE HAS DIRECTED CANCELLATION OF ATTAIN DOCUMENT II BRAVO OPERATIONS SCHEDULED FOR 1-4 MARCH 1986. CONTINUE PLANNING FOR ATTAIN DOCUMENT III OPERATIONS DURING THE PERIOD 23-29 MARCH 1986. ADDITIONALLY, BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT OPERATION PRAIRIE FIRE 48 HOURS AFTER RECEIPT OF EXECUTE ORDER.

2. ⁴ JCS NORMAL OPERATIONS IN THE CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN ARE TO BE RESUMED WITHIN THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

- A. ALL ELEMENTS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMAND ARE AUTHORIZED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE TRIPOLI FIR ABOVE 32-30N AT THE DISCRETION OF USCINCEUR.
- B. THE DECISION TO FILE A NOTIFICATION OF INTENT (NOI) TO CONDUCT FLIGHT OPERATIONS IN THE TRIPOLI FIR WILL BE LEFT TO USCINCEUR.
- C. FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION CHALLENGES BELOW 32-30N IN THE GULF OF SIDRA WILL NOT BE CONDUCTED UNLESS SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED BY NCA/JCS.

3. ⁴ JCS REPORTING. REQUEST USCINCEUR PROVIDE SCHEDULE OF INTENDED OPERATIONS IN THE TRIPOLI FIR FOR THE PERIOD 28 FEB TO 23 MAR 86, AND NOTIFY JCS 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF ANY CHANGES TO PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF OPERATIONS IN THE TRIPOLI FIR. ADVANCE NOTIFICATION IS REQUIRED TO ENSURE ADEQUATE NSA SUPPORT.



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- PROVIDE INFORMATION ON ATTAIN DOCUMENT OPERATIONS
 - OBTAIN DECISION ON ATTAIN DOCUMENT II B OPERATIONS
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ATTAIN DOCUMENT OPERATIONS

II B: FIR OPERATIONS 1-4 MAR 86

ISSUES - NOI

- CV SOUTH OF 34-20N

- LITTORAL COUNTRY NOTIFICATION

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ATTAIN DOCUMENT II B FIR OPS

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1. NOI

- DO NOT FILE (USCINCEUR PREFERRED)
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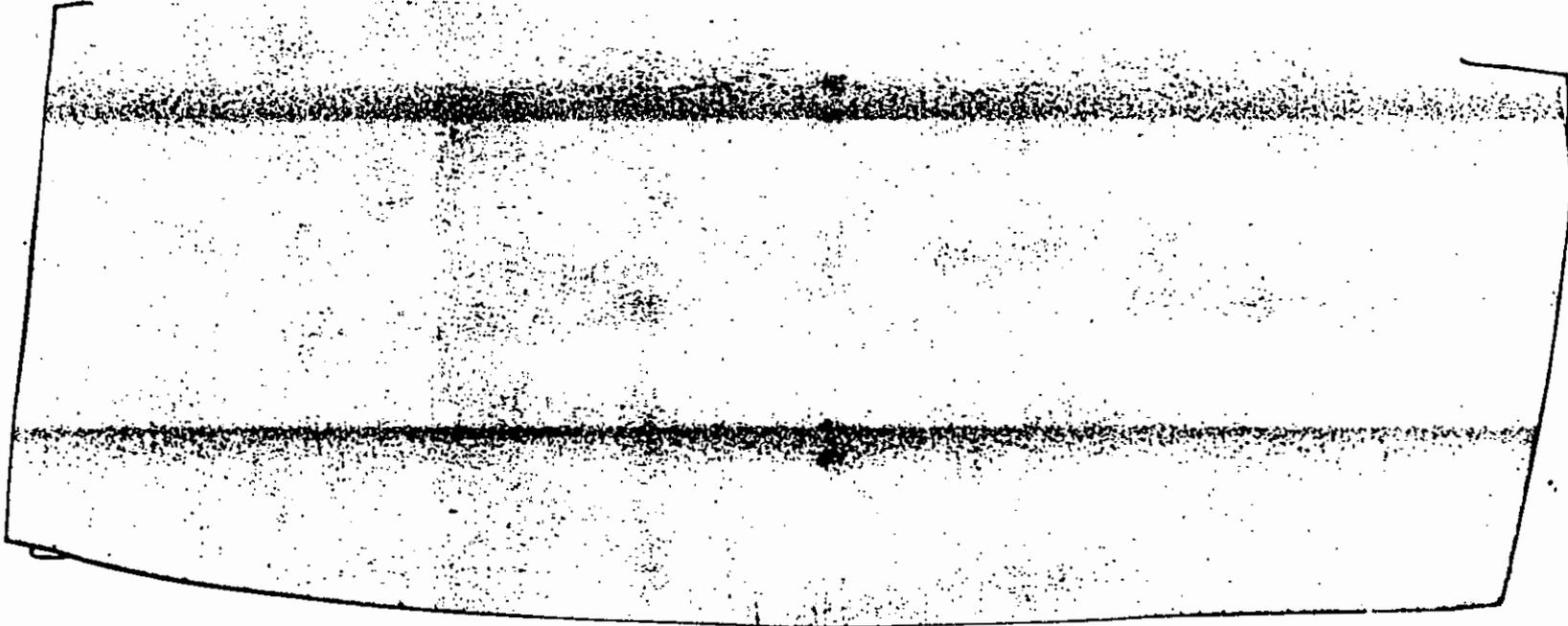
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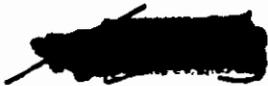
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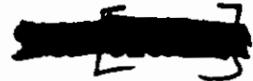
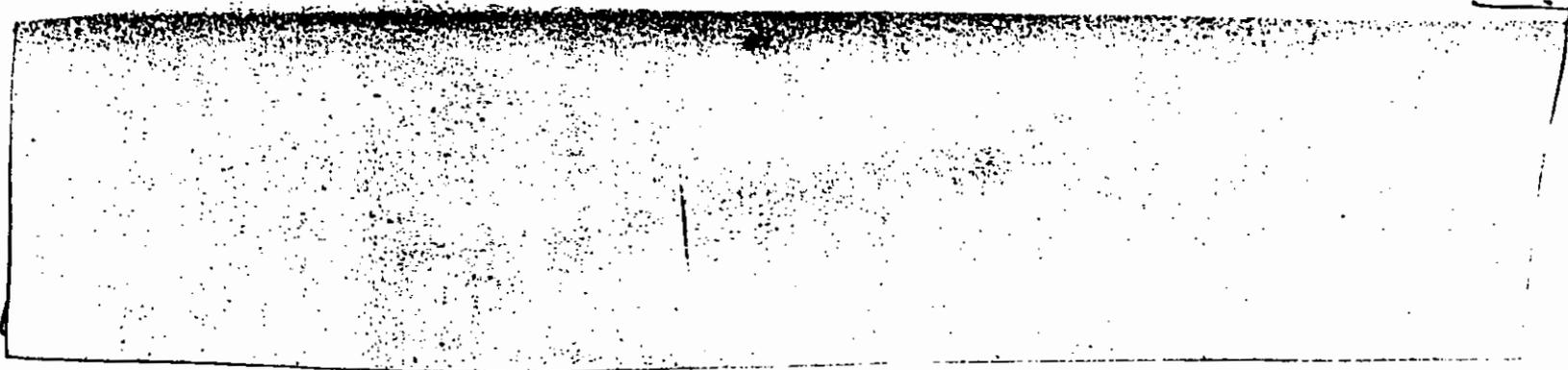


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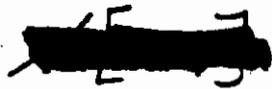
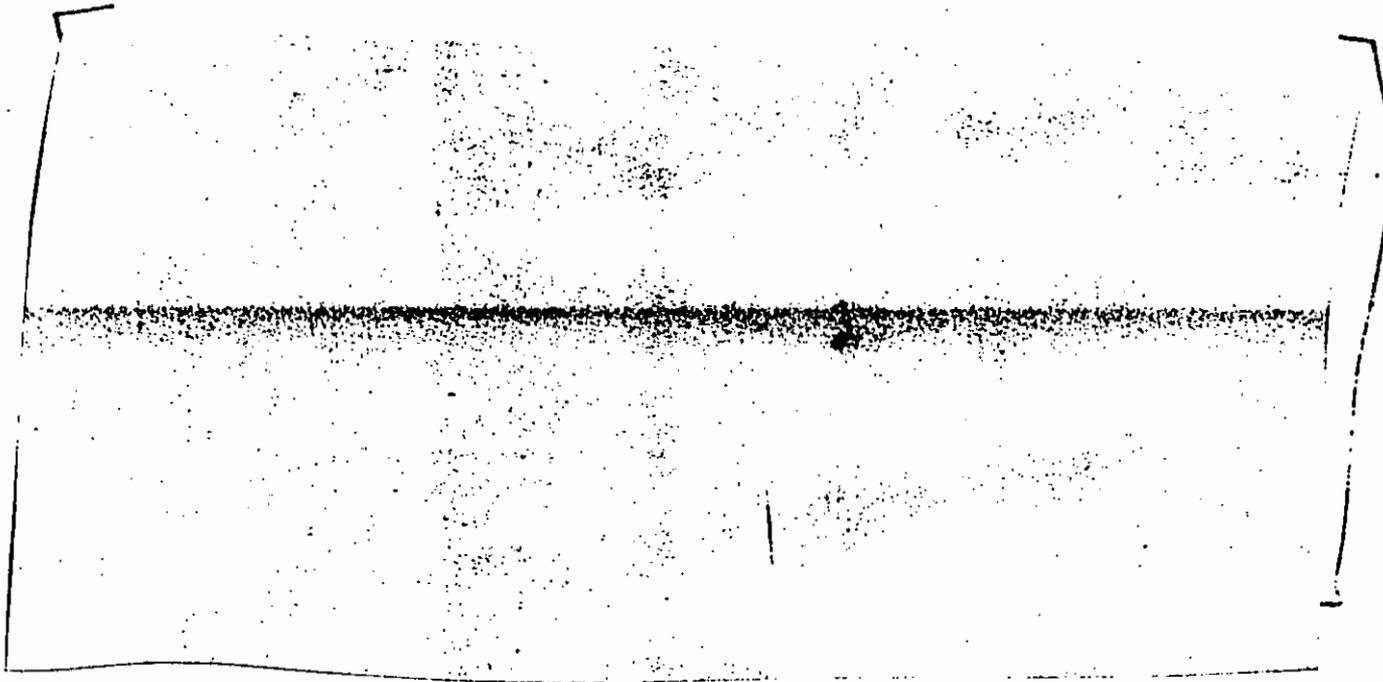
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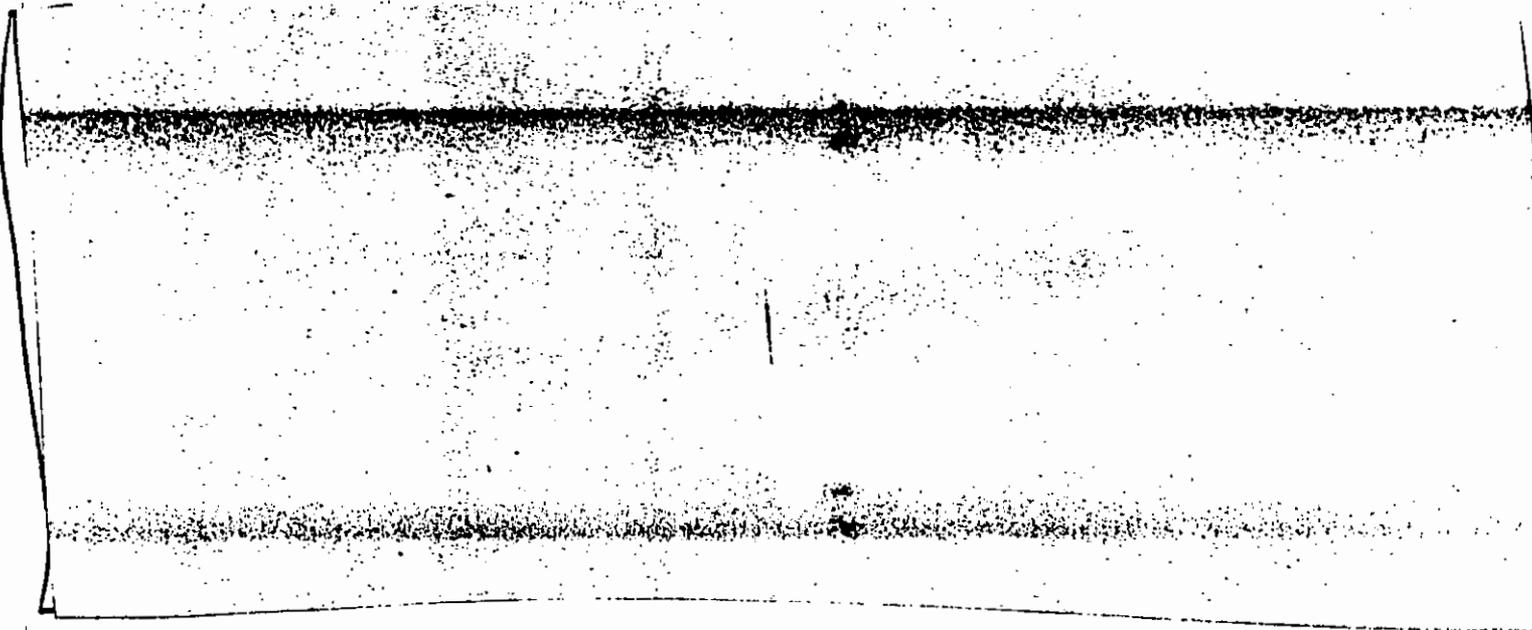
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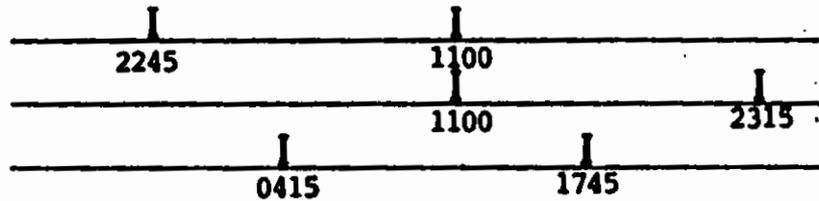
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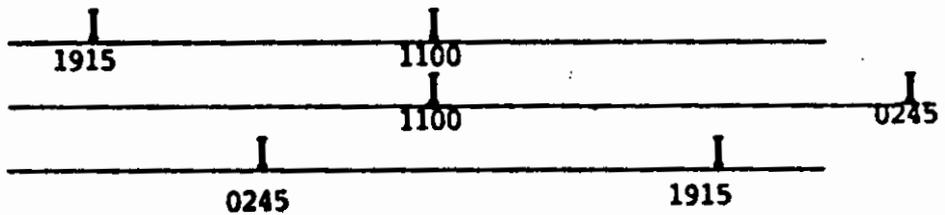
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SUBJECT: ATTAIN DOCUMENT II (U)
1. ~~(TS)~~ YOU HAVE BY NOW RECEIVED AN ALERT ORDER CALLING FOR FIR OPERATIONS BY TWO CVBGs DURING THE PERIOD 10-14 FEB 86. AS WITH ATTAIN DOCUMENT I, THESE OPERATIONS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED NORTH OF 32 DEGREES 30 MINUTES NORTH WITH AN NOI FILED NOT EARLIER THAN 48 HOURS PRIOR TO COMMENCING OPERATIONS.

5. ~~(TS)~~ I WILL KEEP YOU POSTED AS EVENTS UNFOLD HERE. IN TURN, I WILL BE DISCUSSING WITH SECDEF YOUR PLANS FOR FON'S, ETC., AND ANY ADVICE YOU MIGHT HAVE ON FIR OPS, FON PENETRATION OR RETALIATORY STEPS.
6. ~~(TS)~~ I APPRECIATE THE GREAT WORK THAT YOU AND YOUR STAFFS HAVE DONE IN PLANNING AND EXECUTING OPERATIONS THUS FAR.
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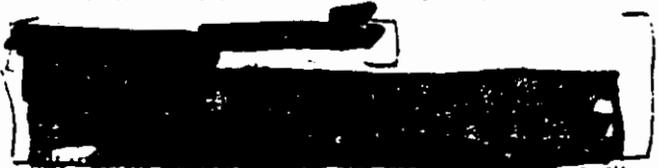
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PRESENCE OPERATIONS IN THE TRIPOLI FIR NORTH OF 32-30N FROM 12 THROUGH 14 MAR 86
ATTAIN DOCUMENT III USING THREE CVBGs. BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION CHALLENGES IN THE GULF OF SIDRA SOUTH OF 32-30N NO CLOSER THAN 12 NM OF LIBYA FROM 25-29 MAR 86. BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT OPERATION PRAIRIE FIRE 48 HOURS AFTER RECEIPT OF AN EXECUTE ORDER.
MAJOR COMBAT FORCES:
(1) ATTAIN DOCUMENT IIA AND IIB: USS CORAL SEA CVBG, USS SARATOGA CVBG, AND SUPPORT FORCES AS REQUIRED
(2) ATTAIN DOCUMENT III: USS CORAL SEA CVBG, USS SARATOGA CVBG, USS AMERICA CVBG, AND SUPPORT FORCES AS REQUIRED.
COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:
(1) COMMENCE OPERATIONS: 120001Z FEB 86, NOI (INFO JCS) TO BE FILED 48 HOURS PRIOR TO COMMENCING OPERATIONS.
(2) DURATION: SEE PARAS 4A THROUGH 4C ABOVE.
(3) OPERATIONAL CONSTRAINTS: SEE REF D, PARA BRATT 3 BRAVO.



USCINCENT ATTAIN DOCUMENT IIA, IIB, AND III--EXECUTE ORDER
REFS: A. JCS 02316Z JAN 86 (MOG WARNING ORDER--ATTAIN DOCUMENT)
B. USCINCEUR 101100Z JAN 86 (COMMANDER'S ESTIMATE--ATTAIN DOCUMENT)
C. JCS 311907Z JAN 86 (ALERT ORDER--ATTAIN DOCUMENT I)
D. USCINCEUR 061200Z FEB 86 (OPREP-1/ATTAIN DOCUMENT TWO OPORD)

E. HQ USEUCOM EG 55-47, (ROE), 1 SEP 83

(U) ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. SEE REFS C AND D. REPORTING: SUPPORTED COMMANDER'S DAILY SITREP TO ARRIVE JCS MLT 1200Z; ATTAIN DOCUMENT III PLAN MLT 251200Z FEB.
PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE. THERE WILL BE NO ANNOUNCEMENTS CONCERNING THESE OPERATIONS. QUERIES WILL BE REFERRED TO OASD/PA AT AUTOWON 227-5131. (202) 897-5131. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE WILL BE PROVIDED BY SEPARATE MESSAGE. PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT IN THE INTERIM PERIODS BETWEEN ABOVE OPERATIONS IS CRITICAL. PUBLIC AFFAIRS PLAN MUST BE DEVELOPED IN CONCERT WITH SPECAT AND CLASSIFICATION GUIDANCE BELOW.

SITUATION. LIBYA, SINCE THE 27 DECEMBER 1985 TERRORIST ATTACKS AT THE ROME AND VIENNA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS, HAS ESCALATED TENSIONS WITH THE US. VERBAL ATTACKS HAVE RECENTLY ESCALATED TO INCLUDE THREATS OF TERRORIST ACTIVITIES DIRECTED AGAINST THE US AND EUROPEAN ALLIES. ADDITIONALLY, ON 13 JANUARY LIBYA CONDUCTED A MIG-23 INTERCEPT OF AN UNARMED US EA-3B SURVEILLANCE AIRCRAFT CONDUCTING ROUTINE OPERATIONS OUTSIDE THE TRIPOLI FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION. ATTAIN DOCUMENT PRESENCE OPERATIONS, CONDUCTED WITH TWO CVBGs IN THE TRIPOLI FIR 24-31 JAN 86, APPEAR TO HAVE HAD SOME MODERATING IMPACT ON THE GOVERNMENT OF LIBYA. HOWEVER, LIBYA DOES CONTINUE TO PERSIST IN ILLEGALLY CLAIMING INTERNATIONAL WATERS AND AIRSPACE IN THE GULF OF SIDRA SOUTH OF 32-30 NORTH AS INTERNAL WATERS AND AIRSPACE.
MISSION. CONTINUE TO DEMONSTRATE US RESOLVE AND CAPABILITY AGAINST LIBYA. USCINCEUR WILL CONDUCT OPERATIONS TO KEEP LIBYAN ARMED FORCES UNCERTAIN AS TO US INTENTIONS AND SIGNAL LIBYAN, EUROPEAN, AND ARAB OBSERVERS THAT THE US HAS THE RESOLVE AND CAPABILITY TO CONDUCT MILITARY STRIKES IF NECESSARY. FURTHER, FOR ATTAIN DOCUMENT IIA AND IIB: CONDUCT AIR AND SURFACE PRESENCE OPERATIONS IN THE TRIPOLI FIR NORTH OF 32-30N. FOR ATTAIN DOCUMENT III: CONDUCT FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION OPERATIONS SOUTH OF 32-30N IN THE GULF OF SIDRA TO CHALLENGE ILLEGAL LIBYAN CLAIMS OF INTERNAL WATERS AND AIRSPACE.

EXECUTION
ATTAIN DOCUMENT IIA: CONDUCT TWO CVBG PRESENCE OPERATIONS IN THE TRIPOLI FIR NORTH OF 32-30N FROM 12 THROUGH 14 FEB 86
ATTAIN DOCUMENT IIB: BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT TWO CVBG



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NORTH USCINCEUR WILL ENSURE THAT A NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) IS FILED 24 HOURS PRIOR TO COMMENCING OPERATIONS IN THE TRIPOLI FIR. THE ACTUAL FON CHALLENGE WILL FIRST CONSIST OF A NIGHT FIGHTER AIRCRAFT PENETRATION SOUTH OF 32-30 NORTH. LIBYAN REACTION WILL BE MONITORED AND THESE REACTIONS CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING THE NUMBER, EXTENT, AND SPECIFIC PARAMETERS OF FOLLOW-ON PENETRATIONS. WHEN DIRECTED BY USCINCEUR, A SURFACE ACTION GROUP COMPOSED OF AT LEAST TWO COMBATANTS WITH MUTUALLY SUPPORTIVE WEAPONS SUITES WILL PROCEED SOUTH OF 32-30 NORTH TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS NO CLOSER THAN 12 NAUTICAL MILES FROM THE LIBYAN COAST. DEPENDING ON LIBYAN REACTIONS, MULTIPLE SURFACE OR AIR PENETRATIONS DURING THE HOURS OF DAYLIGHT OR DARKNESS MAY BE CONDUCTED AS DETERMINED FEASIBLE BY USCINCEUR. DAY AND NIGHT AIR AND SURFACE PENETRATIONS WILL BE LENGTHENED WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF CONDUCTING EXTENDED AIR AND SURFACE OPERATIONS SOUTH OF 32-3 NORTH. DURING ALL SURFACE PENETRATIONS, COMBAT AIR PATROL AIRCRAFT WILL BE ON STATION. RADAR WARNING, SIGNAL INTELLIGENCE, AND ELECTRONIC JAMMING AIRCRAFT WILL BE AIRBORNE AS REQUIRED. LIBYAN UNITS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PICK UP ANY US AIR CREWS DURING SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS SHOULD SUCH OPERATIONS BECOME NECESSARY. (A) (2) (S) BE PREPARED TO ATTACK, EITHER INDIVIDUALLY OR IN COMBINATION, WHEN AUTHORIZED BY THE NCA:



- SUBJ: ATTAIN DOCUMENT III--EXECUTE ORDER (A) (2) (S)
REFS: A. JCS 082316Z JAN 86 (MOC WARNING ORDER--ATTAIN DOCUMENT)
B. USCINCEUR 101100Z JAN 86 (COMMANDER'S ESTIMATE--ATTAIN DOCUMENT)
C. JCS 311907Z JAN 86 (ALERT ORDER--ATTAIN DOCUMENT II:III)
D. USCINCEUR 061200Z FEB 86 (PREP 1/ATTAIN DOCUMENT II--OPORD)
E. JCS 081831Z FEB 86 (ATTAIN DOCUMENT IIA, IIB, AND IIC--EXECUTE ORDER (A) (2) (S))
F. USCINCEUR 091145Z FEB 86 (EXECUTE ORDER--ATTAIN DOCUMENT IIA, IIB, AND IIC (A) (2) (S))
G. USCINCEUR 251100Z FEB 86 (PREP 1/ATTAIN DOCUMENT III--OPORD)
H. JCS 280015Z FEB 86 (ATTAIN DOCUMENT IIB CANCELLATION (A) (2) (S))
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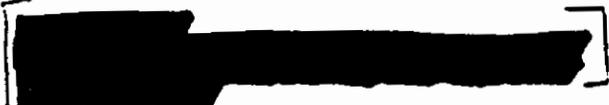
2. ~~1~~ SITUATION. LIBYA CONTINUES TO PERSIST IN ILLEGALLY CLAIMING INTERNATIONAL WATERS AND AIRSPACE IN THE GULF OF SIDRA SOUTH OF 32-30 NORTH AS INTERNAL WATERS AND AIRSPACE. IT IS EXPECTED THAT CHALLENGES TO LIBYA WILL HEIGHTEN THE INTENSITY OF THE TERRORIST THREAT.
3. ~~1~~ MISSION. CONDUCT FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION OPERATIONS SOUTH OF 32-30N/8 IN THE GULF OF SIDRA TO CHALLENGE ILLEGAL CLAIMS OF INTERNAL WATERS AND AIRSPACE AND CONTINUE TO DEMONSTRATE US RESOLVE AND CAPABILITY AGAINST LIBYA. BE PREPARED TO COUNTER LIBYAN TERRORIST ACTIVITY.
4. (U) EXECUTION.
- A. (U) COURSE OF ACTION:
- (1) ~~1~~ COMMENCING 230001Z MAR 86, USCINCEUR WILL, AT HIS DISCRETION, CONDUCT A DELIBERATE FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION (FON) CHALLENGE SOUTH OF 32-30N/8 LONGITUDE IN THE GULF OF SIDRA USING BOTH AIR AND SURFACE ELEMENTS. THIS FON CHALLENGE WILL INVOLVE ELEMENTS OF THREE CARRIER BATTLE GROUPS. THE DURATION OF THE FON OPERATIONS WILL DEPEND UPON LIBYAN REACTIONS AND THE EFFECT THIS HAS UPON THE DEGREE OF US AIR/SURFACE PRESENCE ATTAINED SOUTH OF 32-30 NORTH. IN NO EVENT WILL ANY LIBYAN ACTION PREVENT US FORCES FROM CARRYING OUT A THOROUGH DEMONSTRATION OF FON OPERATIONS SOUTH OF 32-30



(3) (S) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT OPERATION PRAIRIE FIRE ON VERY SHORT NOTICE.



- E. (S) CINCPAC: PROVIDE AIRLIFT SUPPORT AS REQUESTED BY SUPPORTED AND SUPPORTING COMMANDERS.
- F. ~~1~~ MAJOR COMBAT FORCES: USS CORAL SEA CVBG, USS SARATOGA CVBG, USS AMERICA CVBG, AND SUPPORT FORCES AS REQUIRED.
- G. (U) COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:
- (1) ~~1~~ COMMENCE OPERATIONS: 230001Z MAR 86. NOI (INFO JCS) WILL BE FILED 220001Z MAR 86. PERIOD COVERED BY THE NOI WILL BE 10 DAYS, SUBJECT TO EXTENSION AS THE SITUATION DICTATES.
- (2) ~~1~~ DURATION: TO BE DETERMINED BY USCINCEUR, FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, ANTICIPATED TERMINATION WILL BE 01Z 291800Z MAR 86.
- (3) (U) OPERATIONAL CONSTRAINTS: SEE REF G, SUBPARA BRAVO 3 BRAVO.



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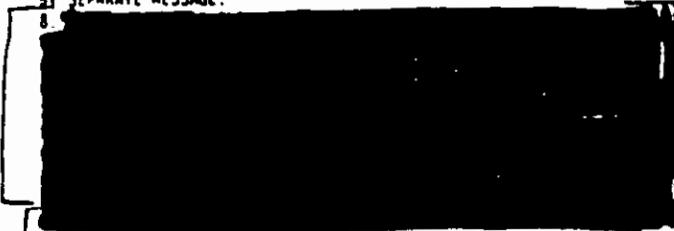
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5. ~~ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS~~ SEE REF C
REPORTING: SUPPORTED COMMANDER'S SITREP TO ARRIVE JCS TWICE DAILY
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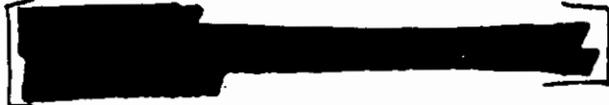
- A. ~~TRACK DATA AND TIMES FOR BOTH SURFACE AND ATR UNITS~~
SOUTH OF 12-10 NORTH.
- B. ~~LIBYAN SURFACE UNITS POSTURE/RESPONSE.~~

- C. ~~NUMBER OF US AND LIBYAN SORTIES FLOWN.~~
- E. ~~CAP STATIONS USED.~~
- F. ~~CHRONOLOGY OF REACTIONS/INTERCEPTS WITH LIBYAN AIRCRAFT.~~
- G. ~~ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS (IF ANY).~~
- H. ~~STATUS OF EMBARKED MEDIA POOL ACTIVITIES, PLANNED AND COMPLETED IF ANY, AND ANY PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED OR SUPPORT REQUIRED.~~

- 6. (U) COMMAND AND CONTROL:
A. ~~COMMAND RELATIONSHIPS: USCINCEUR IS THE SUPPORTED COMMANDER. USCINCPAC, USCINCENT, CINCPAC, USCINCPAC, USCINCPAC, CINCSAC, [REDACTED] ARE SUPPORTING COMMANDERS. NSA AND DIA ARE SUPPORTING AGENCIES.~~
- 7. (U) PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE: PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE PROVIDED BY SEPARATE MESSAGE.



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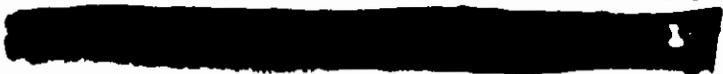
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SUBJ: REVISED PRAIRIE FIRE ALERT ORDER (U)
REFS: A. JCS 282228Z DEC 85 (PRAIRIE FIRE WARNING ORDER) (NOTAL)
B. JCS 150027Z MAR 86 (NO III EXECUTE ORDER) (NOTAL)
1. (U) THIS IS AN ALERT ORDER. THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE HAS AUTHORIZED EXECUTION PLANNING DELINEATED BELOW. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO CONSOLIDATE PREVIOUS PRAIRIE FIRE PLANNING AND PROVIDE CURRENT NSA GUIDANCE. THIS MESSAGE SUPERCEDES ANY CONFLICTING DIRECTION/GUIDANCE CONTAINED IN EARLIER MESSAGES.

2. (U) SITUATION. LIBYAN LEADER QADHAFI HAS THREATENED TO ATTACK US FORCES SHOULD THEY OPERATE IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS IN THE GULF OF SIDRA SOUTH OF 32-30N/8. SINCE THE UNITED STATES INTENDS TO CHALLENGE LIBYA'S ILLEGAL CLAIMS OF INTERNAL WATERS AND AIRSPACE IN THE GULF OF SIDRA, PLANNING FOR RETALIATION AGAINST HOSTILE LIBYAN ACTION IS PRUDENT.

4. (U) EXECUTION. (NOTE: MISSION STATEMENT IS NOT MEANT TO IMPLY DISREGARD OF LIBYAN THREAT TO ATTACKING FORCES).

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D. (U) MAJOR COMBAT FORCES:
1. (1) USS CORAL SEA CVBG, USS SARATOGA CVBG, USS AMERICA CVBG
(2) UK-BASED F-111 AIRCRAFT.
(3) STRIKE SUPPORT ASSETS AS REQUIRED.
(4) THEATER SAR FORCES AS REQUIRED. (IF THE FORWARD DEPLOYMENT OF ADDITIONAL SAR ASSETS (E.G. HH-53 PAVE LOW) HELIOS IS DEEMED APPROPRIATE, REQUEST ADVISE JCS SOONEST).
E. (U) CONCEPT. IN THE EVENT OF MAJOR HOSTILE LIBYAN ACT AGAINST FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION OPERATIONS (ATTAIN DOCUMENT III), ANTICIPATE NSA DESIRE TO RETALIATE SOONEST. THEREFORE, STRIKE PLANS SHOULD BE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING TIMELINES:

- (1) USING CVBG TACAIR: NOTIFICATION PLUS 12 HOURS PLUS TIME REQUIRED TO CONDUCT STRIKE(S) WITH TOT OPTIMIZATION.
- (2) USING UK-BASED F-111S: NOTIFICATION PLUS 12 HOURS PLUS TIME REQUIRED TO CONDUCT STRIKE(S) WITH TOT OPTIMIZATION ASSUMING DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCES FOR EMPLOYMENT AND TANKER PRE-POSITIONING HAVE BEEN OBTAINED.

F. (U) OPERATIONAL CONSTRAINTS. MISSION PLANNING SHOULD INCLUDE OPTIONS FOR OVERFLIGHT AND NO OVERFLIGHT OF ANY COUNTRY OTHER THAN TARGET.

G. (U) USCINCLANT: CONTINUE PLANNING FOR AUGMENTATION OF USCINCEUR WITH ONE CVBG, AND/OR ONE BBG.

I. (U) CINOMAC: PROVIDE AIRLIFT SUPPORT AS REQUESTED BY SUPPORTED AND SUPPORTING COMMANDERS.

J. (U) USCINCPAC: PROVIDE ECM ASSETS TO USCINCEUR, IF REQUESTED. CONTINUE PLANNING FOR AUGMENTATION OF USCINCEUR WITH ONE CVBG.

K. (U) CINCSAC: PROVIDE AIR REFUELING SUPPORT AS REQUESTED BY SUPPORTED OR SUPPORTING COMMANDERS.

U. (U) COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:

- (1) (U) D-DAY, H-HOUR: TBD.
- (2) (U) ANTICIPATED LENGTH OF OPERATION: TBD.
- (3) (U) JDA WILL COORDINATE AND/OR MONITOR DEPLOYMENTS AS REQUESTED BY SUPPORTED/SUPPORTING COMMANDERS AND TOA'S.
- (4) (U) PRE-STRIKE OPSEC IS A PARAMOUNT CONSIDERATION. UNSCHEDULED MOVEMENT OF FORCES, CANCELLATION OF BLOCK LEAVES, AND OTHER SIGNALS SHOULD BE AVOIDED UNTIL ISSUANCE OF EXECUTE ORDER.

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U ~~SECRET~~ PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE: PUBLIC RELEASE OF INFORMATION AND THESE OPERATIONS IS NOT AUTHORIZED. ANTICIPATE ANY ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRAIRIE FIRE OPERATIONS WILL BE MADE BY THE MCA AFTER OPERATIONS COMMENCE. INFORMATION NOT SPECIFICALLY RELEASED WILL REMAIN CLASSIFIED. PUBLIC AND MEDIA QUERIES SHOULD BE TAKEN AND REFERRED TO OASD(PA) (AUTOWN 227-5131) OR TO OJSP(PA) THROUGH THE NMCC. REQUEST USCINCEUR PROVIDE, BY SEPARATE MESSAGE, PROPOSED PRAIRIE FIRE PA PLAN ASAP AND RLT 230800Z MAR 88.

U ~~SECRET~~ (U) COMMAND AND CONTROL:

A. ~~SECRET~~ WHERE CRITICAL COMMUNICATIONS RESOURCES ARE NOT SATISFIED BY ALLEGMENTING OR SUPPORTING UNITS, THE SUPPORTED COMMANDER SHOULD VALIDATE AND FORWARD THOSE REQUIREMENTS IAW JCS MOP 187. REQUESTS FOR SUPPORT SHOULD BE PRIORITIZED BY SUPPORTED COMMANDER

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(B) (U) DIRLAUTH ALCON: KEEP JCS INFORMED.

S. (U) ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

A. ~~SECRET~~ AIRLIFT PRIORITY: 181.

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

U ~~SECRET~~ C. ~~SECRET~~ REPORTING: COMMANDERS ARE AUTHORIZED TO USE OPREP 1 REPORTING. SUPPORTED COMMANDER SHOULD ANTICIPATE CONTINUING DAILY SITREP REPORTING INITIATED FOR FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION CHALLENGE (ATTAIN DOCUMENT !!!). DETAILED AFTER-ACTION REPORTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOWS: FIRST IMPRESSIONS, 48 HOURS AFTER COMPLETION OF OPERATION; CHRONOLOGY OF ACTIONS, 90 HOURS AFTER COMPLETION; AND LESSONS LEARNED, 7 WORKING DAYS AFTER COMPLETION.

U ~~SECRET~~ D. ~~SECRET~~ OPSEC AND DECEPTION: SURPRISE IS ESSENTIAL FOR MINIMIZING US LOSSES. PERSONNEL WILL BE BRIEFED ON OPSEC PROCEDURES. INDICATORS WHICH WILL CONVEY US INTENTIONS WILL BE MONITORED AND SHOULD BE

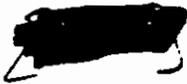
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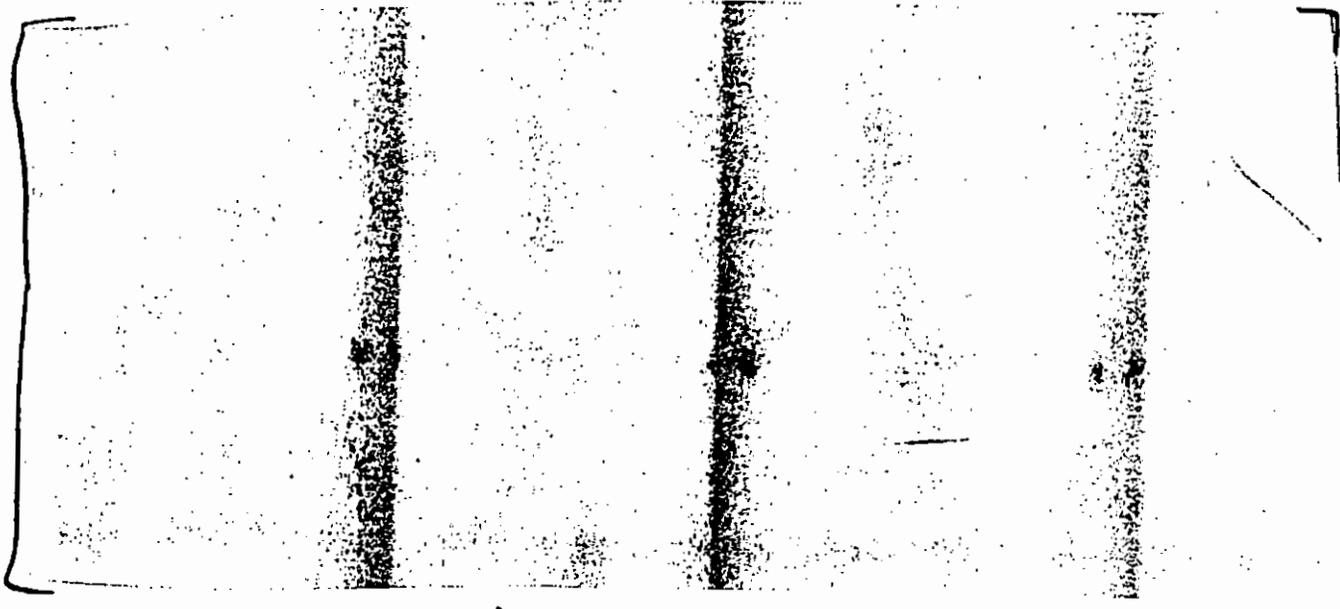
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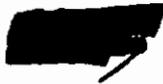
1. (U) PURPOSE: Response to JSJ Tasking 008.
2. (U) MAJOR POINTS:

- ¹⁸⁷ To some extent the lack of air and naval activity is a result of bad weather. A further factor with regard to air assets is the emphasis on air defense which has restricted air operations. An attempt to limit possible losses is probably also a factor.



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2. CINCSAC: PROVIDE AIR REFUELING AND RECONNAISSANCE SUPPORT AS REQUESTED BY SUPPORTED AND SUPPORTING COMMANDERS

VA. (U) COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS: NO CHANGE FROM REF A
S (U) ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: NO CHANGE FROM REF A
F (U) COMMAND AND CONTROL: NO CHANGE FROM REF A

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SUBJ: PRAIRIE FIRE ALERT ORDER -- SECOND REVISION (U)
REFS: A. JCS 220020Z MAR 86 (REVISED PRAIRIE FIRE ALERT ORDER) (U)
B. JCS 150027Z MAR 86 (AD III EXECUTE ORDER) (U)
C. USCINCEUR 260900Z MAR 86 (AC III SITREP 09) (U)

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1. ~~1.~~ SITUATION: TERMINATION OF ATTAIN DOCUMENT III OPERATIONS IN THE GULF OF SIDRA ALLOWS US FORCES TO ALTER RESPONSE TIME FOR OPERATION PRAIRIE FIRE

- 2. ~~2.~~ MISSION: NO CHANGE FROM REF A
- 3. ~~3.~~ EXECUTION: NO CHANGE FROM REF A EXCEPT AS NOTED BELOW
 - A. ~~1.~~ MILITARY TARGETS LIST: IN PRIORITY ORDER
 - (U) NO CHANGE FROM REF A
 - B. ~~2.~~ TERRORIST TARGET:
 - (U) NO CHANGE FROM REF A
 - C. ~~3.~~ ECONOMIC TARGETS: IN PRIORITY ORDER
 - (U) NO CHANGE FROM REF A
 - D. ~~4.~~ MAJOR COMBAT FORCES:
 - (U) IN REF A EXCEPT DELETE USS SARATOGA CVBG
 - E. ~~5.~~ CONCEPT: PLANNING FOR OPERATION PRAIRIE FIRE RETALIATORY STRIKES AGAINST LIBYAN MAINLAND TARGETS PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED SHOULD CONTINUE WITHIN THE FOLLOWING PARAMETERS UNTIL 10 APRIL 1986:
 - (1) ~~1.~~ USE CVBG TACAIP: NOTIFICATION PLUS 48 HOURS PLUS TIME REQUIRED TO CONDUCT STRIKES, WITH TOT OPTIMIZATION
 - (2) ~~2.~~ USE U-BASED F-111S: NOTIFICATION PLUS 48 HOURS PLUS TIME REQUIRED TO CONDUCT STRIKES, WITH TOT OPTIMIZATION
 - (3) ~~3.~~ POST-STRIKE SR-71 MISSION: BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT SR-71 POST-STRIKE RECONNAISSANCE AT FIRST LIGHT FOLLOWING PRAIRIE FIRE STRIKES. LAUNCH AND RECOVERY BASES FOR SR-71 TO BE DETERMINED BY COORDINATION BETWEEN USCINCEUR AND SAC
- 4. ~~4.~~ OPERATIONAL CONSTRAINTS: NO CHANGE FROM REF A
- 5. ~~5.~~ USCINCLANT: CONTINUE PLANNING FOR AUGMENTATION OF USCINCEUR WITH ONE CVBG AND/OR ONE BBG

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2. ~~2.~~ CINCPAC: PROVIDE AIRLIFT SUPPORT AS REQUESTED BY SUPPORTED AND SUPPORTING COMMANDERS.

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*****IMMEDIATE DELIVERY REQUIRED*****

ACTION: J3-JOC CODEWORD OFFICER (JA) (M C)
CJCS CODEWORD OFFICER (2) DIA JCS CODEWORD OFFICER (2)
INFO: DIRECTOR J-3 (1) J3-JOC CODEWORD OFFICER (1)
DIRECTOR JOINT STAFF (1) NMCC DEF DIR OPS (1)
NMCC TEAM CHIEF (1)

OJCS SUMMARY SHEET

TO: ACJCS	CLASSIFICATION TOP SECRET U	FOR USE BY ORIGINATOR
THRU: DJS		FOR USE BY OJCS ONLY
		DJSM NO
		DJSM DATE
		ACTION
SUBJECT: PRAIRIE FIRE Update (TS) U		X APPROVAL
		X SIGNATURE
		INFORMATION

REMARKS

1. (TS) Attached Talking Paper for Deputy Secretary of Defense addresses current status of Operation PRAIRIE FIRE.
2. (U) Recommend approval and signature on attached Talking Paper.

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ACTION OFFICER	COORDINATION/APPROVAL					
	OFFICE	NAME & DATE	EXTENSION	OFFICE	NAME & DATE	EXTENSION
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	J-31					
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	J-33					
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DATE OF PREPARATION 1 APR 1986	CLASSIFICATION TOP SECRET U					

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WORKING PAPER
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(U) Talking Paper for the Deputy Secretary of Defense for information

I. ~~(TS)~~^U SUBJECT: Operation PRAIRIE FIRE Update ~~(TS)~~^U

II. ~~(TS)~~^U KEY POINTS:

- Operation PRAIRIE FIRE (retaliatory strikes on Libyan mainland targets) strike force consists of:
 - 2 CVBGs, USS CORAL SEA and USS AMERICA.
 - UK-based F-111s.

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- 2 CVBGs, USS AMERICA and USS CORAL SEA, as well as UK-based F-111s, are prepared to execute Operation PRAIRIE FIRE within 48 hours of receipt of execute order.
 - F-111 option continues to require diplomatic clearance.
 - USS CORAL SEA outchops 10 April en route CONUS.
 - After 10 April only the USS AMERICA will remain in the Mediterranean.
 - It is anticipated that after 10 April 86 the response time to execute Operation PRAIRIE FIRE may be extended to 96 hours from receipt of execution order.

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III. (TS) SUMMARY: US forces are positioned to respond to any Libyan act of aggression. Barring any Libyan acts of aggression CVBG schedules will be carried out, reducing the number of CVBGs in the Mediterranean to one (USS AMERICA) by 10 April. The USS AMERICA possesses the capability to execute Operation PRAIRIE FIRE. In addition, UK-based F-111s may be utilized if appropriate.

APPROVED BY _____ DIRECTOR, JOINT STAFF
_____ ACTING CHAIRMAN, JCS

Prepared by: [REDACTED]

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DECISION BRIEF: ATTAIN DOCUMENT III

FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION
CHALLENGE
SOUTH
OF
32-30N

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ATTAIN DOCUMENT III BRIEFING
OUTLINE

- ATTAIN DOCUMENT I/II OPERATIONS
 - USCINCEUR CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS---ATTAIN DOCUMENT III
 - ISSUES
 - EXECUTE DECISION
- [REDACTED] u [REDACTED]

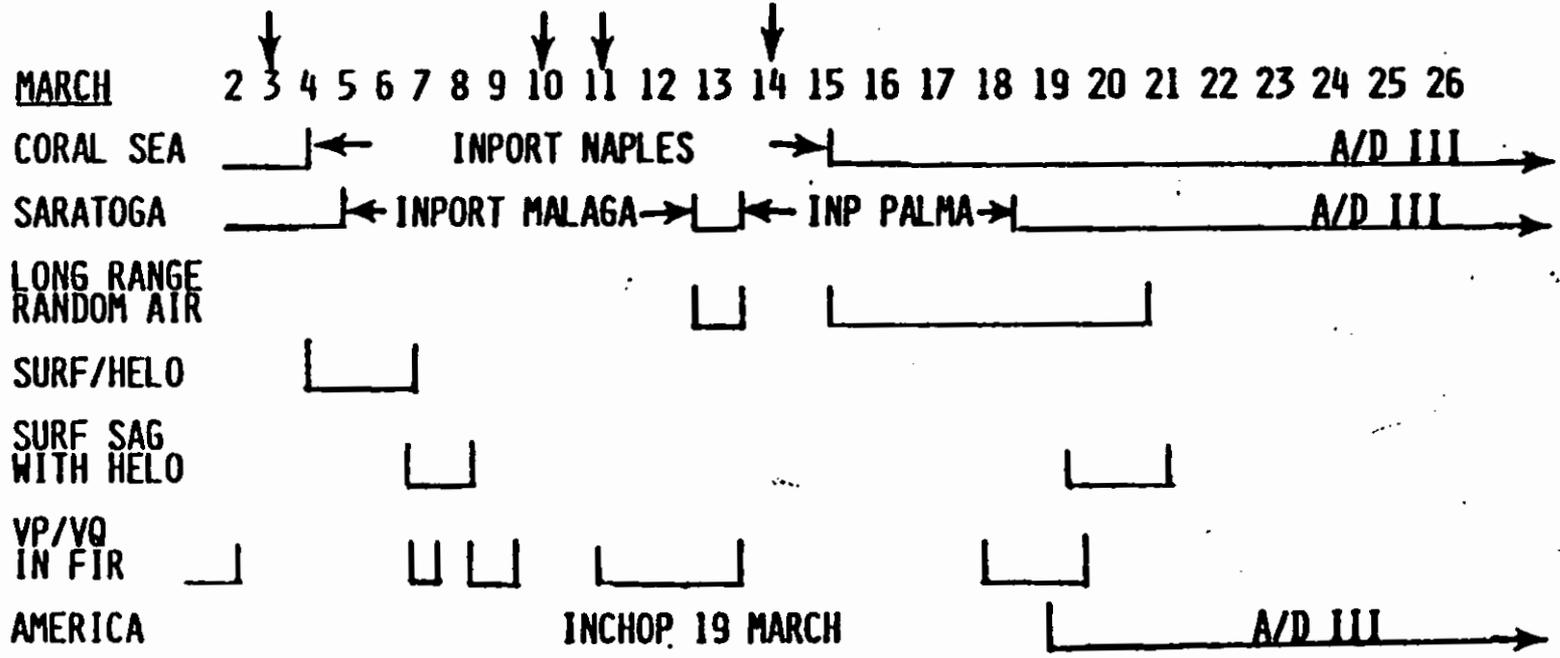
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CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN OPERATIONS

ATTAIN DOCUMENT I -- 24 TO 31 JANUARY 1986

ATTAIN DOCUMENT II ALFA -- 12 TO 15 FEBRUARY 1986

MARCH OPERATIONS



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ATTAIN DOCUMENT III

MISSION: CONTINUE TO DEMONSTRATE U.S. RESOLVE AND CAPABILITY AGAINST LIBYA.

CONDUCT OPERATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS AND AIRSPACE INCLUDING
FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION OPERATIONS IN THE GULF OF SIDRA SOUTH OF 32-30N.

BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT ATTACKS ON LIBYAN MAINLAND TARGETS IN
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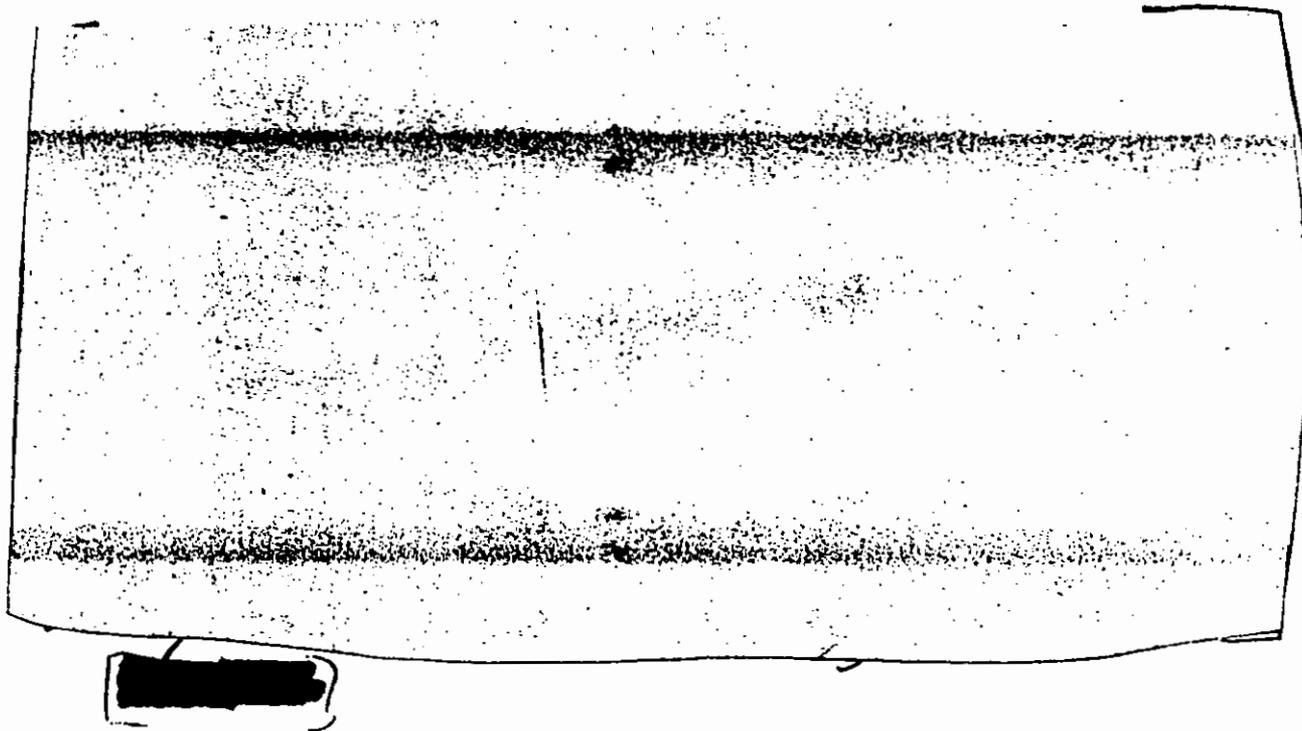
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CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

19 MAR - FILE NOI NLT 19 MARCH (DURATION AT USCINCEUR DISCRETION)

21/22 MAR - CVBG WORKUPS/TRANSITION FROM WMED TO CMED

23 MAR



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ATTAIN DOCUMENT III
PROJECTED CVBG COMPOSITION

USS AMERICA

USS TICONDEROGA (CG-47 AEGIS)

USS DALE (CG-19)

USS FARRAGUT (DDG-37)

USS KING (DDG-41)

USS HALYBURTON (FFG-40)

USS ALYWIN (FF-1081)

USS PHARRIS (FF-1094)

USS VREELAND (FF-1068)

USS CORAL SEA

USS YORKTOWN (CG-48 AEGIS)

USS RICHMOND K TURNER (CG-20)

USS SCOTT (DDG-995)

USS CARON (DD-970)

USS DE WERT (FFG-45)

USS DONALD B BEARY (FF-1085)

USS PAUL (FF-1080)

USS AINSWORTH (FF-1090)

USS GARCIA (FF-1040)

USS SARATOGA

USS BIDDLE (CG-34)

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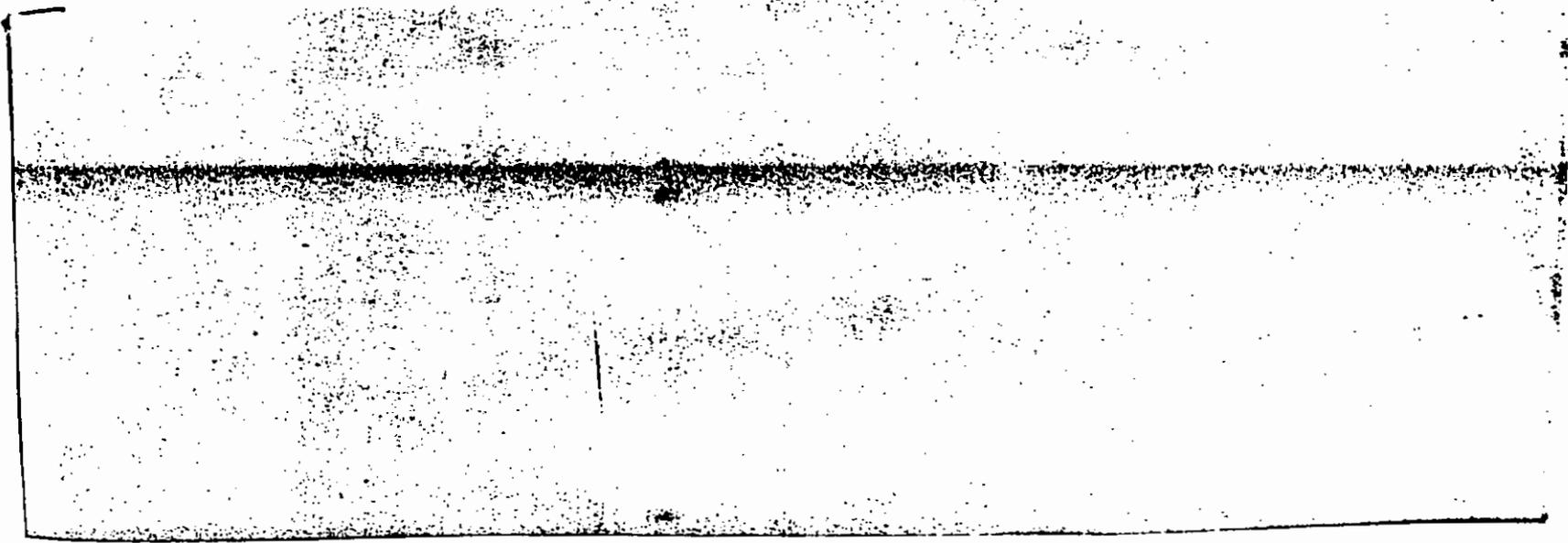
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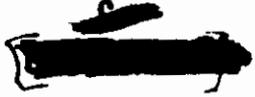
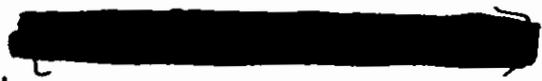
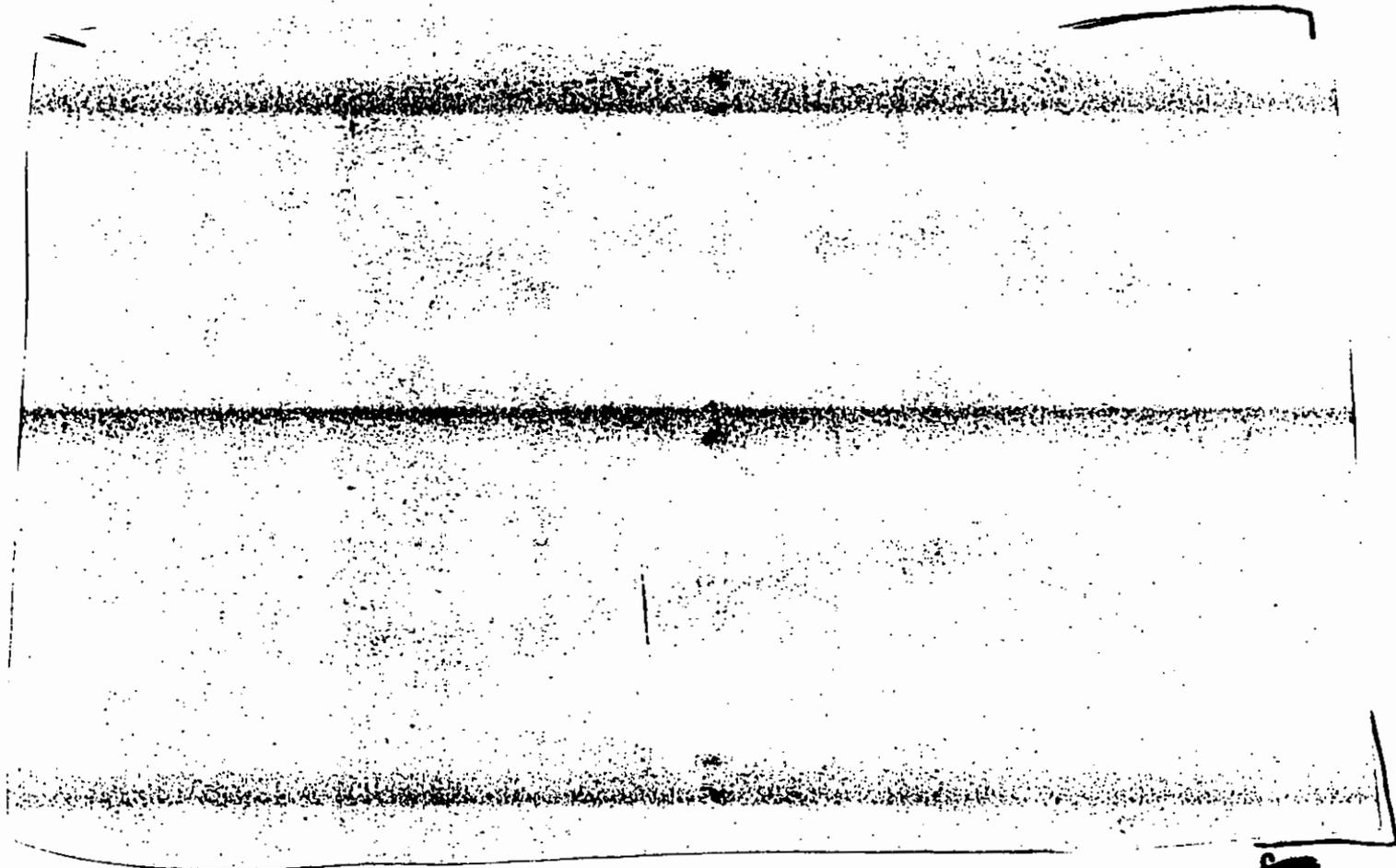


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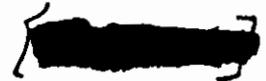
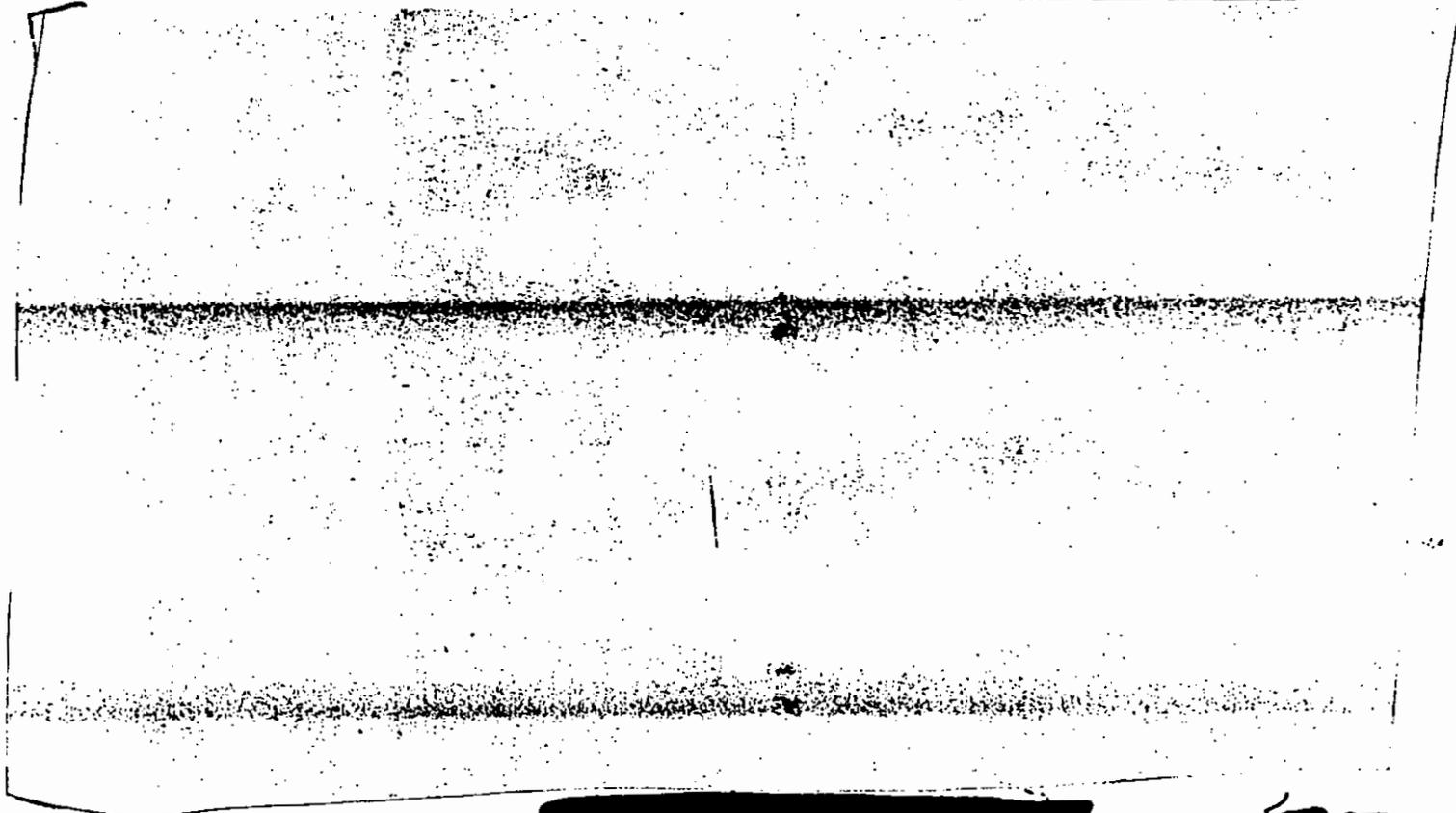


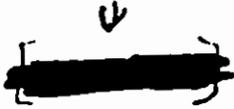


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ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE





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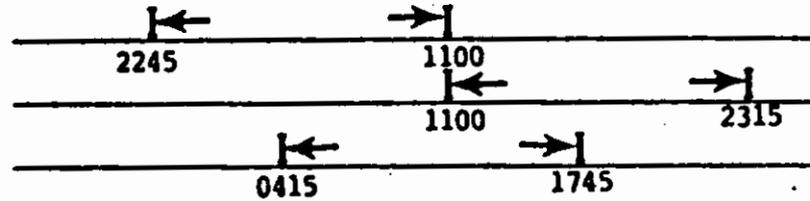
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- NORTH OF 32-30N

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-- AMERICA 1100-2315

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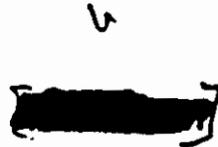
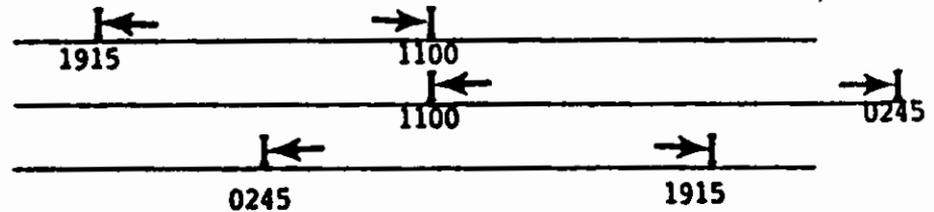


- SOUTH OF 32-30N

-- SARATOGA 1915-1100

-- AMERICA 1100-0245

-- CORAL SEA 0245-1915



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CONCEPT OF OPS (CONT'D)

- 16 CAP STATIONS

-- OPS NORTH OF 32-30N

--- MIN 6 A/C FOR DAY AND 4 A/C NIGHT

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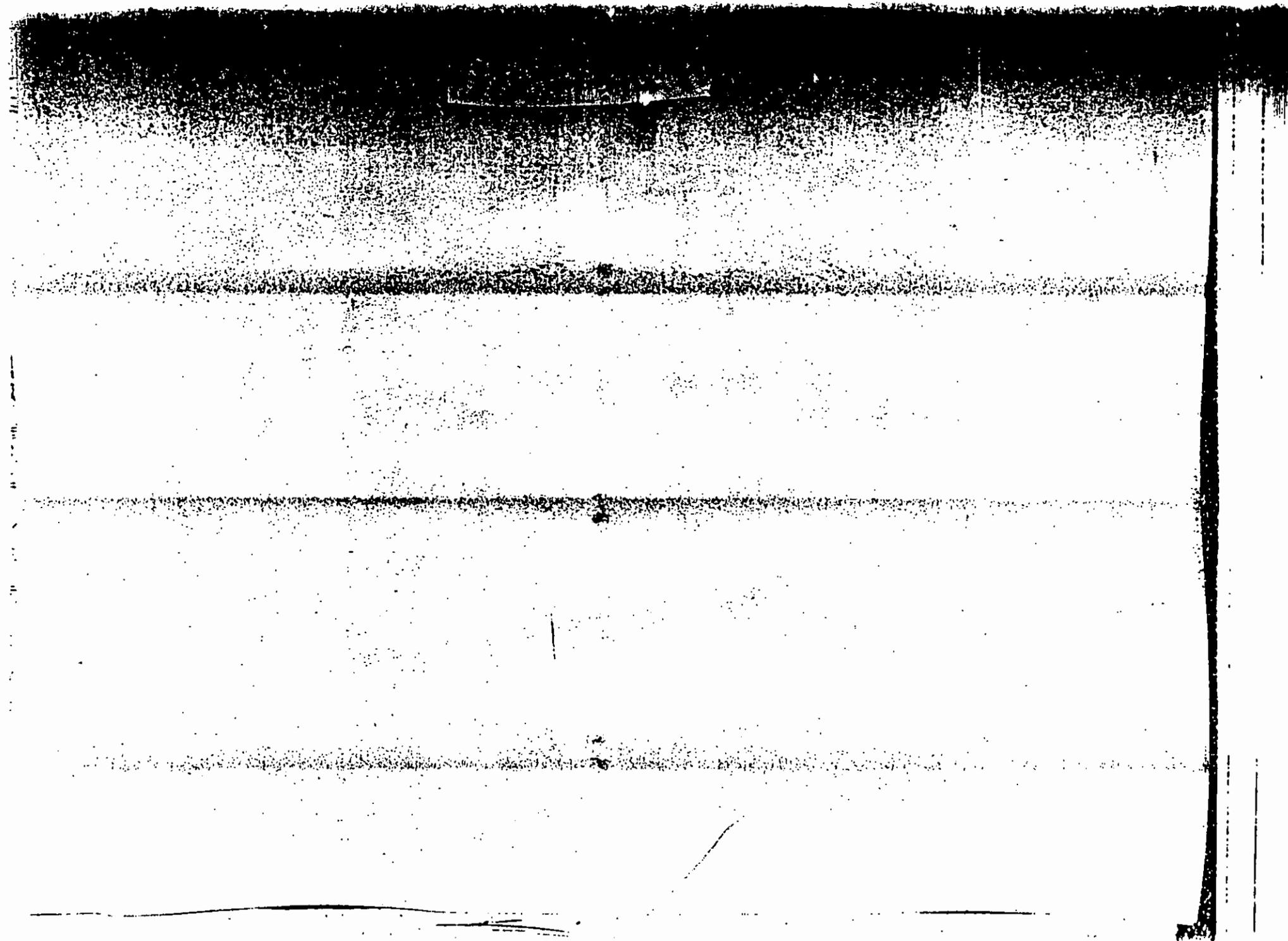
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ATTAIN DOCUMENT LII

ISSUES: DURATION OF FON OPERATIONS

RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

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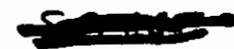
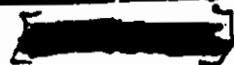
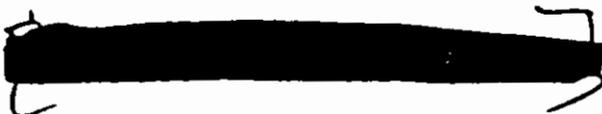
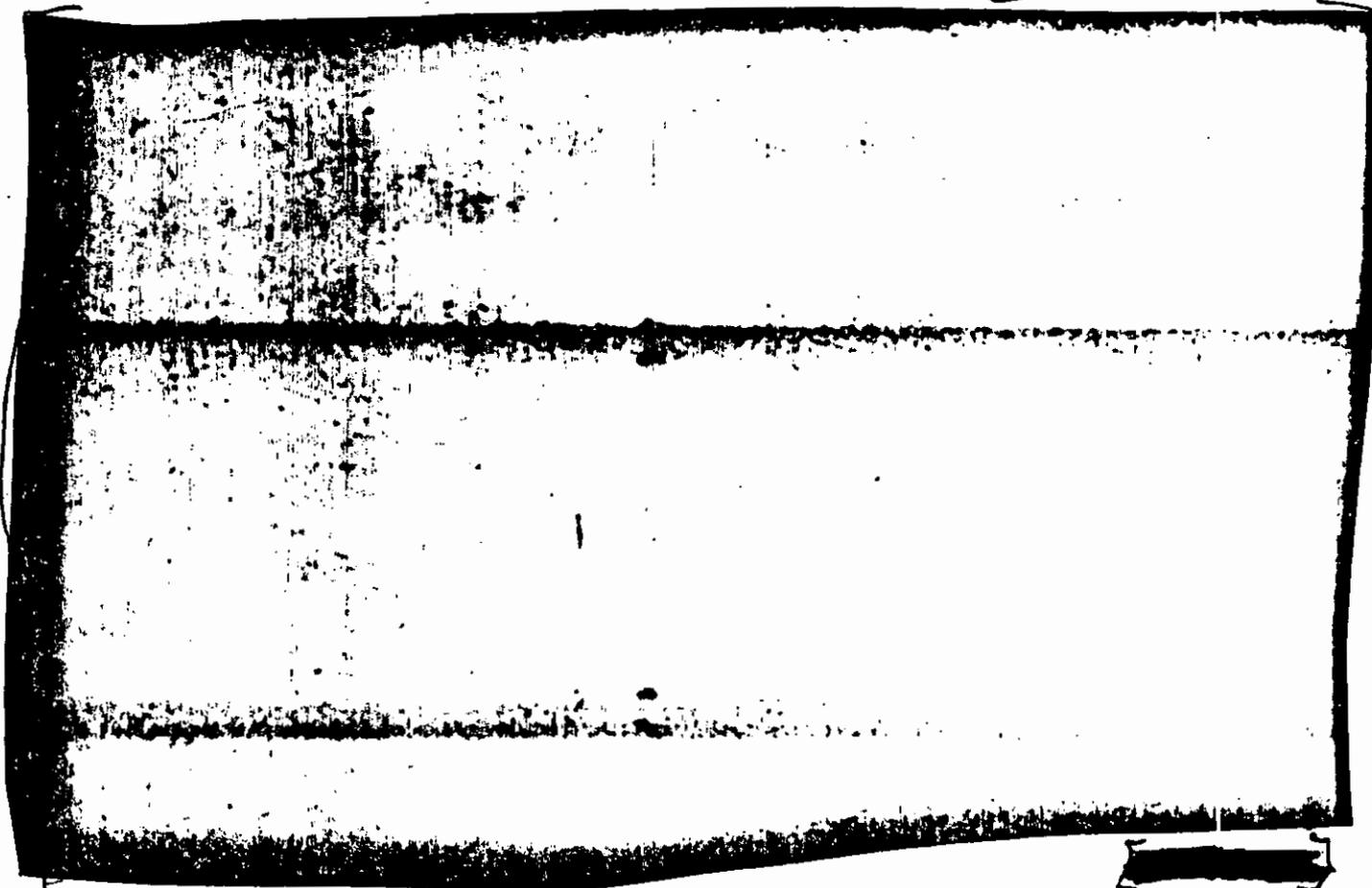
DURATION OF FON OPERATIONS

- ALERT/EXECUTE ATTAIN DOCUMENT II ALFA ORDERS-
"BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT ATTAIN DOCUMENT III FON OPS 23-29 MARCH 86."
 - INFORMAL LIAISON WITH EUCOM "FOUR DAYS OF OPERATIONS APPROPRIATE."
 - RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE FON OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD 230001Z TO
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ATTAIN DOCUMENT 111

ISSUE 11 RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

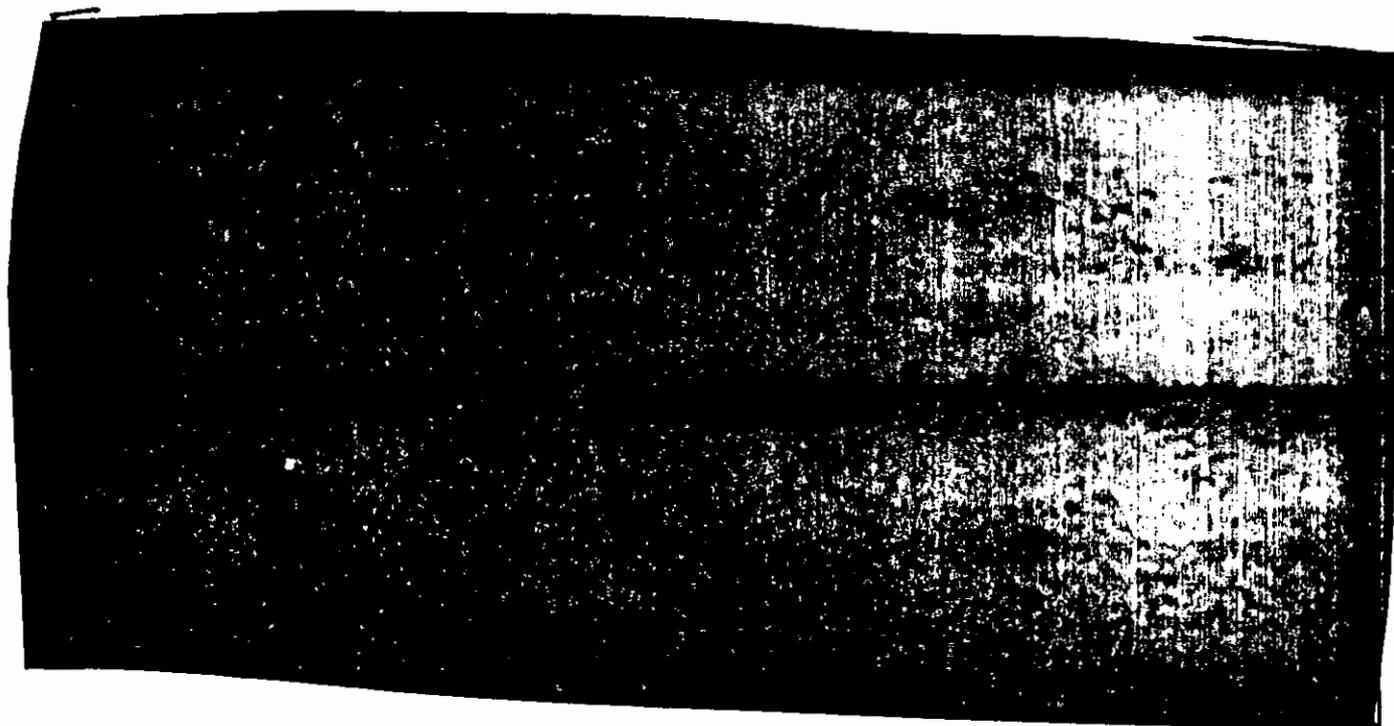
- CURRENTLY APPROVED FOR FIR OPS (ATTAIN DOCUMENT 1/11)



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RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

SUPPLEMENTAL MEASURES



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ATTAIN DOCUMENT III
GAME PLAN

- JCS APPROVE DURATION OF OPERATIONS (FOUR DAYS).
- JCS APPROVE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT (AS DISCUSSED).
- BRIEF/OBTAIN NSC AND NCA APPROVAL FOR EXECUTION (NLT 14 MAR).
- CONDUCT CONGRESSIONAL WAR POWERS ACT CONSULTATIONS (17-21 MAR.).
- TRANSMIT ATTAIN DOCUMENT III EXECUTE ORDER (UPON NCA APPROVAL).

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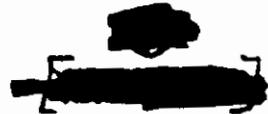
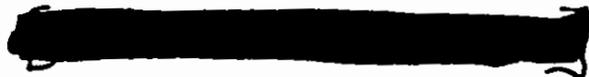
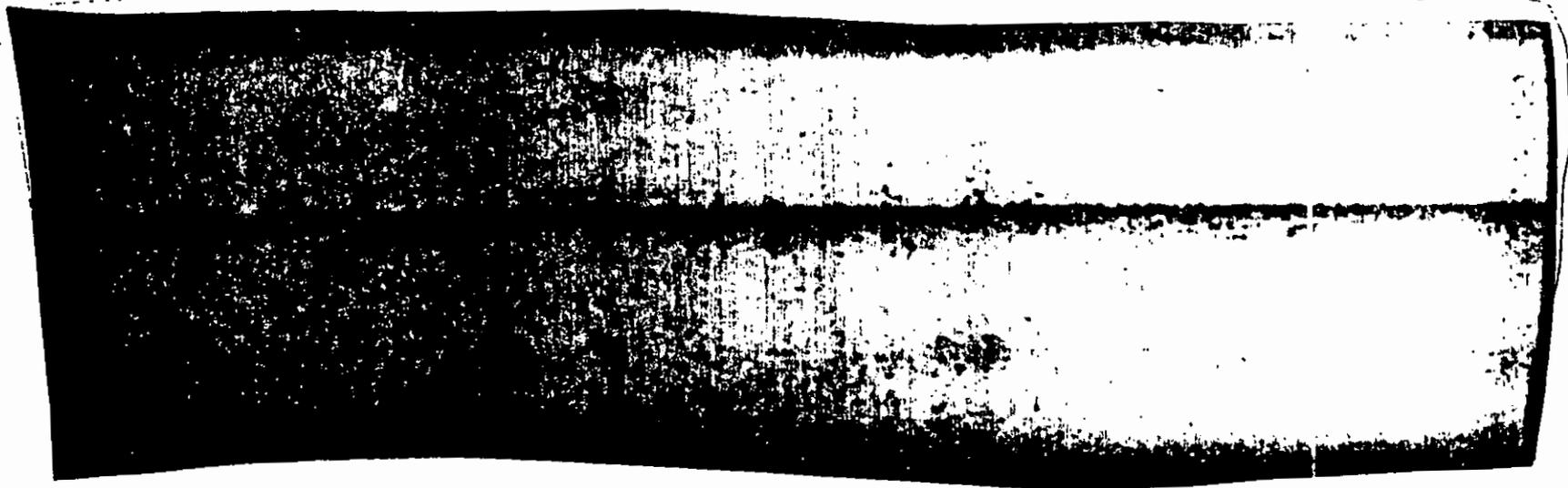
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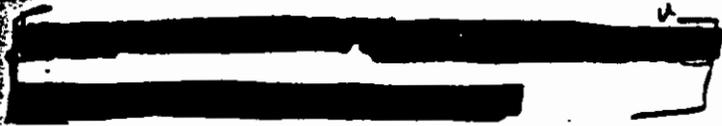
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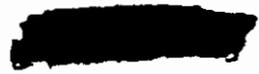
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 GEN WELCH, CINCSAC; LTG ODOM, DIRNSA; AND RADM BROOKS, DEPDIR DIA
 FOR JCS SUPPORT FROM ADM CROWE, CJCS

UBJ: EXECUTE ORDER--OPERATION ELDORADO CANYON [S] ^U

- 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 23J445Z MAR 86 (REVISED OPORD)
- E. HQ USEUCOM ED 55-47 (PEACETIME ROE), 1 SEP 83
- F. JCS 080224Z APR 86 (REVISED ELDORADO CANYON ALERT ORDER)



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1. [REDACTED]

2. ^u[~~SECRET~~] THIS IS AN EXECUTE ORDER BY AUTHORITY AND DIRECTION OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

3. ^u[~~SECRET~~] SITUATION. ON 5 APRIL 1986 TERRORISTS 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.

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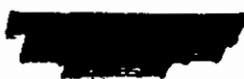
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9. (U) ADDITIONAL TARGETING INSTRUCTIONS:

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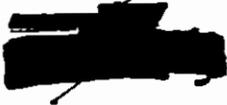
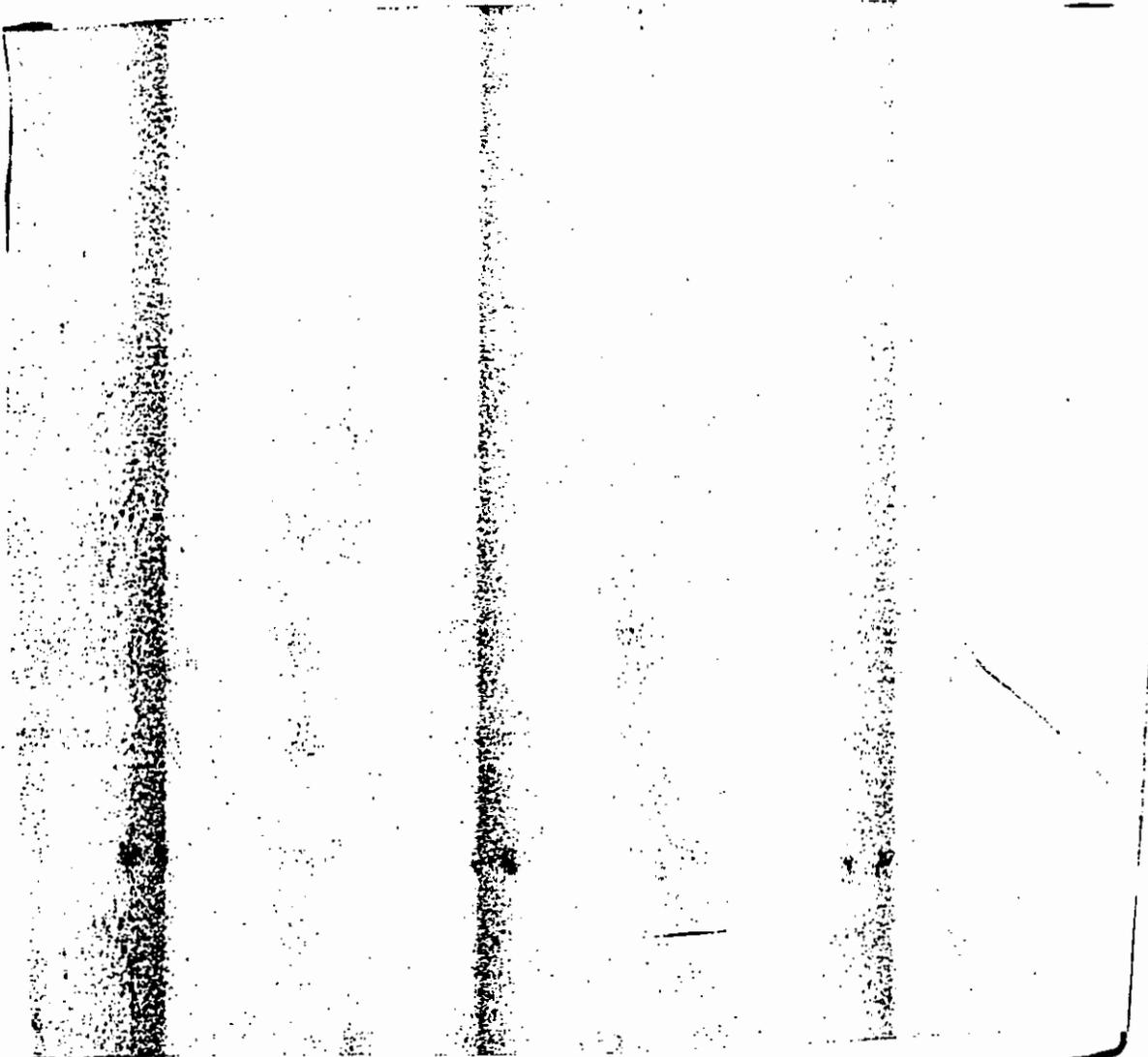


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D. ~~(S)~~ FORCES AVAILABLE:

- (1) USS AMERICA CVBG.
- (2) USS CORAL SEA CVBG.
- (3) UK-BASED F-111'S.
- (4) APPROPRIATE SUPPORT ELEMENTS.

E. ~~(S)~~ CINCASAC: PROVIDE AIR REFUELING AND RECONNAISSANCE SUPPORT AS REQUESTED BY SUPPORTED OR SUPPORTING COMMANDERS.

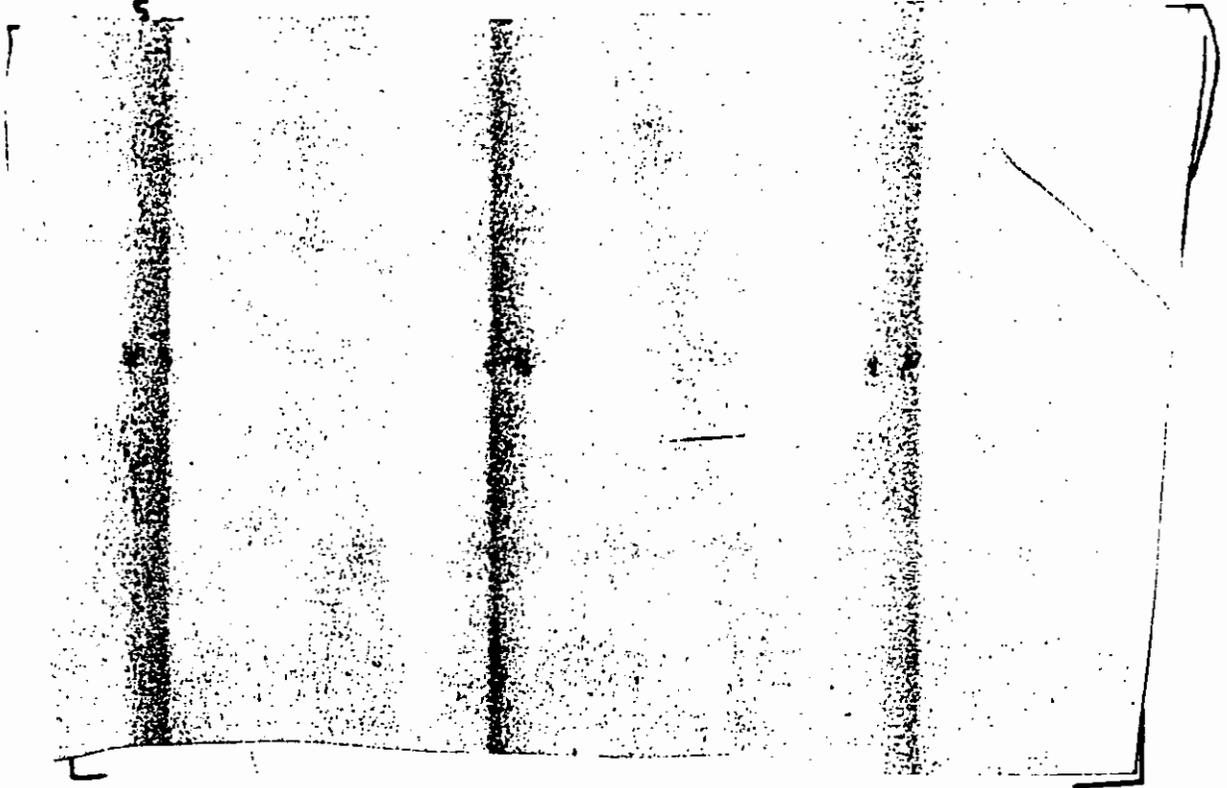
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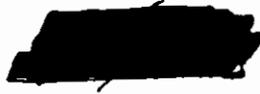
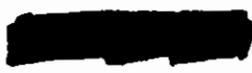
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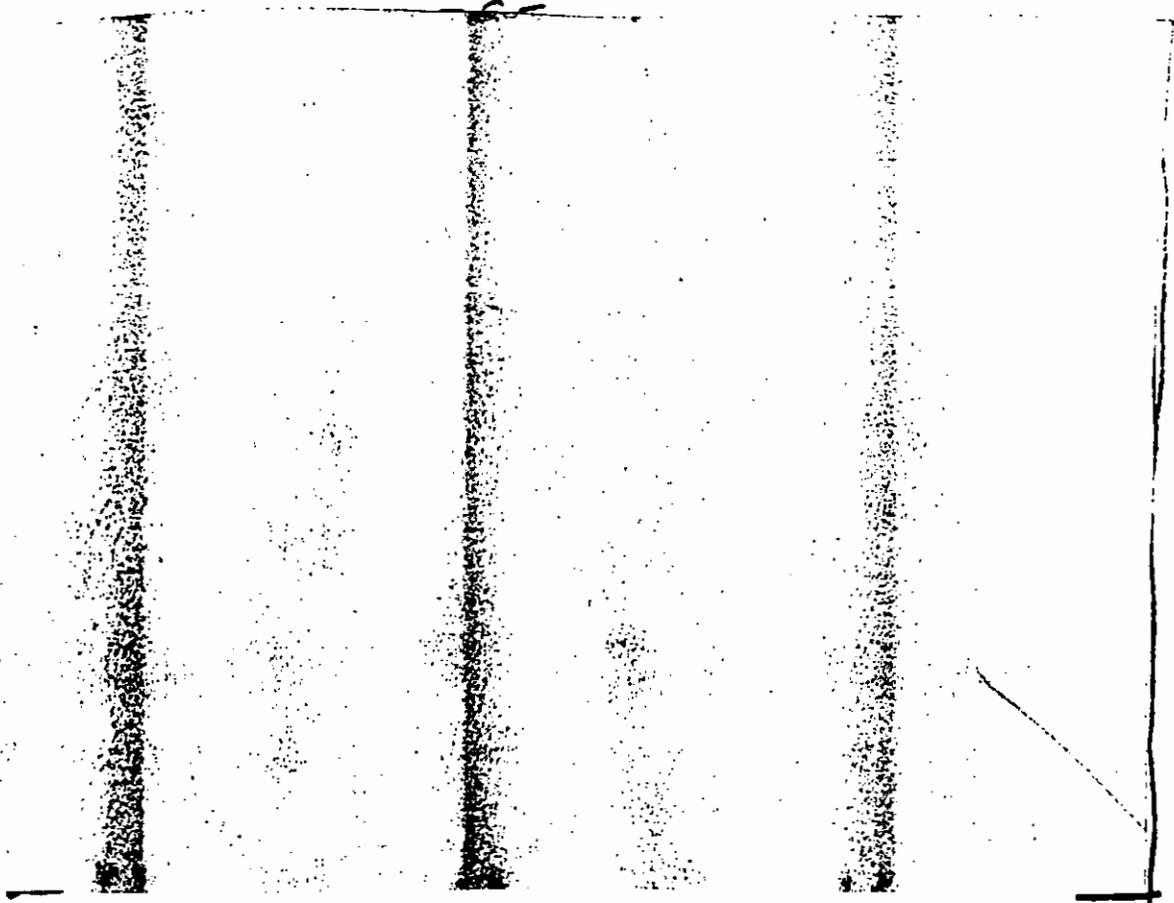


(2) ^u [] DESIRED TOT WINDOW: HOURS OF DARKNESS NOT EARLIER THAN ¹⁴ 1620138 APRIL 86 (LIBYAN TIME) AND NOT LATER THAN ¹⁵ 1705479 APRIL 86 (LIBYAN TIME). USCINCEUR IS AUTHORIZED TO REQUEST DELAY IN TOT SHOULD MILITARY EXIGENCIES DICTATE.

(3) [] DURATION OF OPERATIONS: DURATION OF STRIKE OPERATION: 24 HOURS. DURATION OF FOLLOW-ON OPERATIONS: TO BE DETERMINED.







(I) MINIMIZE COLLATERAL DAMAGE. MAKE EVERY REASONABLE ATTEMPT TO LIMIT DAMAGE TO OTHER THAN DESIGNATED MILITARY TARGETS.

(S) ^u [S] TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATIONS REFERENCE THIS OPERATION WILL BE KEPT TO AN ABSOLUTE MINIMUM UNTIL STRIKE EXECUTION.



[6] ^u [SS] DIRLAUTH ALCON. KEEP JCS INFORMED.

5. (U) ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

A. (U) AIRLIFT PRIORITY: 1B1.

B. (U) 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. (U) REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS:

{1} USCINCEUR WILL PROVIDE JCS WITH ACTUAL TOT NO LATER THAN H MINUS 12 HOURS VIA SECURE TELECOM REFERENCING PARA 5 A {1} OF THIS MESSAGE. THIS SUSPENSE CANNOT BE SLIPPED AS INFORMATION MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE NCA, AND WILL BE USED TO MAKE NECESSARY NOTIFICATIONS.

{2} COMMANDERS ARE AUTHORIZED TO USE OPREP 1 REPORTING.

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

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

{5} DETAILED STRIKE RESULTS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO JCS NO LATER THAT TOT PLUS 24 HOURS.

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

{7} 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.

D. {U} 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.

E. ^u[~~SECRET~~] CLASSIFICATION GUIDANCE AND SPECAT HANDLING. RELEASE OF INFORMATION RELATING TO OPERATION ELDORADO CANYON IS NOT AUTHORIZED WITHOUT JCS APPROVAL.

7. ^u[~~SECRET~~] PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE. PUBLIC RELEASE OF INFORMATION ABOUT THESE OPERATIONS IS NOT AUTHORIZED. ANTICIPATE ANY ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELDORADO CANYON OPERATIONS WILL BE MADE BY THE NCA AFTER OPERATIONS COMMENCE. INFORMATION NOT SPECIFICALLY RELEASED WILL REMAIN CLASSIFIED. PUBLIC AND MEDIA QUERIES SHOULD BE TAKEN

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AND REFERRED TO OASD{PA} {AUTOVON 227-5131} OR TO DJS{PA} THROUGH THE NMCC. USCINCEUR SHOULD SUBMIT PROPOSED PA GUIDANCE FOR THIS OPERATION.

B. {U} COMMAND AND CONTROL. USCINCEUR IS THE SUPPORTED COMMANDER. CINCSAC IS THE SUPPORTING COMMANDER. NSA AND DIA ARE SUPPORTING AGENCIES.

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AIRCRAFT HAVE RETURNED TO SHIPS

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TO: WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON DC
SECDEF WASHINGTON DC
CSA WASHINGTON DC
CSAF WASHINGTON DC
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CINCPAC HONOLULU HI
CINCPAC QUARRY HEIGHTS HI
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MISSILE EXPENDITURES:
(A) BENGHAZI TGTS: HARM [REDACTED] SHRIKE [REDACTED]
(B) TRIPOLI TGTS: HARM [REDACTED] SHRIKE [REDACTED]
(C) TOTAL: HARM [REDACTED] SHRIKE [REDACTED]
E SURFACE: (NOTHING TO REPORT)

SUBJ: JCS SITREP 001--OPERATION ELDORADO CANYON (U)
1. (U) MAJOR POINTS. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED
BY USEUCOM CONCERNING ELDORADO CANYON ACTIVITY AS OF 150600 EST.

A. (U) AIR:

(1) THE USAF F-111S AND EF-111S SORTIED FROM RAF LAKENHEATH
AND RAF UPPER MEYFORD; THE NECESSARY KC-10/KC-135 TANKER
SUPPORT SORTIED FROM RAF MILDENHALL AND RAF FAIRFORD IN GREAT
BRITAIN. LAUNCHES STARTED AT 141256 EST. THE USAF A-6 STRIKE
AIRCRAFT AND THE NAVY SUPPORT LAUNCHED FROM USS CORAL SEA AND
USS AMERICA AT APPROXIMATELY 141745 EST. THE TIMES ON
TARGETS (TOT) BEGAN AT 141900 EST, AND IS SHOWN BELOW FOR
EACH TARGET.

(2) STRIKE OPERATIONS:

(TOT TIME)	(TARGET)	(ACFT)	(ORDNANCE)
(EST) 141906 TO 141911	TRIPOLI MILITARY AIR FIELD	6 F-111	BSU-49 EACH

REMARKS: ONE (1) AIRCRAFT ABORTED PRIOR TO TOT. FIVE (5)
AIRCRAFT ACROSS TARGET.

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT: FLIGHT CREW DEBRIEFING NOT YET REPORTED.
141900 BENINA AIR FIELD 2 A-6E MK-82 EACH
7 A-6E APAM EACH

REMARKS: ONE (1) AIRCRAFT ABORTED PRIOR TO TOT. EIGHT (8)
AIRCRAFT ACROSS TARGET. SAM'S (SA-2/6) FIRED

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT: INITIAL FLIGHT CREW BDA OF FLAMES ON RUNWAY.
141900 TARABULUS BARRACKS 9 F-111 GBU-10 EACH
(AZIZIYAH)

REMARKS: ONE (1) AIRCRAFT ABORTED PRIOR TO TOT. EIGHT (8) ACROSS
TARGET.

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT: FLIGHT CREW DEBRIEFING NOT YET REPORTED.
141900 BENGHAZI MILITARY 6 A-6E MK-82 EACH
BARRACKS (JAMAHIRIYAH)

REMARKS: HOSTILE REACTION: MULTIPLE SAM FIRINGS AND AAA.
DAMAGE ASSESSMENT: INITIAL FLIGHT CREW BDA INDICATES ALL WEAPONS
DROPPED IN BARRACKS COMPLEX.

141900 SIDI BILAL TERRORIST 3 F-111 GBU-10 EACH
TRAINING CAMP

REMARKS:
DAMAGE ASSESSMENT: FLIGHT CREW DEBRIEFING NOT YET REPORTED.
(3) LOSSES: ONE F-111 IS MISSING AND WAS PRESUMED LOST
DURING THE STRIKE ON THE TARABULUS BARRACKS

(3) RECOVERY:

(A) ONE (1) F-111 DIVERTED TO ROTA, SP, DUE TO MECHANICAL
PROBLEMS. THE AIRCRAFT IS IN MANGAR AWAITING REPAIR.
(B) 150310. F-111'S AND TANKERS ON DECK IN UK. ALL NAVY

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DD. (U) WEATHER FORECAST: (SOUTH-CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN)
(1) 15/1000Z APR 86: PARTLY TO MOSTLY CLOUDY SKIES COVER THE
AREA WEST OF TRIPOLI WITH MOSTLY CLEAR SKIES OVER THE REST OF
THE AREA. WINDS VARIABLE AT LESS THAN 10 KTS. VISIBILITY
GREATER THAN 7 MILES. SEAS FORECAST 4 TO 7 FT.
(2) 12 HOUR FORECAST TO 16/1000Z APR 86. SKIES MOSTLY CLEAR
TO ISOLATED PARTLY CLOUDY. WINDS SOUTHEAST TO SOUTHWEST 10
TO 25 KTS. VISIBILITY REDUCED 1 TO 5 MILES, OCCASIONALLY
LESS THAN 1 MILE. IN BLOWING OR SUSPENDED DUST OR SAND OVER
THE LAND. ALSO VISIBILITY WILL BE REDUCED TO 1 TO 5 MILES IN
PATCHY COASTAL FOG, ESPECIALLY ALONG THE EASTERN SHORES OF
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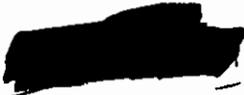
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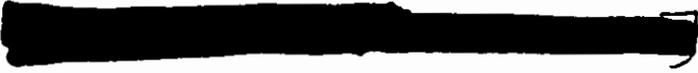
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ADM HAYES, USCINCPAC; GEN MAHAFFEY, SSO REDCOM; GEN GALVIN,
USSOUTHCOM; GEN WELCH, SSO SAC; [REDACTED] GEN ROGERS
{USCINCEUR}, SY SEC SHAPE FROM ADM CROWE, CJCS
'SUBJ: RETALIATION AGAINST LIBYA (TS) ^u

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2. ^u (TS) ON 5 APRIL 1986 TERRORISTS SUPPORTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF
LIBYA DETONATED A BOMB IN A BERLIN NIGHTCLUB CAUSING THE DEATH OF
ONE AMERICAN SOLDIER AND SERIOUS INJURIES TO NUMEROUS 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
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RESULT OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS.

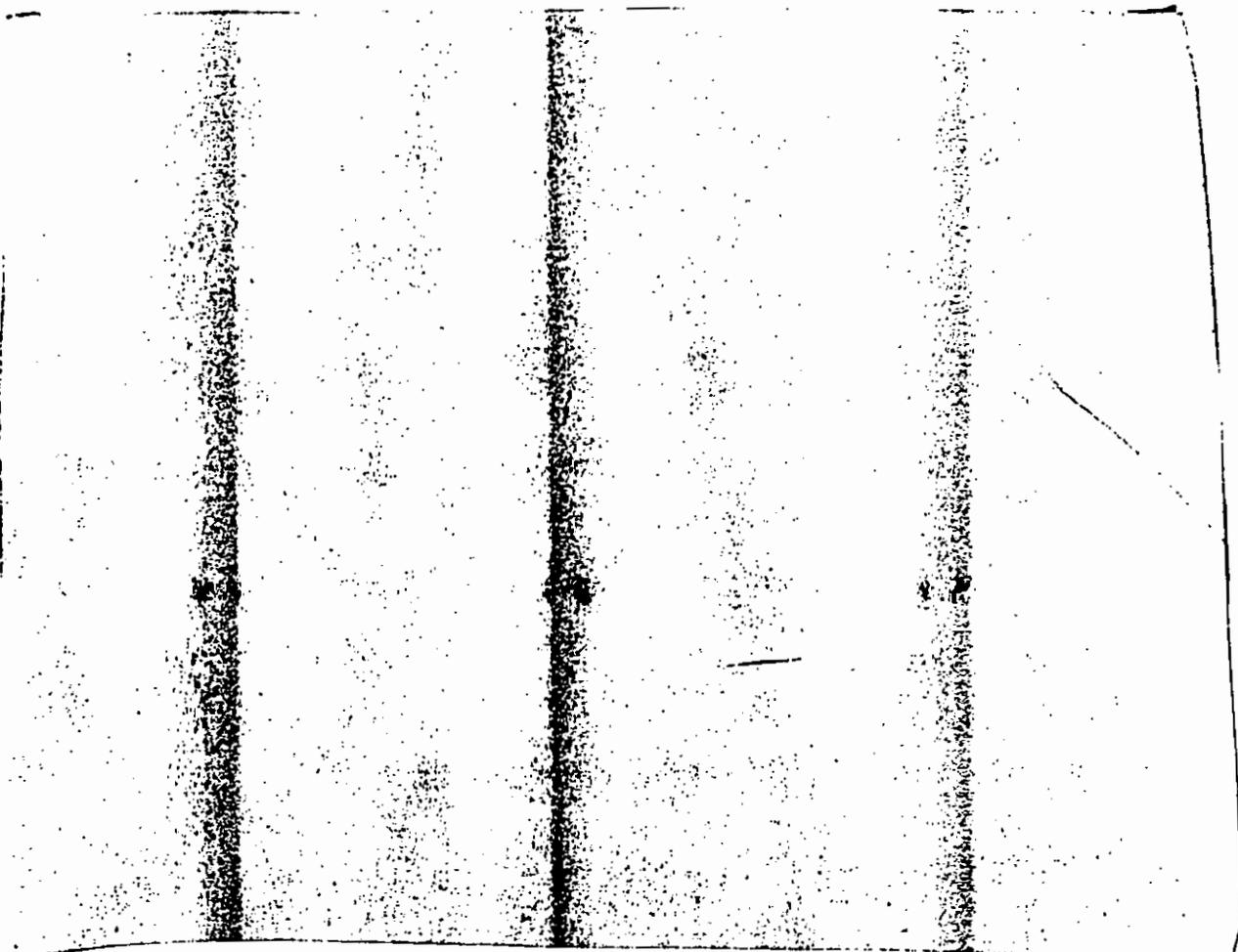
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3. ~~(TS)~~ OUR RETALIATORY STRIKES WILL START AT 142400Z APR 86. WE WILL USE BOTH F-111'S FROM THE UK AND A-6'S WITH APPROPRIATE SUPPORT FROM CORAL SEA AND AMERICA. THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF PERTINENT INFORMATION ON EACH STRIKE TARGET:



6. ~~ITS~~ INITIAL PLANNING FOR THIS OPERATION (ELDORADO CANYON) WAS LIMITED BY THE NCA TO THOSE CINCS WHO HAD AN IMMEDIATE AND DIRECT INVOLVEMENT IN STRIKING THESE FIVE TARGETS.

8. ~~ITS~~ I WILL PROVIDE YOU PERIODIC UPDATES ABOUT THE OPERATIONS AS INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE.

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9. (U) WARMEST REGARDS.

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Background Paper for the Chairman, JCS for Information

I. SUBJECT: ELDORADO CANYON Summary (U)

II. MAJOR POINTS The following information is the latest summary of events relating to the subject operation against Libya as of 150700 EST.

A. (U) Targets/Aircraft Assigned:

- (1) (S) Tripoli Military Airfield/6 F-111F.
- (S) One F-111F aborted prior to TOT.
- (2) (S) Benina Airfield/9 A-6E.
- (S) One A-6E aborted prior to TOT.
- (3) (S) Tarabulus Barracks (Aziziyah)/9 F-111F.
- (S) One F-111F aborted prior to TOT.
- (S) One F-111F lost during the strike.
- (4) (S) Benghazi Military Barracks (Jamahiriyyah)/6 A-6E.
- (5) (S) Sidi Bilal Terrorist Training Camp/3 F-111F.

B. (S) US missile expenditures - 36 HARM, 12 SHRIKE.
- (S) No confirmed results.

C. (S) Libyan reaction--unconfirmed AAA and SAM firings.

D. (S) US losses - one F-111F missing. SAR ongoing with no results.

E. (S) Battle damage assessment (BDA) - Post strike pilot reports all weapons dropped in the Benghazi complex. Several secondary fires - vehicles and aircraft burning at Benina Airfield. No reports on USAF strikes on targets in Tripoli area.

F. (S) Remarks: One F-111F recovered at Rota, SP. 16 F-111F recovered at home station. All Navy aircraft recovered aboard ship. All tankers and support aircraft recovered safely.

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1. ~~(S)~~^U The attached proposed JCS Chronology SITREP No. 4 satisfies request for periodic updates.

2. (U) Recommend approval and signature on attached Background Paper.

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(U) Background Paper for the Director for Operations

I. (U) SUBJECT. ELDORADO CANYON Chronology; SITREP NO. 4

II. (U) MAJOR POINTS. The following information has been provided by USEUCOM concerning ELDORADO CANYON activity as of 150800 EST.

A. ~~(8)~~ Air

(1) The USAF F-111s and EF-111s sortied from RAF Lakenheath and RAF Upper Heyford; the necessary KC-10/KC-135 tanker support sortied from RAF Mildenhall and RAF Fairford in Great Britain starting at 141256 EST. The USN A-6 strike aircraft and the Navy support launched from USS CORAL SEA and USS AMERICA at 141830 EST. The TOT time, centered on 141900 EST, was achieved as shown.

(2) One (1) F-111 is reported missing.

(4) Strike Operations:

<u>TOT TIME</u> (EST)	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>A/C</u>	<u>ORDNANCE</u>
141906 to 141911	TRIPOLI MILITARY AIR FIELD	6 F-111	BSU-49 each

REMARKS:

One (1) aircraft aborted prior to TOT. Five (5) across target.

Damage Assessment: TBD

141900	BENINA AIR FIELD	2 A-6 7 A-6E	MK-82 each APAM each
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REMARKS:

Two (2) aircraft aborted prior to TOT. Seven (7) across target.

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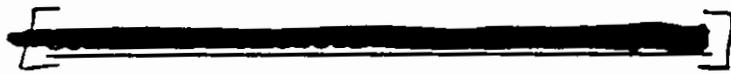
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- (U) Attached Background Paper, subject above, is provided for information.
- ^u (TS) Paper compares capabilities of Navy SAR helo (SH-3), USAFE SAR Unit (HH-53B), and PAVE LOW II helo (HH-53H).
- ^u (TS) Paper recommends supporting deployment of 67 ARRS from the United Kingdom if USEUCOM desires. Diplomatic clearance and approval for Italian staging would be required. Sigonella likely staging base.
- ^u (TS) Paper does not recommend deployment of PAVE LOW.
- (U) Recommend approval.

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(U) Background Paper for the Chairman, JCS

I. (U) Subject. Search and Rescue (SAR)

II. ^u~~(TS)~~ Background. SAR requirements and planning will be refined in detail by EUCOM. The responsibility for SAR at sea and ashore will be shared by USN and USAF assets. MARG assets may be utilized if positioned appropriately.

III. ^u~~(TS)~~ Key Points

- USAF SAR unit - 67 ARRS.
 - Stationed at RAF Woodbridge, UK.
 - Five HH-53B (air refuelable and armored).
 - Five HC-130 (tanker/command and control).
 - Crews are qualified for night SAR with night vision goggles.
 - HH-53s routinely deploy from UK to Sigonella and Aviano. Diplomatic clearance and approval would be required.
- HH-53H - PAVE LOW III.
 - No significant advantage over HH-53B for SAR.
 - Primary advantage over HH-53B is night navigation systems for deep insertion/exfiltration.
 - USEUCOM has previously indicated that he did not require the PAVE LOW aircraft for SAR.
 - Stationed at Hurlburt AFB, FL.

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- Navy SAR.

- Two SH3 from HC9 - primary mission combat SAR.
- Currently deployed to the Sixth Fleet.
- Aircraft are armored.
- Crews are qualified for night SAR with night vision goggles.
- Not air-refuelable - can be refueled in hover off stern of ship.
- Other Navy helos have limited overwater SAR capability.

- SAR general.

-- Some USAF SAR pilots are deck qualified for shipboard recovery, if necessary. HH-53B and H do not have folding rotors.

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-- Response time can be shortened if SAR aircraft are on airborne alert off shore Libya during TOT (OPSEC is a consideration if this option is exercised). MARG aircraft can be utilized if positioned appropriately.

-- Fighter CAP required.

-- Water pick-up's are preferable if crews can get "feet wet."

-- Overland rescue high risk both day or night.

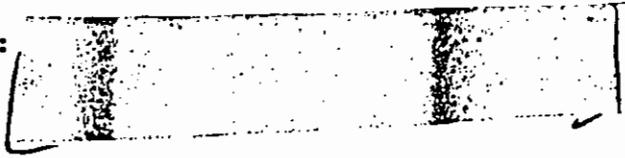
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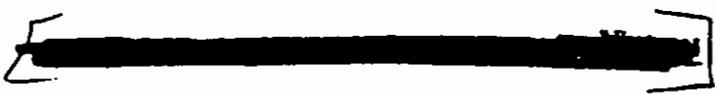
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IV. ^u~~(TS)~~ Bottom Line. Recovery at sea with fighter cap has high probability of success. Overland rescue may not be possible due to the threat. (As an example, SAR from downtown Hanoi was virtually impossible.)

V. ^u~~(TS)~~ Recommendation. Support deployment of 67 ARRS from the United Kingdom to support operation if USCINCEUR desires. Do not recommend deployment of PAVE LOW.

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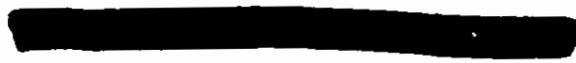
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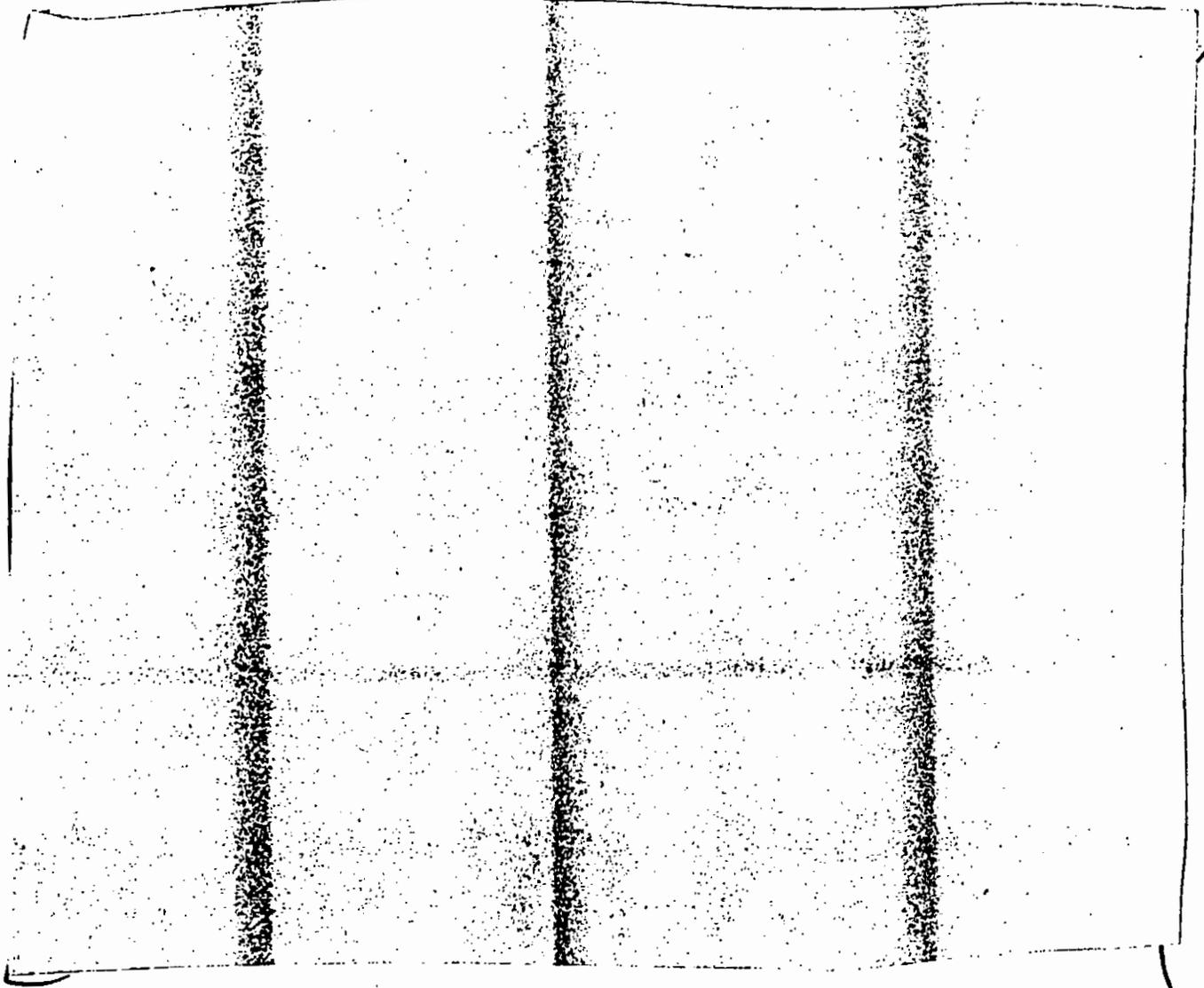


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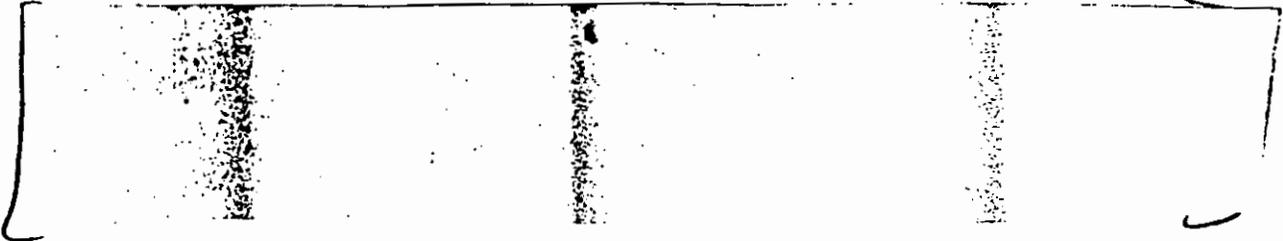
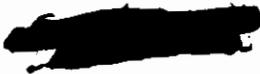


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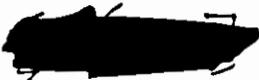
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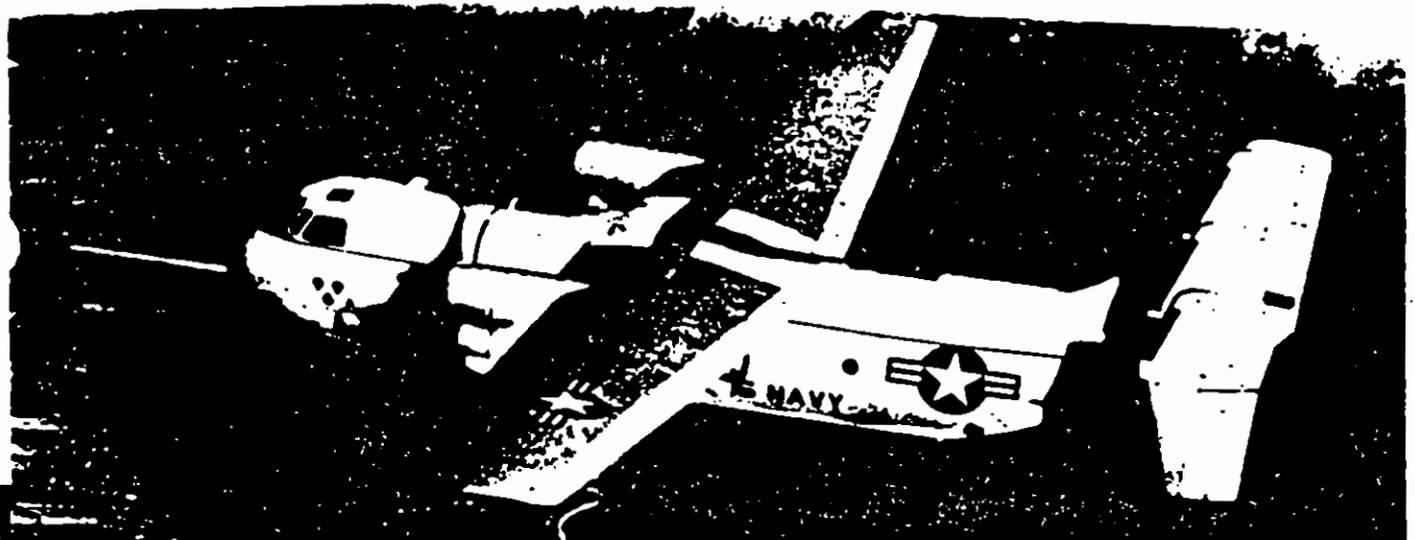
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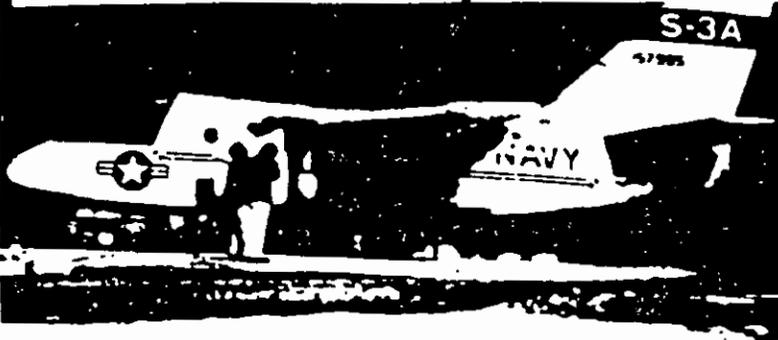
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COD CAPABILITIES

US 3A	1500 NM	5,400 LBS
	2000 NM	2,940 LBS
C-2	1000 NM	8,500 LBS
	1400 NM	6,500 LBS



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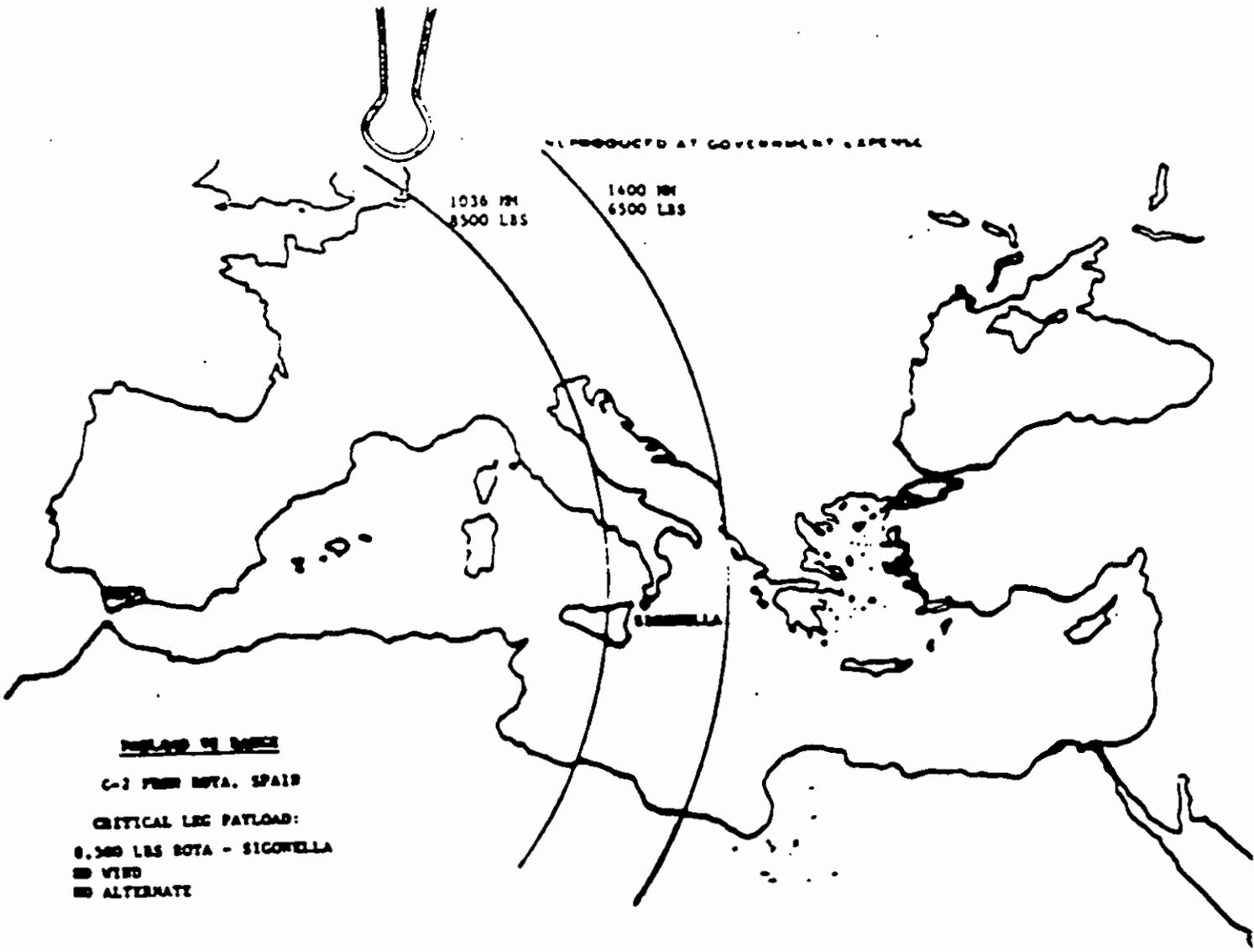


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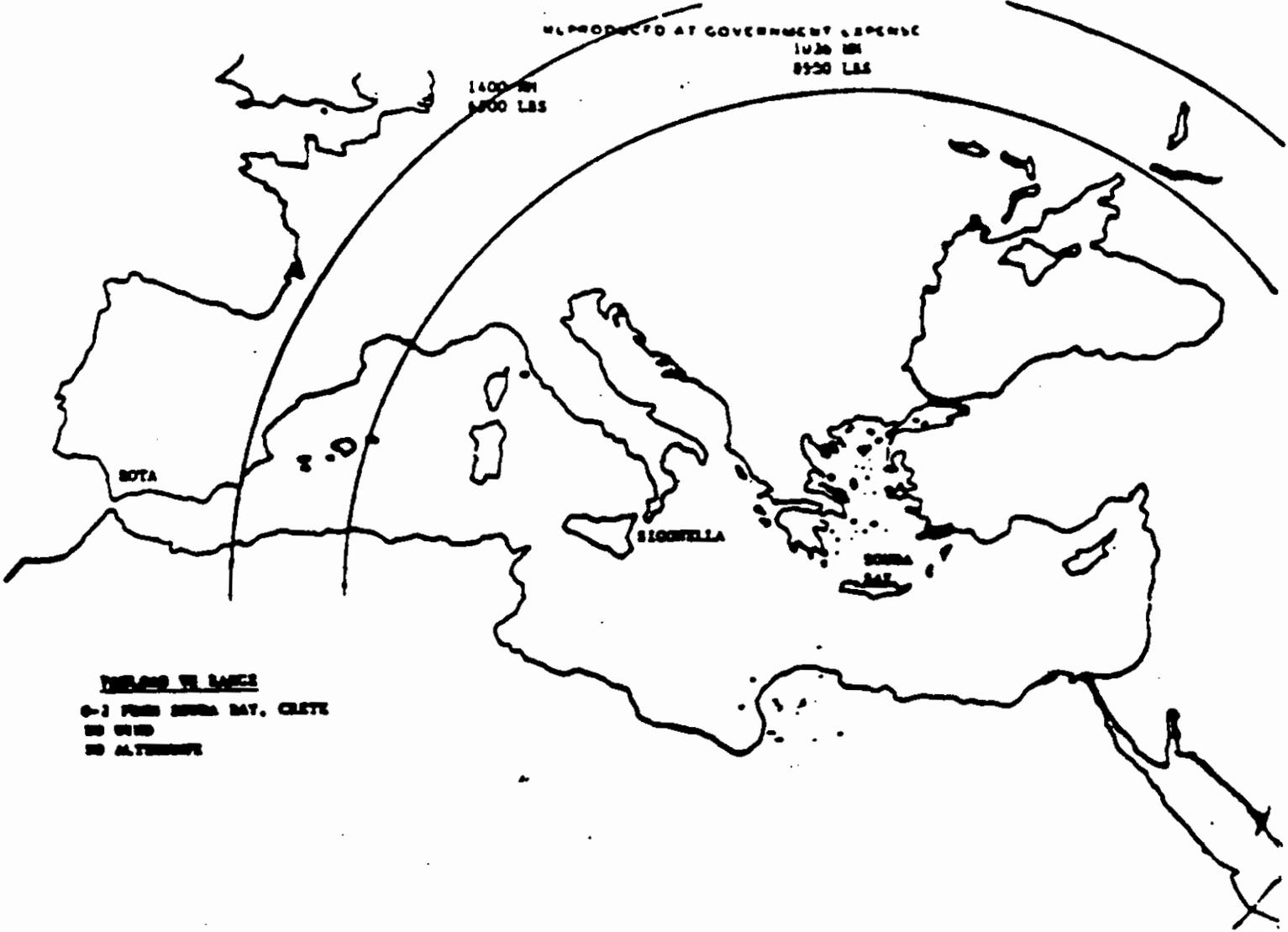
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2. (U) Information for response to two questions is not available in the Joint Staff (e.g., How was planning conducted with political leadership?). The response area in the attached paper is annotated ***OCJCS/OAsstCJCS to indicate these questions must be answered by the Chairman's staff group or Assistant to CJCS.

4. (U) Recommend DJS approve/sign the attached point paper.

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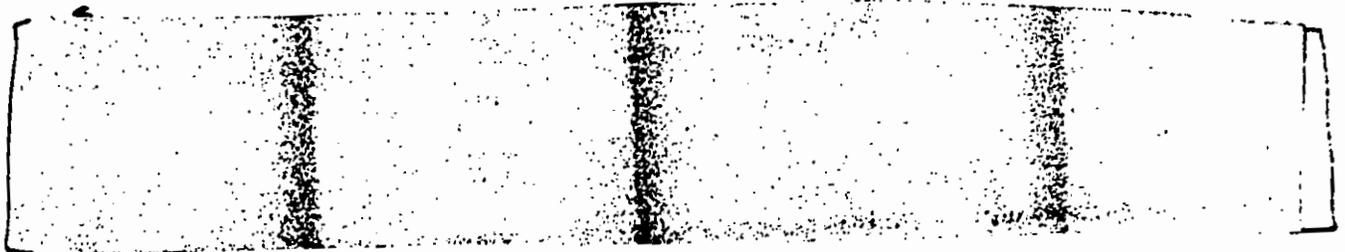
II. MAJOR POINTS

A. Operational Planning.

Q. Who was responsible for the planning?

(U) JCS and USCINCEUR using the procedures of Crisis Action System (CAS) contained in Volume IV of the Joint Operation Planning System (JOPS).

-When did planning for this or other Libyan contingencies begin?
Why?



- What organizations participated in the planning?



- JCS/EUCOM interface?

(U) Excellent at all levels. Included face-to-face liaison at staff and command levels; including discussions between SecDef and VADM Kelso.

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- Role of EUCOM components, if any?

(U) As the forces which would execute the strike, they developed the primary, detailed plans.

- How was planning conducted with political leadership?

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- How was Air Force/Navy coordination effected?

(U) In addition to the coordination inherent in the unified staff at HQ USEUCOM, liaison officers were exchanged among the planning locations.

Q. What was the primary concept of operations?

(U) Simultaneous night strike against five NCA-directed targets to ensure the elements of surprise, mass, and saturation of enemy defenses.

- What were the principal objectives of this operation?

(U) Response to the American deaths resulting from the Libyan bombing of a West Berlin disco; demonstration of US resolve and capability against Qadhafi-sponsored terrorism, and weakening of Qadhafi's ability to control worldwide terrorism from Libya.

- What did the raid seek to accomplish?

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- What was the organizational structure and chain of command?

(U) Secretary of Defense through the JCS to USCINCEUR to Commander, Central Mediterranean Operations.

- Concept for C³?

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(TS) USCINCEUR designated COMSIXTHFLT as the officer in tactical command (OTC) and Commander, Central Mediterranean Operations (COMCENTMEDOPS), to coordinate detailed joint planning /deconfliction efforts, to integrate other command/agency assets into the tactical operations area, and to conduct operations set forth for this operation. USCINCEUR delineated the area of the CENTMED in which COMCENTMED had this authority.

Q. How were options formulated and analyzed?

(U) Following CAS procedures, the guidance, objectives, and direction given to SecDef/JCS were passed to CINCEUR and his components. From this, USCINCEUR and the executing forces developed feasible military options to support the mission. These plans (options) were reviewed, modified, and revised at successive levels of command through JCS to the Secretary and the President.

- Were off-the-shelf contingency plans used?

(U) Yes, as a point of departure for developing the detailed strike plans against specific targets.

- How many options were examined and by whom?



- Were the options mutually exclusive in scope? (e.g. military vs. economic objectives or did they overlap?)



Q. Who made the choice of the options used and why?

(U) The President approved recommendations of the CINC/JCS/SecDef.

- To what extent did military and civilian leadership interact?

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Q. Intelligence input to decision making.

- Overall quality.

- What did we know about actual terrorist connections for the targets chosen?

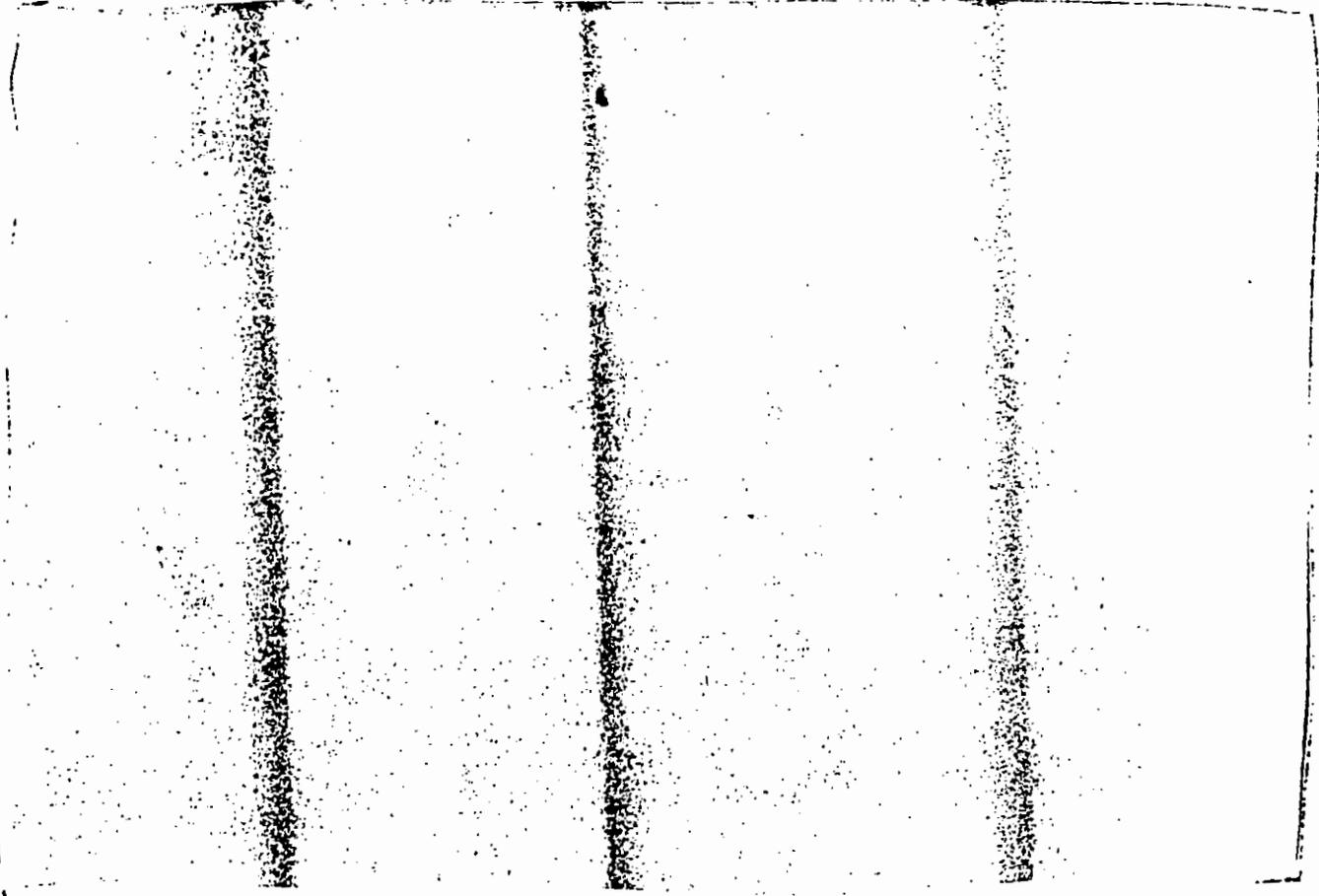
- What did we know about Col Qadhafi's whereabouts at the time of the attack?

- What specific sources were used in establishing the target list?

- What did we know about occupancy of the targets?

Q. What were the rules of engagement used?

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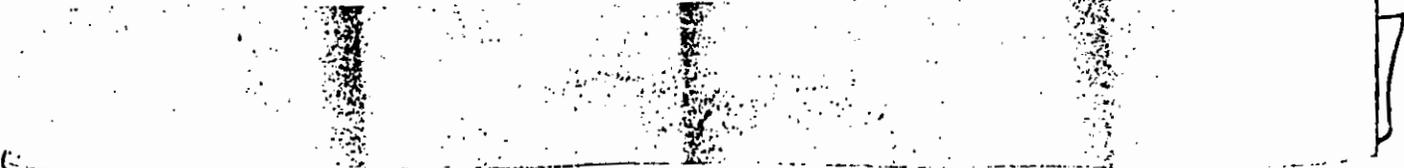
- Why were they chosen?



- What was the estimate of their effects?

(U) ROE were appropriate.

Q. How was the raid composition chosen?



- Why were F-111s chosen?

(U) Unique capabilities to conduct a long-range, high payload, night, low-level mission delivering precision-guided munitions.

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- Who made the choice?

(U) The President approved recommendation of the CINC/JCS/SecDef.

- Was there any attempt to bring the Air Force in even if not operationally warranted?

(U) No

- Why not beef up the carriers with more A-6s?

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- Could F-111s have been staged anywhere closer?

(U) Yes, with third country diplomatic clearance. However, this would present another OPSEC problem since a deployment of a force this size would have likely eliminated the element of surprise. This would greatly have increased the risk to striking forces.

- What was the effect of lack of overflight rights on the decision process?

[REDACTED]

- Was normal unit integrity considered/maintained?

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(S) Yes, the crews were all dedicated formed crews.

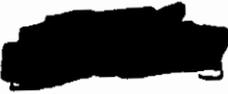
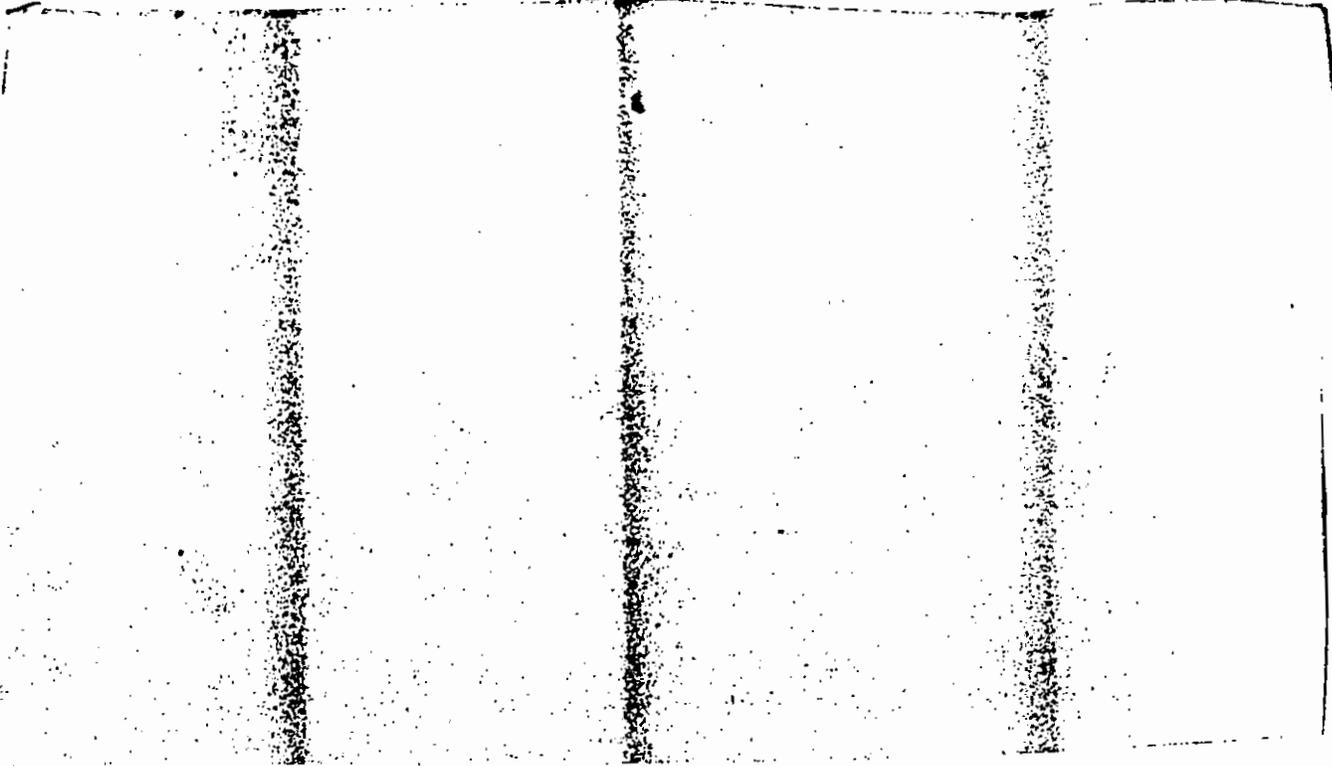
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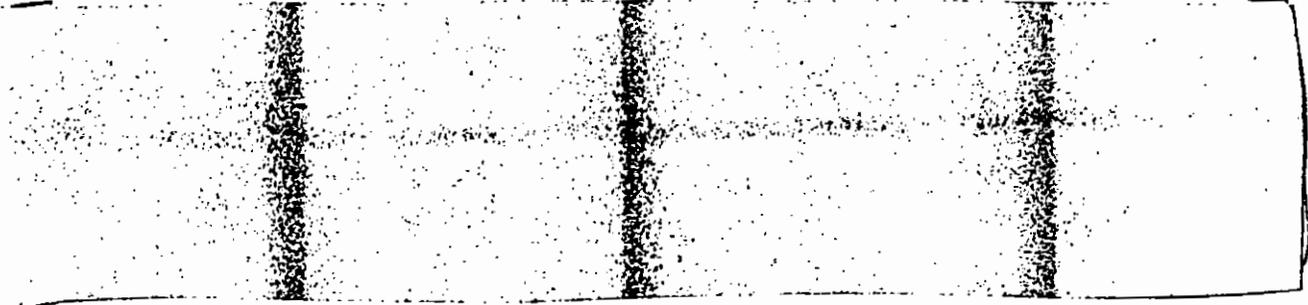
Q. In general, did the raid do what it set out to do?

YES

- What were the specific results of the raid, target by target, as compared with the objectives?

[REDACTED]

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- Analyze the reasons for the difference between objectives and results.



Q. How well did specific systems perform?

(U) Specific data has not yet been received, but indications are that systems performed well within expected, acceptable limits.

- Were any extraordinary preparations made for the operation?

(U) No.

- Compare results with specs and normal experience.

(U) Specific data has not yet been received, but indications are that systems performed well within expected, acceptable limits.

Q. Why weren't certain planned targets struck?

Q. Assessment of the efficacy of command arrangements and effectiveness/coordination of the Air Force and Naval forces?

(U) Outstanding/superb. Perhaps the most telling fact is the exact on time TOT by forces based 3000 miles apart. A very complex joint strike plan successfully integrated strike and strike-support (ECM, C3CM, EW, CAP, SAR) air and naval forces.

Q. To what extent did the rules of engagement contribute to the results?

(U) ROE were appropriate and provided the operational latitude to plan and conduct the strike in a tactically sound manner.

- How much flexibility did the crews have during the actual operation?

Q. To what extent did efforts to limit collateral damage affect the outcome?

(U) The direction to limit collateral damage was only prudent due to the proximity of civilian housing and facilities. This resulted, however, in a more-difficult, more-demanding mission for the aircrews.

- What was the effect of limitations on aircraft attacks based on systems operability?

[REDACTED]

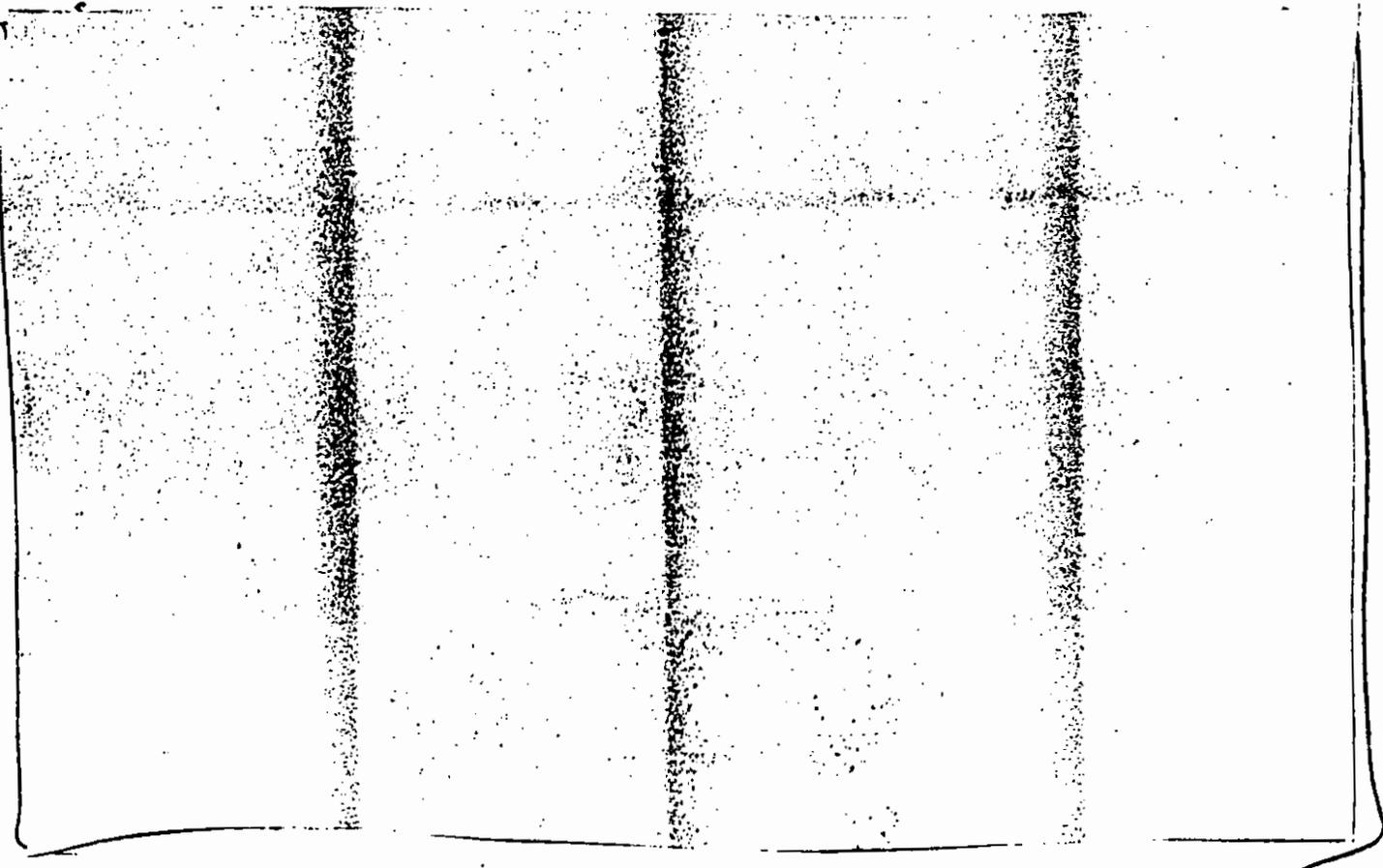
Q. How much unplanned damage actually occurred and why?

(J) For known BDA see Enclosure.

- To what extent did Libyan SAMs or other non-US weapons contribute to the damage in Tripoli?

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[S/NF/WN] Libyan SAMs and other non-US weapons caused damage in Tripoli to an unknown extent. Evidence to support this view was provided by Libyan and international media television footage showing SA-2 and SA-3 SAM booster rockets (purportedly pieces of downed US aircraft) being pulled from wrecked buildings. The SA-2 booster rocket, for example, is 8.5 feet long, 3 feet in diameter, and weighs approximately 1060 lbs after fuel expenditure. Despite the self-destruct feature found on Soviet SAMs, it is not impossible that one or more of the SAM warheads may actually have exploded on impact, causing even more destruction in the immediate area. Finally, it is noted that falling shrapnel from conventional AAA weapons, many of which were observed active during the night of the raid, may have caused additional casualties and/or damage since AAA rounds will explode on contact with the ground if not fused.

Q. To what extent did sophisticated electronics (jamming, ELINT, COMINT, etc.) contribute to the outcome?



- [REDACTED]
- Were the outputs of various sensors coordinated? To what extent would better coordination have helped the mission?

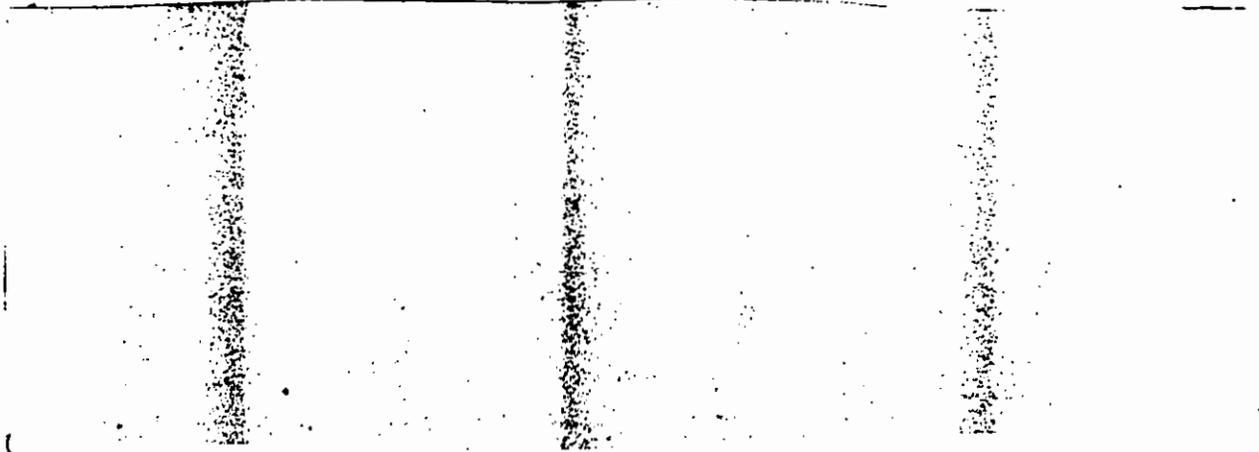
Q. What was the Libyan response to the raid?

- [REDACTED]
- (U) Benina Airfield had runway lights on and radio navigation aids operating at the time of attack.
 - ECM used on F-111s, A-6s, etc?

- [REDACTED]
- SAMS/AAA fired?
- [REDACTED]


Q. What does post attack battle damage assessment reveal?

- SAM sites hit and source of info?



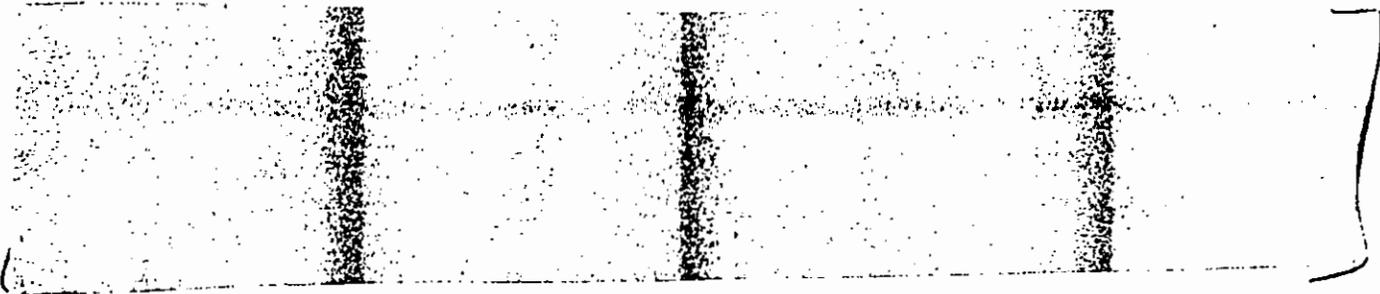
- Actual target damage?

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- Sources of information?

For known BDA, see Enclosure

Q. What deficiencies in intelligence collection and processing show up in the operation?



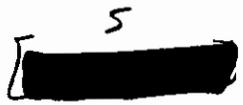
C. Lessons learned.

Q. If considered a success

- What contributed that should be provided for in the future and why?

(U) The joint system works. The iterative JOPS CAS process allowed everyone involved to understand the objectives and plan accordingly. C³ was clear and understood resulting in a successful execution.

Q. At each level in planning/execution, what did you learn?



Q. What would you do different (in hindsight)? Q. What should someone else do different (in hindsight)?

[Redacted content]

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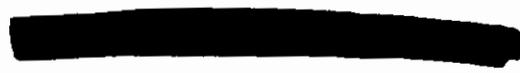
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REMARKS

- ^U ~~(TS)~~ The attached point paper for the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff is provided for information pertaining to the timelines associated moving the ENTERPRISE CVBG from the I.O. to the Mediterranean.
- (U) Recommend approval of the attached proposed point paper.

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(U) Point Paper for the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, for information

I. (U) SUBJECT. US Naval Presence in the Mediterranean Sea

II. ^u(TS) MAJOR POINTS. The following time lines are associated with moving the USS ENTERPRISE CVBG from the I.O. to the Mediterranean (as of 101200Z APR 86).

A. ^u(TS) Current position 21-00N/61-30E-220 Mi. SE of Muscat.

SUEZ DATA (Tab A):

Distance to SUEZ: 2300NM	SUEZ to CENTMED: 800NM
Time to SUEZ at 25 kts-92 hrs	Arrival time (140800Z)
at 20 kts-115 hrs	(150700Z)
at 16 kts-144 hrs	(161200Z)

Cumulative time to CENTMED (ALLOWS 8 hrs for Northbound transit)	at 25 kts-132 hrs	Arrival time (160000Z)
	at 20 kts-163 hrs	(170700Z)
	at 16 kts-202 hrs	(182200Z)

B. CAPE OF GOOD HOPE DATA (Tab B):

Distance to Gibraltar: 9800NM	Gibraltar to CENTMED: 1300NM
Time to GIB at 25 kts-392 hrs	Arrival time (262000Z)
at 20 kts-490 hrs	(302100Z)
at 16 kts-613 hrs	(052000Z MAY)

Cumulative time to CENTMED	at 25 kts-444 hrs	Arrival time (282300Z)
	at 20 kts-550 hrs	(031400Z MAY)
	at 16 kts-694 hrs	(091100Z MAY)

III. ^u(TS) Considerations:

B. If authorization is granted it may be cancelled upon execution of ELDORADO CANYON.

C. CINCPAC requested* 2 combatants and a TAO remain in Gulf of Oman if ENTERPRISE directed to the Mediterranean. Recommend USS BAGLEY/USS REASONER (short-legged FFs) remain for Gulf of Oman presence mission.

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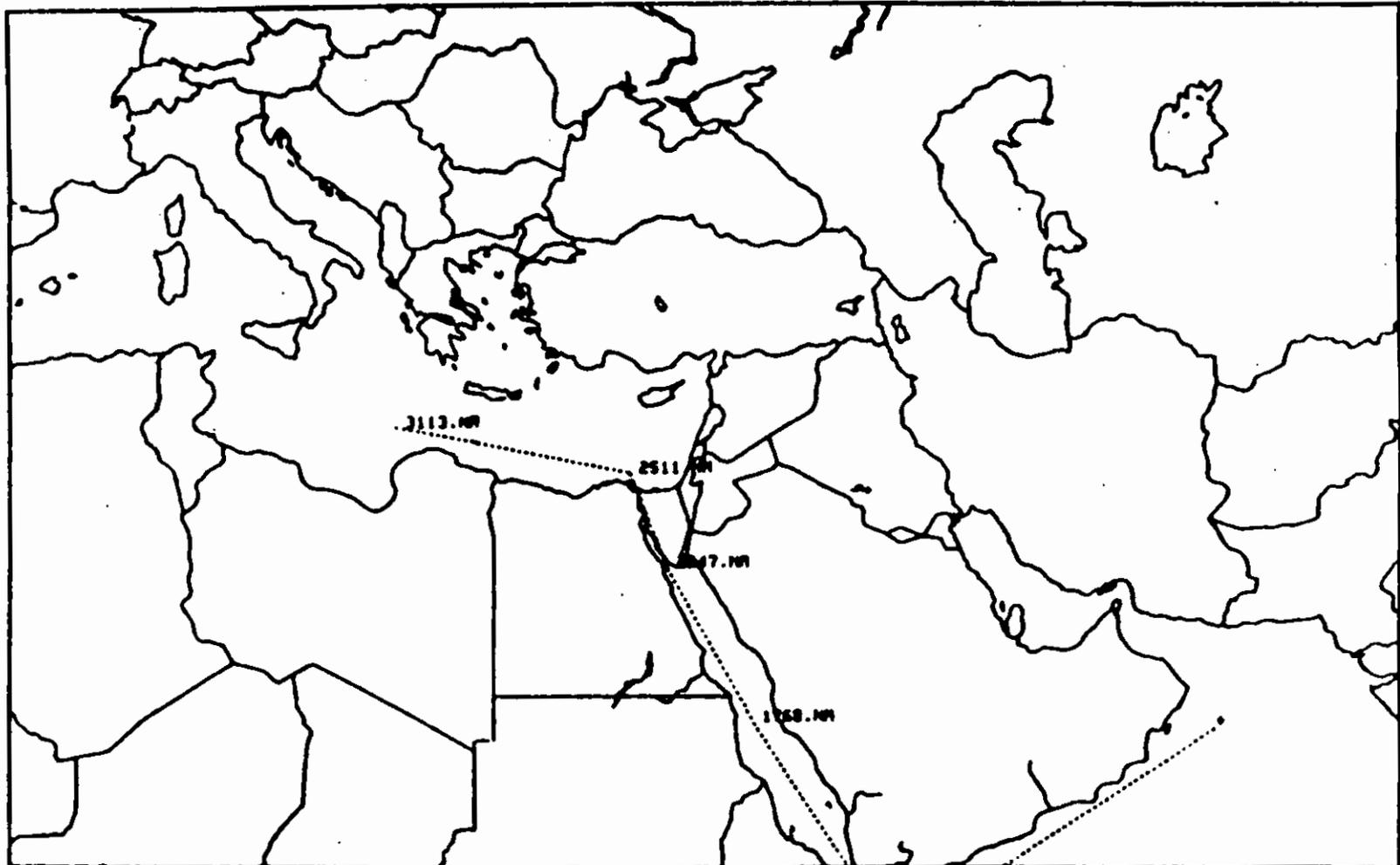
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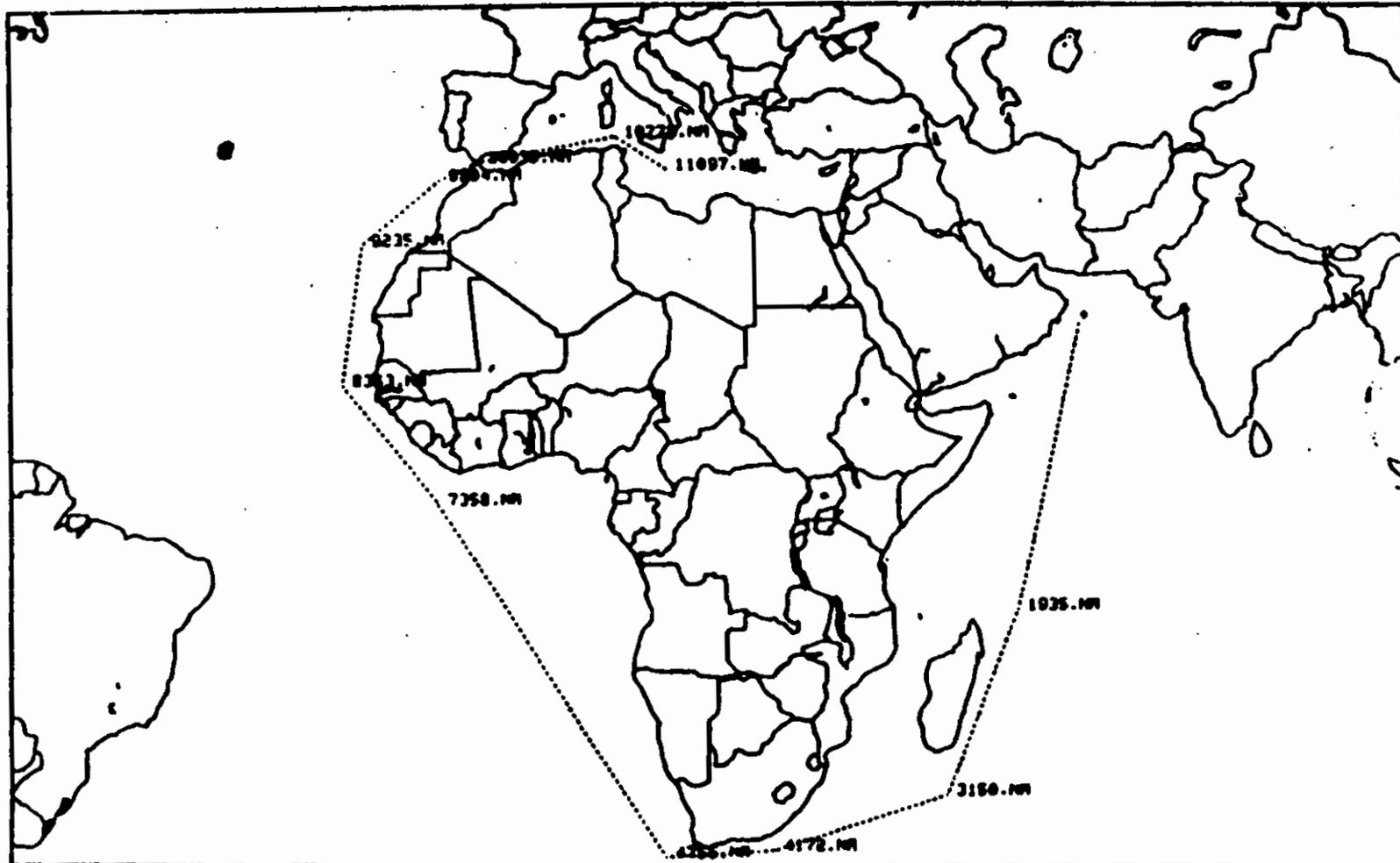
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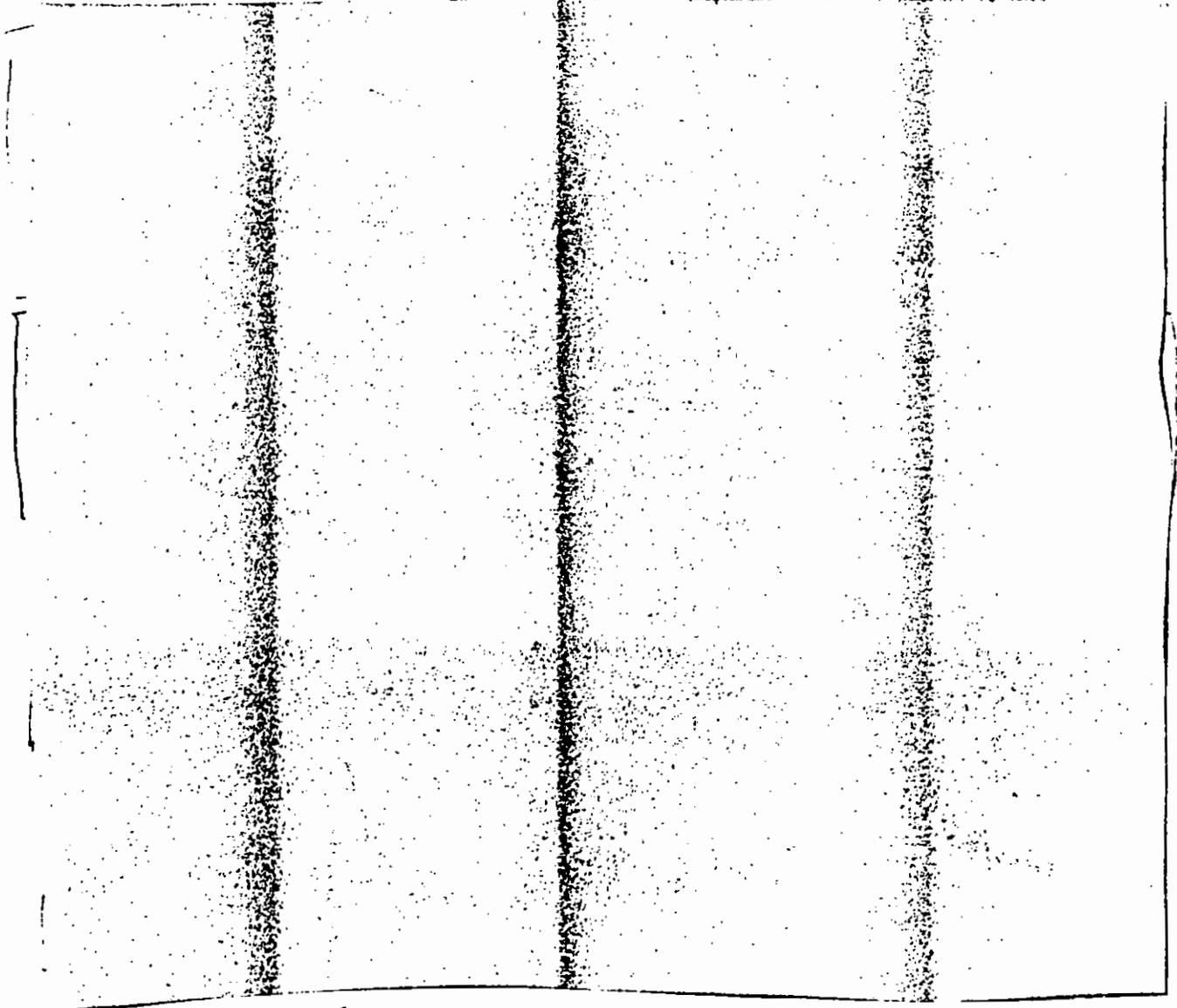
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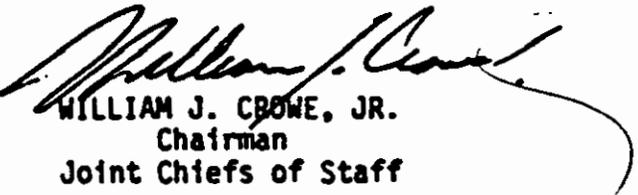
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6. (U) The Joint Staff has begun work to remedy the deficiencies outlined in the first paragraph and is reviewing the other areas mentioned above.


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Chairman
Joint Chiefs of Staff

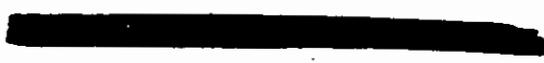
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REMARKS

- ^u (TS) Per verbal instructions of the J-30, attached talking paper for CJCS concerning USCINCEUR capability to conduct strike operations against Libya is forwarded for information.
 - ^u (TS) Options considered include using 1 CVBG, 2 CVBGs, and/or UK-based F-111s.
 - (U) Recommend approval and signature of the attached talking paper.
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Talking Paper for the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff for
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I. SUBJECT: Libyan Strike Options ⁴~~(TS)~~

A. Target List (in priority):



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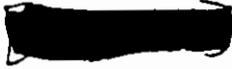
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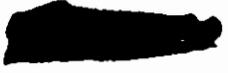
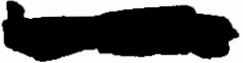
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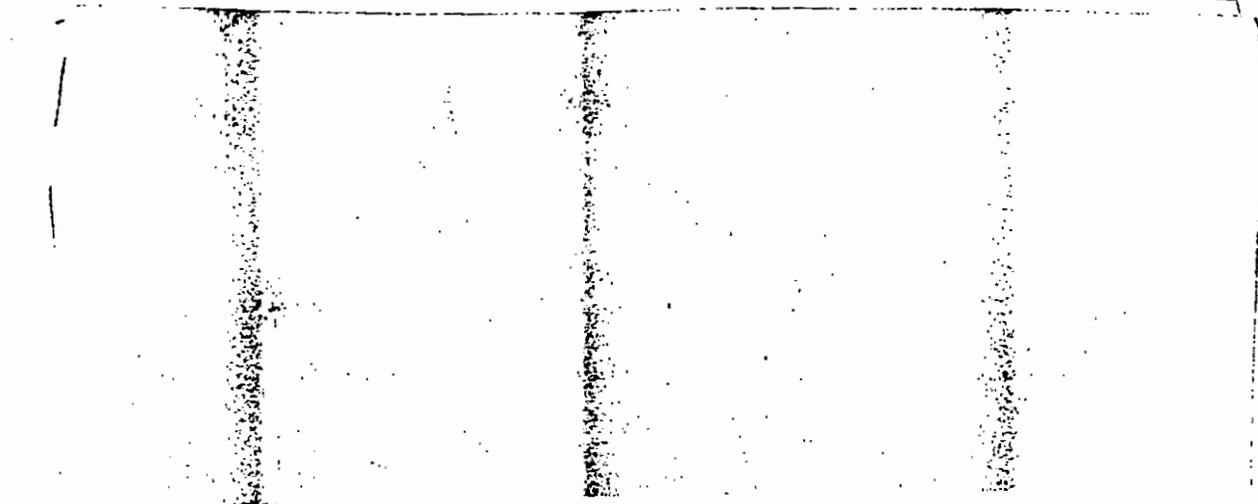
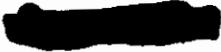
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C. Strike Options:





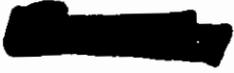


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REMARKS

1. The attached proposed Background Paper provides a quick look for the Chairman.

2. Recommend approval and signature on attached Background Paper.

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(U) Background Paper for the Chairman, JCS

I. (U) SUBJECT. ELDORADO CANYON Quick Look

II. (U) MAJOR POINTS. The following information has been provided by USEUCOM concerning ELDORADO CANYON activity as of 151030 EST.

A. (S) Air

TARGET: TRIPOLI MILITARY AIRFIELD

TOT TIME: 141906 to 141911
(EST)

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT:

- Pilots' report.
- All bombs on target.
- At least 6 probable IL-76 aircraft destroyed
- Facility damage to be determined.

STRIKE INFORMATION:

- Six F-111s with [REDACTED] BSU-49 each departed RAF Lakenheath at 141236 EST.
- Five (5) across target.

ABORTS: One (1) aircraft aborted prior to TOT due to loss of terrain following radar.

TARGET: BENINA AIR FIELD

TOT TIME: 141900

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT:

Preliminary

- [REDACTED]
- Several aircraft damaged
 - 1 F-27 destroyed
 - 1 FLOGGER destroyed
 - 1 probable FLOGGER destroyed
 - 20 bomb craters on apron

STRIKE INFORMATION:

- Eight A-6Es departed from CORAL SEA at 141750 EST.
- Six (6) on target.
- Five aircraft with [REDACTED] CBUs and one with [REDACTED] MK-82s.

ABORTS: Two aircraft abort, cause unknown.

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TARGET: AZIZIYAH BARRACKS TRIPOLI

TOT TIME: 141900

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT:

Preliminary

- Heavy roof and front of building damage
- 6 (at least) craters in the area
- Building across from French Embassy damaged, but no observable damage to the French Embassy.

STRIKE INFORMATION:

- Nine F-111s with [REDACTED] GBU-10s each departed RAF Lakenheath at 141236 EST.
- Five aircraft over target.
- Three aircraft on target/one aircraft dropped long (vicinity French Embassy).
- Missing F-111 from this strike.

ABORTS:

- Four aborts total.
 - Two aborts due to systems degrade.
 - One abort before last refueling.
 - One abort after last refueling.

TARGET: BENGHAZI MILITARY BARRACKS (JAMAHIRIYAH)

TOT TIME: 141900

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT:

Preliminary

- Large storage building destroyed.
- Some FLOGGER shipping crates destroyed.

STRIKE INFORMATION:

- Six A-6Es with [REDACTED] MK-82s each launched from USS AMERICA at 141745 EST.
- All aircraft on target.

ABORTS: None.

[REDACTED]

TARGET: SIDI BILAL TERRORIST TRAINING CAMP

TOT TIME: 141905

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

Preliminary

- 3 buildings damaged at Sidi Bilal (naval academy).

STRIKE INFORMATION:

- Three F-111s with [REDACTED] GBU-10s each departed RAF Lakenheath at 141236 EST.
- All aircraft on target.

ABORTS: None.

B. ~~(S)~~ Total USAF a/c from UK: 24 F-111s, 5 EF-111s, 19 tankers.

C. ~~(S)~~ HARM/SHRIKE Employment

	<u>BENINA TGTS</u>	<u>TRIPOLI TGTS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
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HARM:
SHRIKE:

D. ~~(S)~~ Recovery:

- One F-111 diverted to Rota, SP due to mechanical problems escorted by a second F-111. The escort rejoined the tanker and returned to home base. The divert aircraft is in hangar awaiting repair.

- 150310 F-111s/EF-111s and tankers on deck in UK.

E. ~~(S)~~ Search and Rescue (SAR)

F. ~~(S)~~ Reconnaissance:

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REMARKS

1. ~~(S)~~^U The attached proposed JCS Chronology SITREP No. 5 satisfies request for periodic updates.
2. (U) Recommend approval and signature on attached Background Paper.

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TOT TIME: 141906 to 141911 EST

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TARGET: BENINA AIR FIELD

TOT TIME: 141900 EST

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT:

Preliminary

- [REDACTED]
- Several aircraft damaged
 - 1 F-27 destroyed
 - 1 FLOGGER destroyed
 - 5 probable FLOGGERS destroyed
 - 20 bomb craters on apron
 - 2 MI-14 helos destroyed
 - 1 MI-14 helo possibly destroyed
 - Numerous buildings with small holes in sides and roof
 - 12 "burn marks" may indicate that 12 additional FLOGGERS were destroyed and have been removed by 2 pieces of heavy lift equipment.

STRIKE INFORMATION:

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- Five aircraft with [REDACTED] CBUs and one with [REDACTED] MK-82s.

ABORTS: Two aircraft abort, cause unknown.

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TOT TIME: 141900 EST

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT:

Preliminary

- Heavy roof and front of building damage
- Qadhafi's tent collapsed
- 6 (at least) craters in the area
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- Battalion headquarters damaged.

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ABORTS: None.

TARGET: SIDI BILAL TERRORIST TRAINING CAMP

TOT TIME: 141905 EST

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

Preliminary

- 3 buildings damaged at Sidi Bilal (naval academy).

STRIKE INFORMATION:

- Three F-111s with GBU-10s each departed RAF Lakenheath at 141236 EST.
- All aircraft on target.

ABORTS: None.

B. ^u ~~(S)~~ Total USAF a/c from UK: 24 F-111s, 5 EF-111s, 19 tankers.

C. ^u ~~(S)~~ HARM/SHRIKE Employment

	<u>BENINA TGTS</u>	<u>TRIPOLI TGTS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
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HARM:
SHRIKE:

D. ^u ~~(S)~~ Recovery:

- One F-111 diverted to Rota, SP due to mechanical problems escorted by a second F-111. The escort rejoined the tanker and returned to home base. The divert aircraft is in hangar awaiting repair.

- 150310 F-111s/EF-111s and tankers on deck in UK.

E. ^u ~~(S)~~ Search and Rescue (SAR)

- SAR terminated after sunset 15 April.

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G. ~~(S)~~ Surface

- 151300 EST Sixth Fleet positioning forces to protect Lampedusa Island south of Sicily and conduct evacuation of 30 USCG personnel if required in response to two rockets impacting in the water vicinity of the US Coast Guard station reported at 151034 EST.

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- u 1. JCSY BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT TACTICAL AIR RETALIATORY STRIKES AGAINST THE ABOVE TARGETS IN ADDITION TO THOSE LISTED IN REFS A AND B NO LATER THAN 48 HOURS (PLUS TIME REQUIRED TO CONDUCT STRIKES WITH TOT OPTIMIZATION) AFTER RECEIPT OF EXECUTE ORDER.
- u 5. JCSY FORCES AVAILABLE:
 - A. USS AMERICA CVBG.
 - B. USS CORAL SEA CVBG.
 - C. UK-BASED F-111'S.
 - D. APPROPRIATE SUPPORT ELEMENTS.
- u 6. JCSY REQUEST DETAILED OPORDER INCLUDING NUMBER OF STRIKE AIRCRAFT, ORDNANCE REQUIRED, AND RECOMMENDED TOT FOR EACH NEW TARGET, AND ANY OTHER ITEMS FOR JCS/SECDEF CONSIDERATION NO LATER THAN 101200Z APR 86.
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Introduction

Good morning. I am [redacted] and this is [redacted] We were both deeply involved in planning, execution and follow up to the US strikes against Libya on 15 April 1986 - Operation ELDORADO CANYON.

Purpose

This briefing responds to the request on 24 April by the Chairman and the ranking Minority member of the House Armed Services Committee for a report (by 15 May) on the preparations for and conduct of the operation. Both Adm Crowe and Secretary Weinberger have reviewed and approved this briefing. You are reminded that it is TOP SECRET.

Overview

This briefing covers Operation ELDORADO CANYON including background, concept, execution and results.

Background

By way of background I will quickly review events and planning which preceded the 5 April bombing attack at the Labelle Disco in Berlin which resulted in two dead including SGT Ford and 230 injured including 64

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Americans. Planning for Libyan contingencies began in 1980. JCS and USCINCEUR were the principal responsible organizations. As a result of a clear Libyan threat to US forces, USCINCEUR was first directed to plan for the protection of US forces from Libyan attack and retaliatory strikes against Libya in August of 1980. This tasking was later recodified in tasking documents in 1983. The specific targeting and force packaging which resulted in the April 15 strikes began on December 28, 1985 following early indications that Libya was behind the terrorist attacks at Rome and Vienna airports. As a consequence, by 5 April numerous contingency plans were on the shelf and they served as a point of departure for developing the detailed strike plans against specific targets.

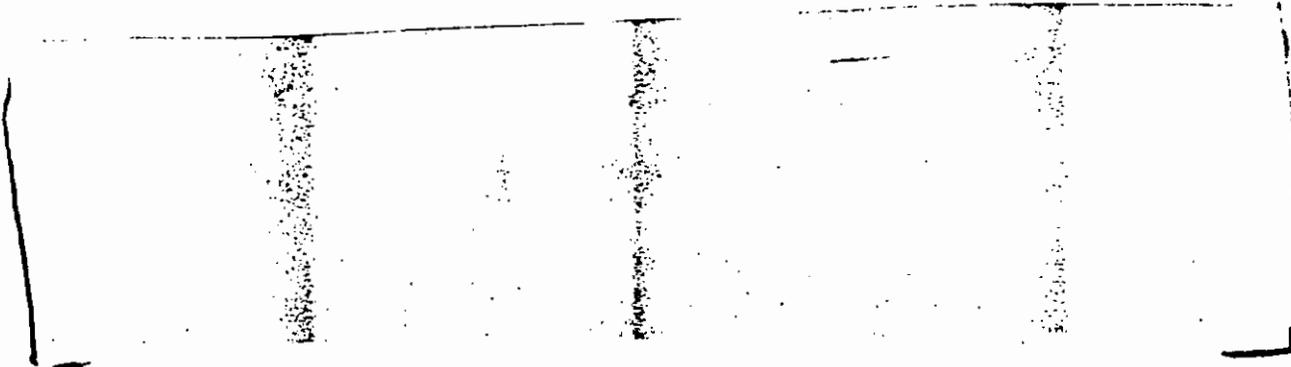
From January to March, while contingency planning was underway, we conducted a series of operations inside the Tripoli FIR. Then from 23 to 27 March we conducted Freedom of Navigation operations below the 32°30' "Line of Death". Libyan hostile reaction to these operations resulted in the sinking of two Libyan patrol craft and attacks on SAM sites at Sirte. The FIR and COM OPS also enabled us to exercise our Command and Control systems and liaison so that by 14 April we were confident that we could handle the very demanding joint operation which followed. Throughout this period the JCS/EUCOM interface was excellent at all levels. This

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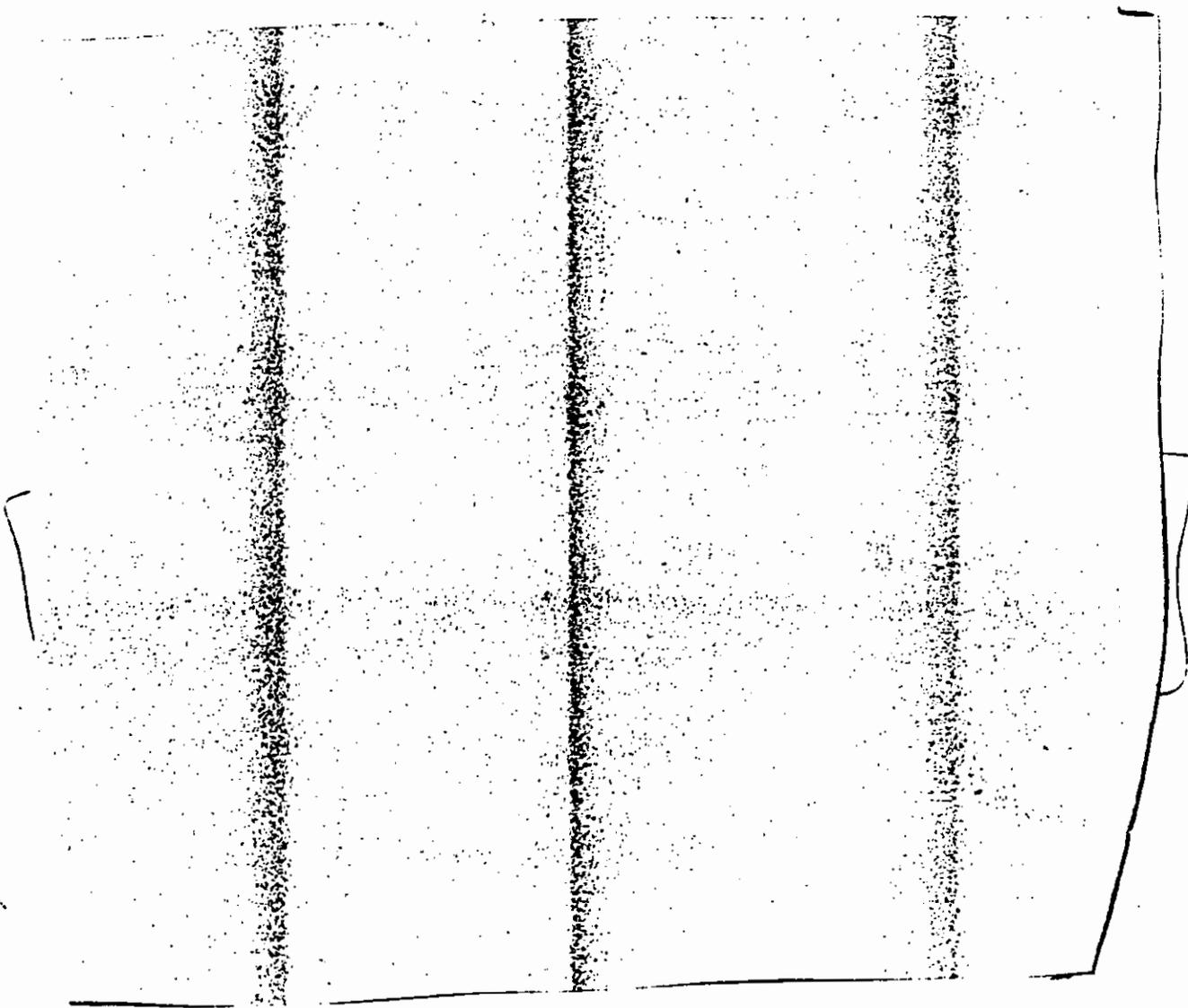
included face-to-face liaison at staff and command levels, including discussions between SecDef and Adm Crowe with VADM Kelso, COMSIXTHFLT; Adm Moreau, CINCUSNAVEUR; Gen Lawson, DCINCEUR; and Gen Rogers, CINCEUR.

I will return to detailed planning in a few minutes.





We knew the following about each of the targets.



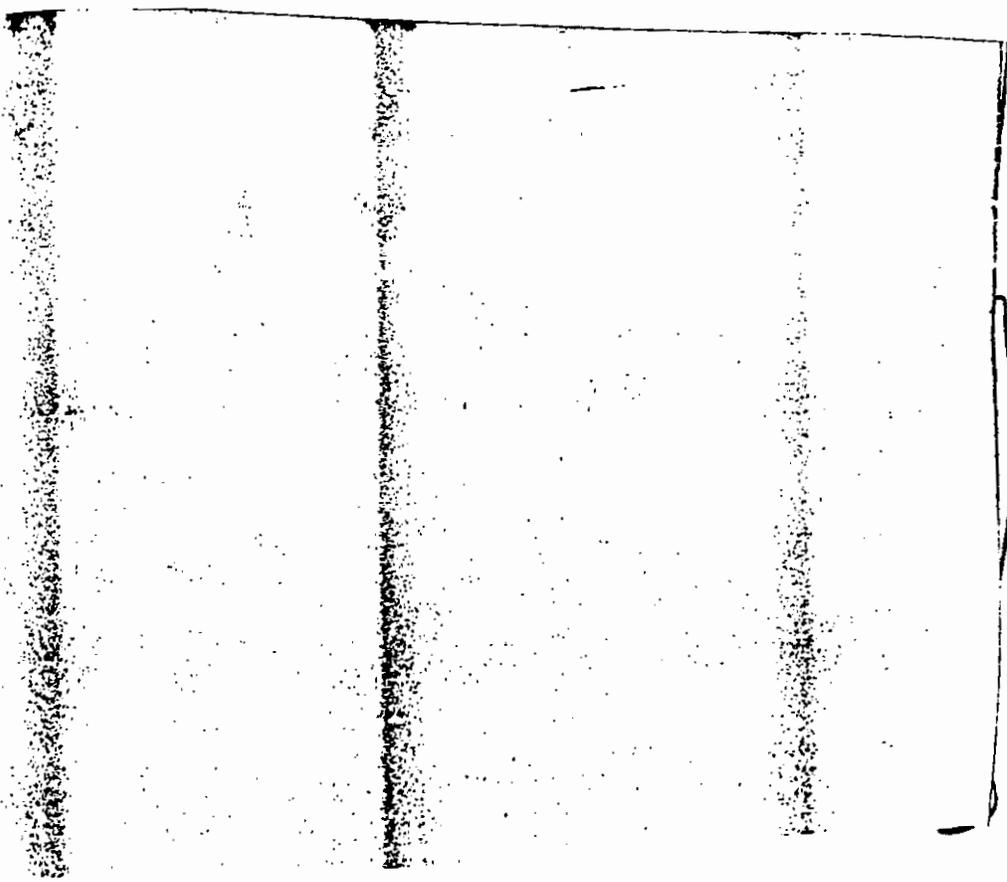
Decision to Strike

Following the Labelle Disco bombing and the clear evidence that Libya directed it, the President directed an attack against Libya's terrorist infrastructure. It was intended primarily to preempt or disrupt further Libyan operations abroad. Additionally it would signal to Libya that state-sponsored terrorism carries a high cost, would weaken Libyan conventional power projection, and encourage those opposed to the policies of the Qadhafi regime. This guidance, the objectives, and direction given to SecDef/JCS were passed to CINCEUR and his components. From this, USCINCEUR and the executing forces developed feasible military options to support the mission. These plans (options) were reviewed, modified, and revised at successive levels of command through JCS to the Secretary and the President.



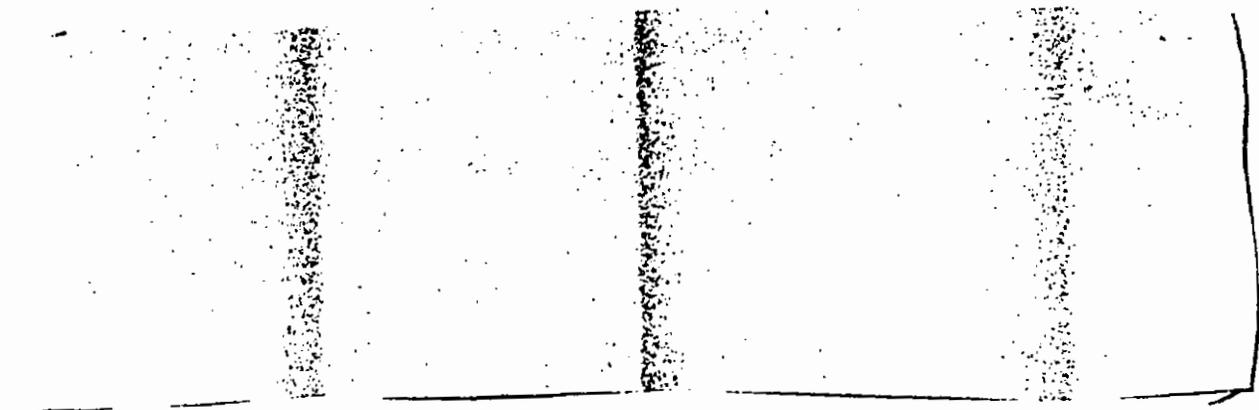
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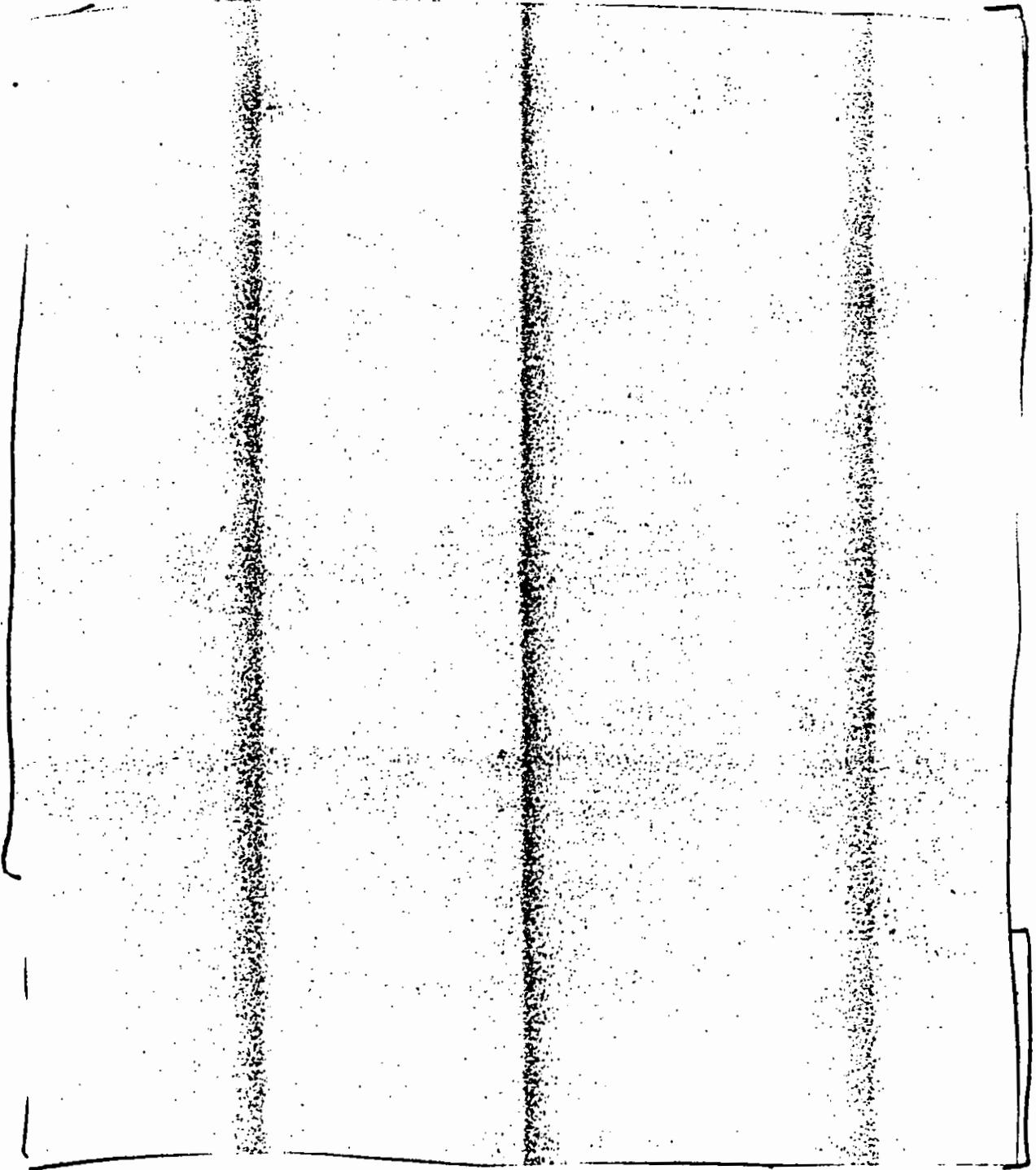


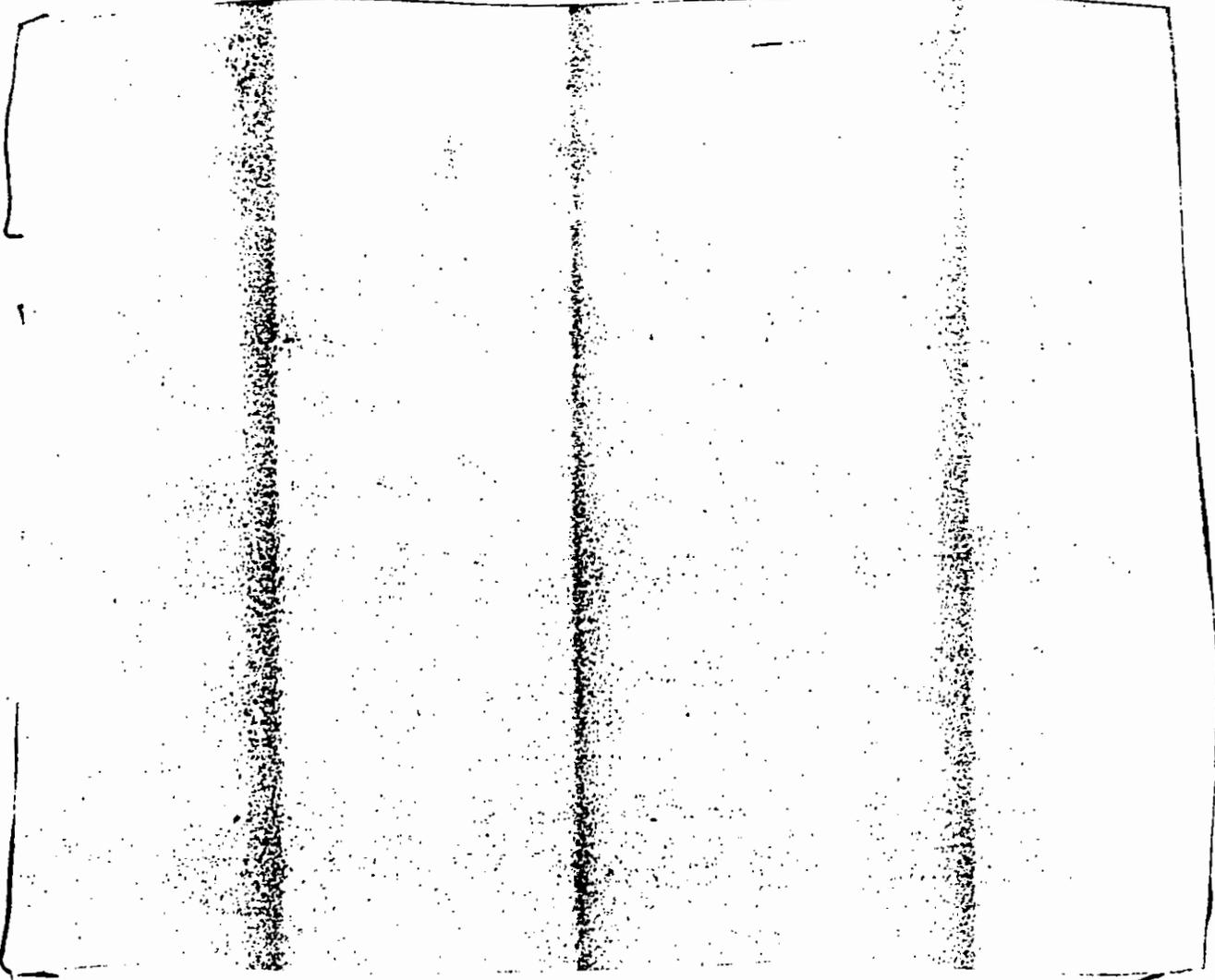
As you can see the interaction between the military and civilian leadership was continuous. At each level great care was taken to provide clear, unambiguous guidance without micro-managing commanders in the field. The chain of command was never bypassed.

Mission



Concept of Operations





Command and Control

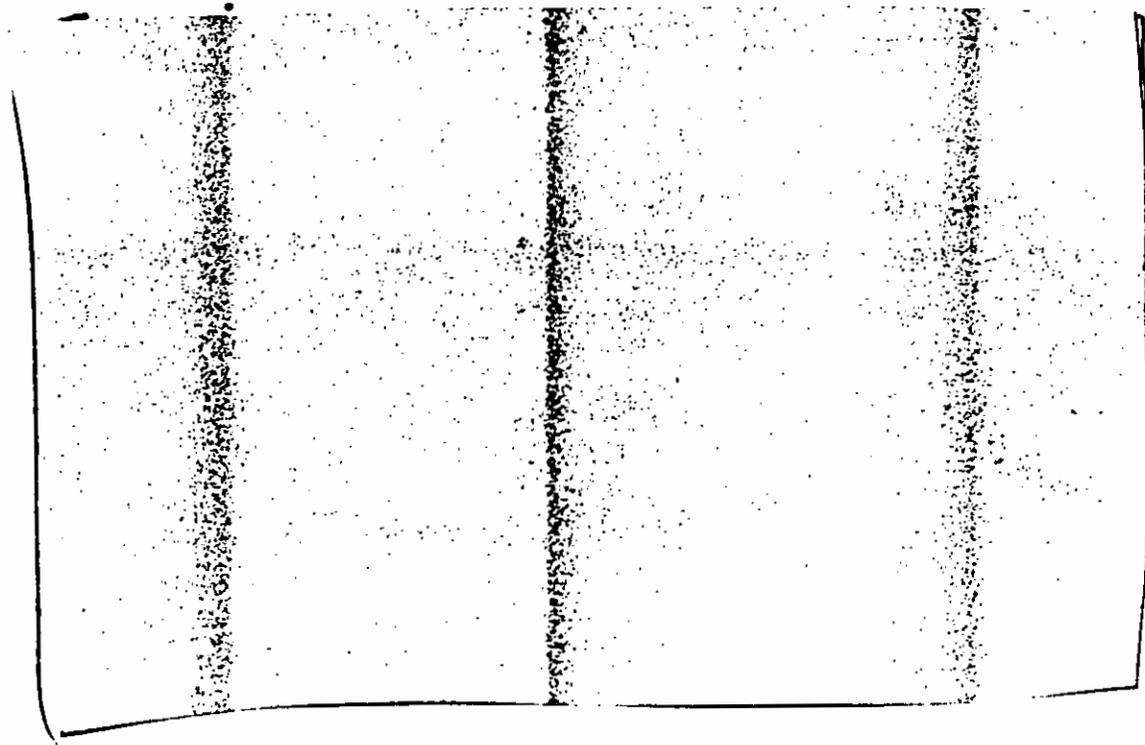
The chain of command throughout Operation ELDORADO CANYON was from the Secretary of Defense through the JCS to USCINCEUR to Commander, Central Mediterranean Operations. For streamlined C³, USCINCEUR designated COMSIXTHFLT as the officer in tactical command (OTC) and Commander, Central Mediterranean Operations (COMCENTMEDOPS), to coordinate detailed joint planning/deconfliction efforts, to integrate other command/agency assets

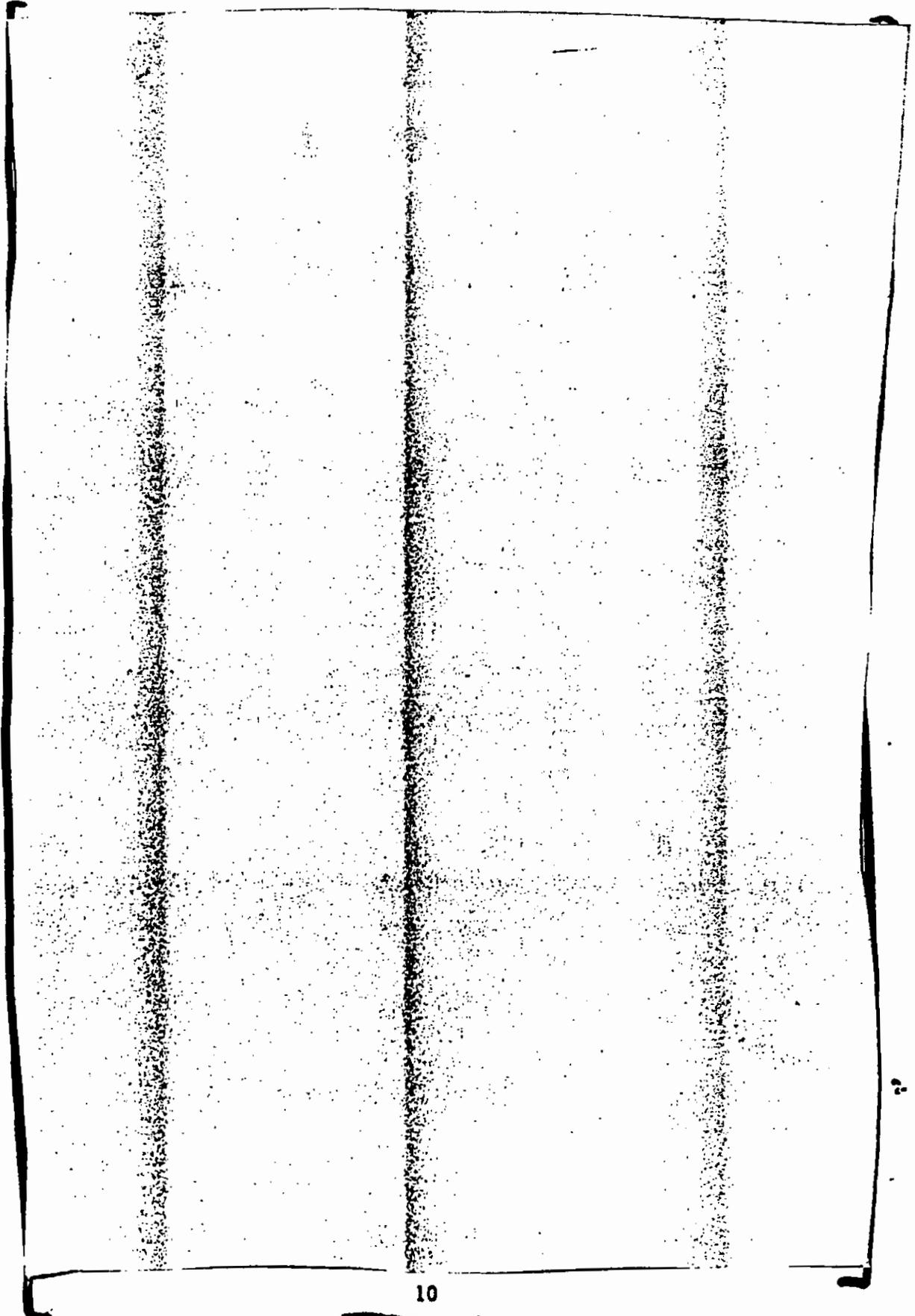
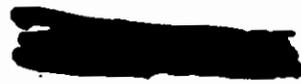


the tactical operations area, and to conduct this operation. USCINCEUR delineated the area of the CENTMED in which CONCENTMED had this authority. The EUCOM components, as the forces which would execute the strike, developed the primary, detailed plans. Further to enhance Air Force/Navy coordination, liaison officers were exchanged among the planning locations in addition to the coordination inherent in the unified staff at HQ USEJCOM.

Rules of Engagement

The following special rules of engagement for operation ELDORADO CANYON were approved. These rules are in addition to peacetime rules of engagement and those previously approved for operation ATTAIN DOCUMENT (Gulf of Sidra operations):

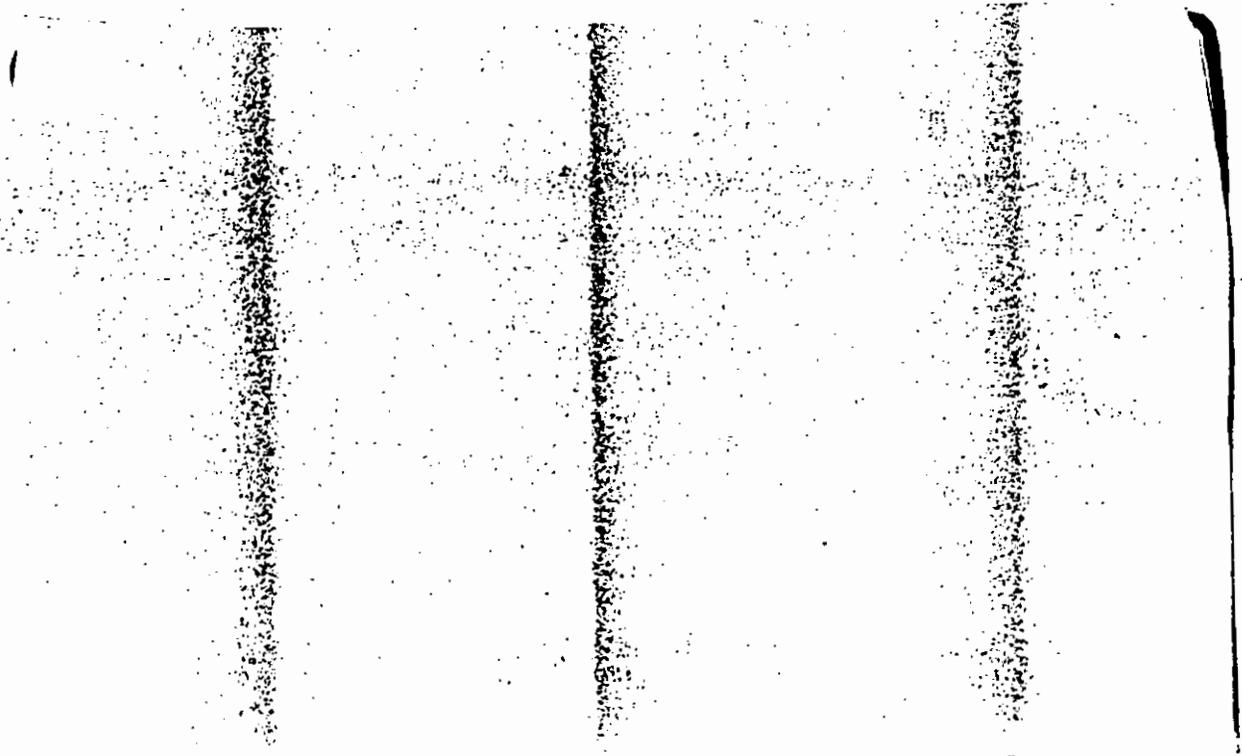






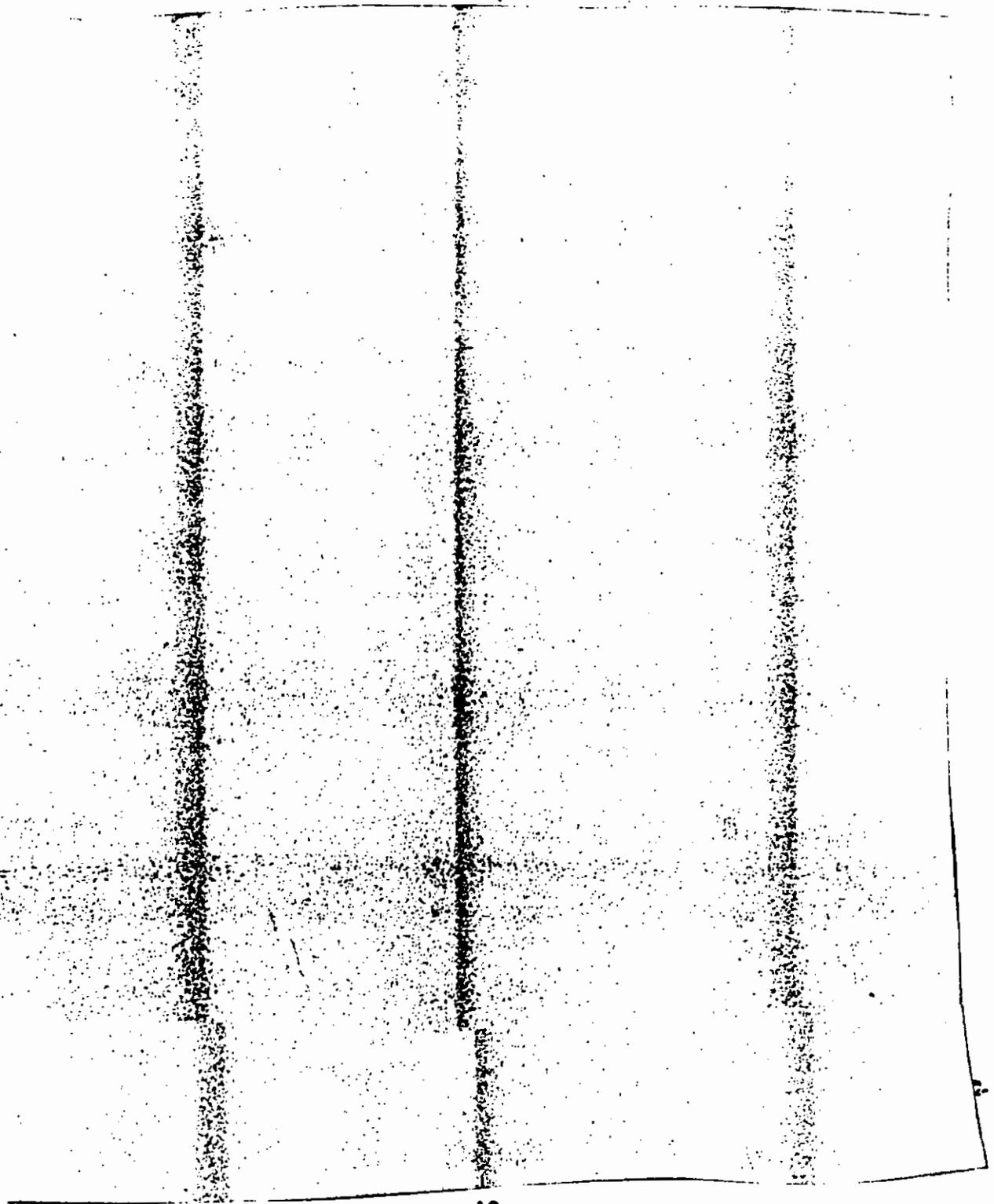
- Minimize collateral damage. Make every reasonable attempt to limit damage to other than designated military targets.
- ROE were chosen because through the iterative planning process, USCINCEUR had requested ROE that he considered necessary to conduct the mission. These recommendations were reviewed and modified throughout the planning process and finally approved by the SecDef and the President.
- We believe the ROE were appropriate.

Execution





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The Libyan response from the Benina Airfield was relatively light. There were surface-to-air missiles fired, but the aircrews on that strike easily avoided the surface-to-air missiles. However, against the Benghazi:

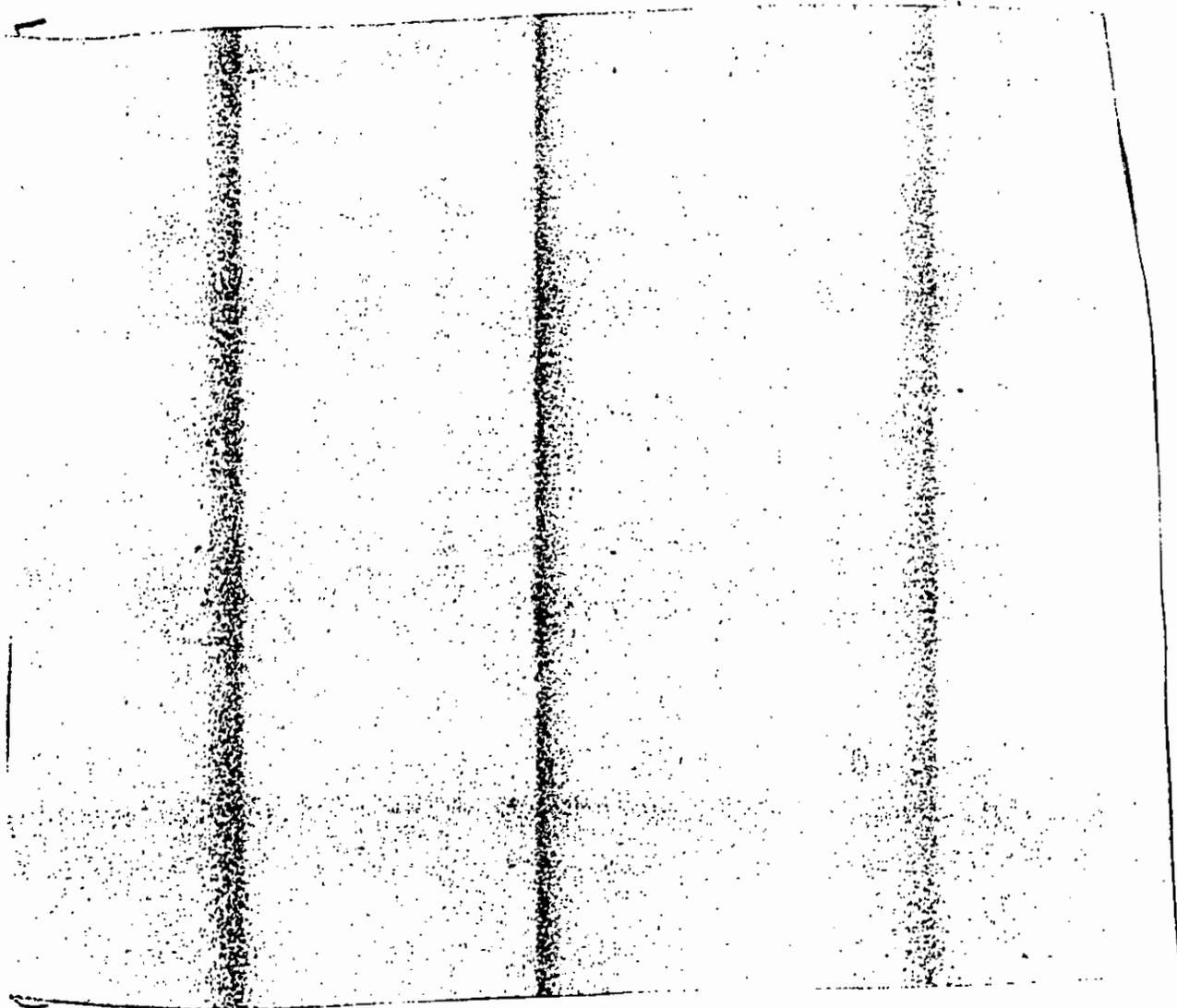
Barracks and alternate Headquarters, the anti-aircraft fire and surface-to-air missile fire was very intense. Against the Sidi Bilal Terrorist Facility, the Libyan response was fairly light. Against Aziziyah Barracks and Headquarters, the Libyan response was very heavy. Additionally, flares were fired into the air; apparently an attempt by the Libyans to illuminate the sky to aid their anti-aircraft fire. Against the Tripoli Military Airport, they had light to moderate AAA and surface-to-air missile response. Of the aircraft that aborted on the western side, there were three aircraft that aborted prior to the strike against Aziziyah Barracks. One was due to an engine hot light and that aircraft later landed at Rota and was repaired and proceeded on back to Great Britain. One had an engine instrument failure; one had an afterburner failure and was not able to complete the strike. Additionally, over that target, one had a generator failure. Against the Tripoli Military Airport, one aircraft aborted with failure of his terrain-following radar. Against Benina Air Base, ²one A-6 aborted in the air. The reason for the two A-6 aborts at Benina is unknown. At Sidi Bilal and Benghazi Barracks, all aircraft that were scheduled made their strikes. Additionally, over the Aziziyah Barracks, there was one F-111 that did not return. Whether he dropped his bombs on the target or not is not clearly known, and he apparently went down off the coast about four miles north of Tripoli.

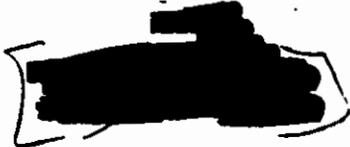
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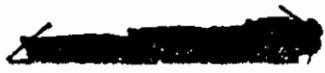
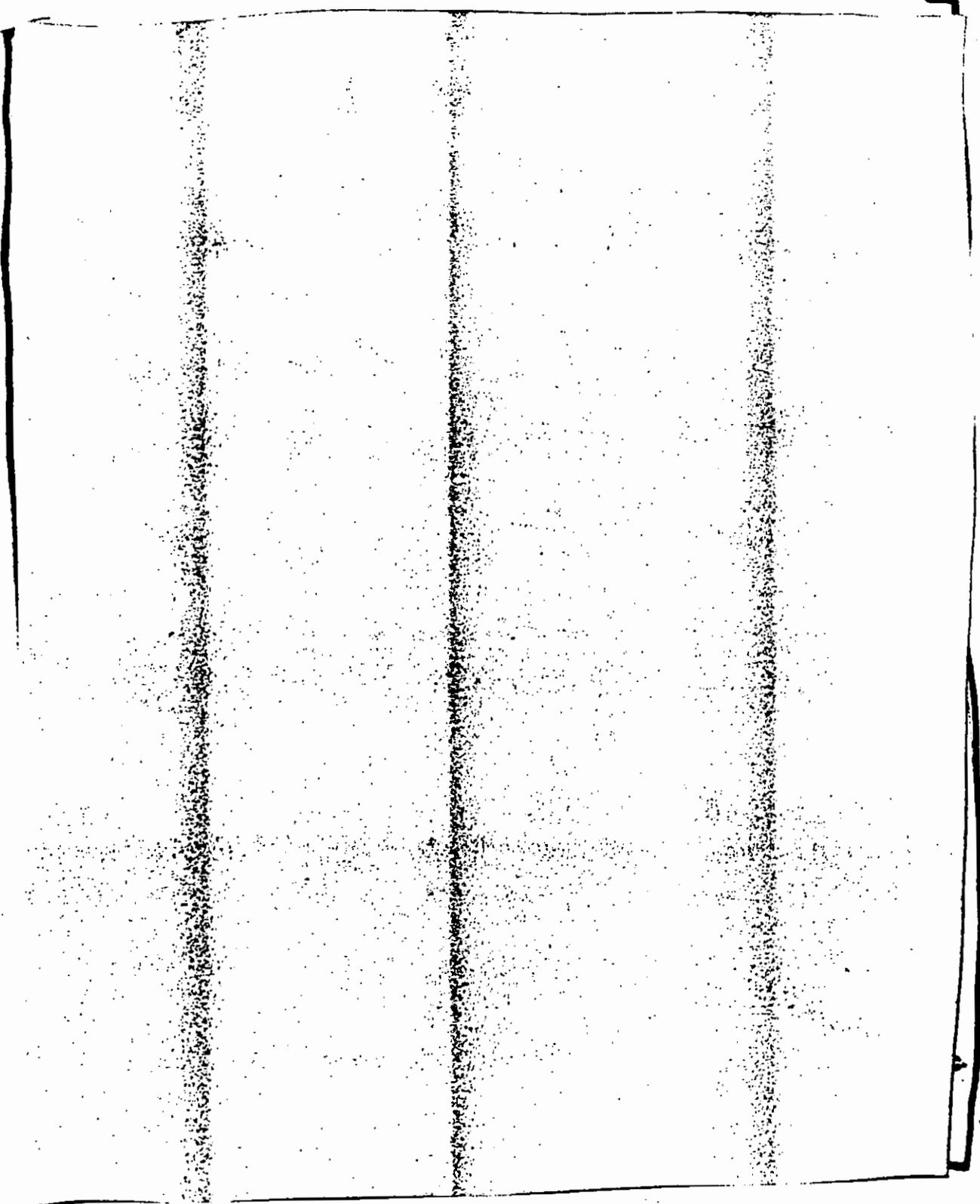
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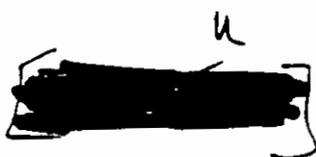
The raid accomplished the overall assigned mission. Target results are based on a comparison of target damage as compared to the instructions given in the EXECUTE ORDER, including the desired targets and the no-strike areas.





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The reasons for the difference between objectives and results vary but our review suggests the following factors combined to produce a very demanding, "busy cockpit" mission:

- Sophisticated, integrated, high threat environment.
- Long flights prior to target.
- Heavy AAA and numerous SAM firings.
- Conservative interpretation of national guidance (all weapon systems fully operational) complicated mission tactics beyond the level normally encountered in combat or combat training.

Specific systems performed well within expected acceptable limits. No extraordinary preparations were made for the operation. Contingency plans had been made for additional targets but they were not selected for this mission.

The efficacy of command arrangements and effectiveness/coordination of the Air Force and Naval forces is assessed as superb. Perhaps the most telling fact is the exact on time TOT by forces based 3000 miles apart. A very complex joint strike plan successfully integrated strike and strike-support (ECM, C3CM, EW, CAP, SAR) air and naval forces. ROE were appropriate and provided the operational latitude to plan and conduct the strike in a tactically sound manner.

The aircrews, as the primary strike planners, were given the flexibility to develop attack plans and force packages. Each target area had several desired target elements (aim points). The selection of aim points and

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munitions was left to the crews attacking that target area. While the direction to limit collateral damage and minimize the risk to the aircrews may seem to have reduced flexibility on the target run (no alternate targets), it was the complexity of five simultaneous attacks which demanded the carefully orchestrated run-ins and attack axes.

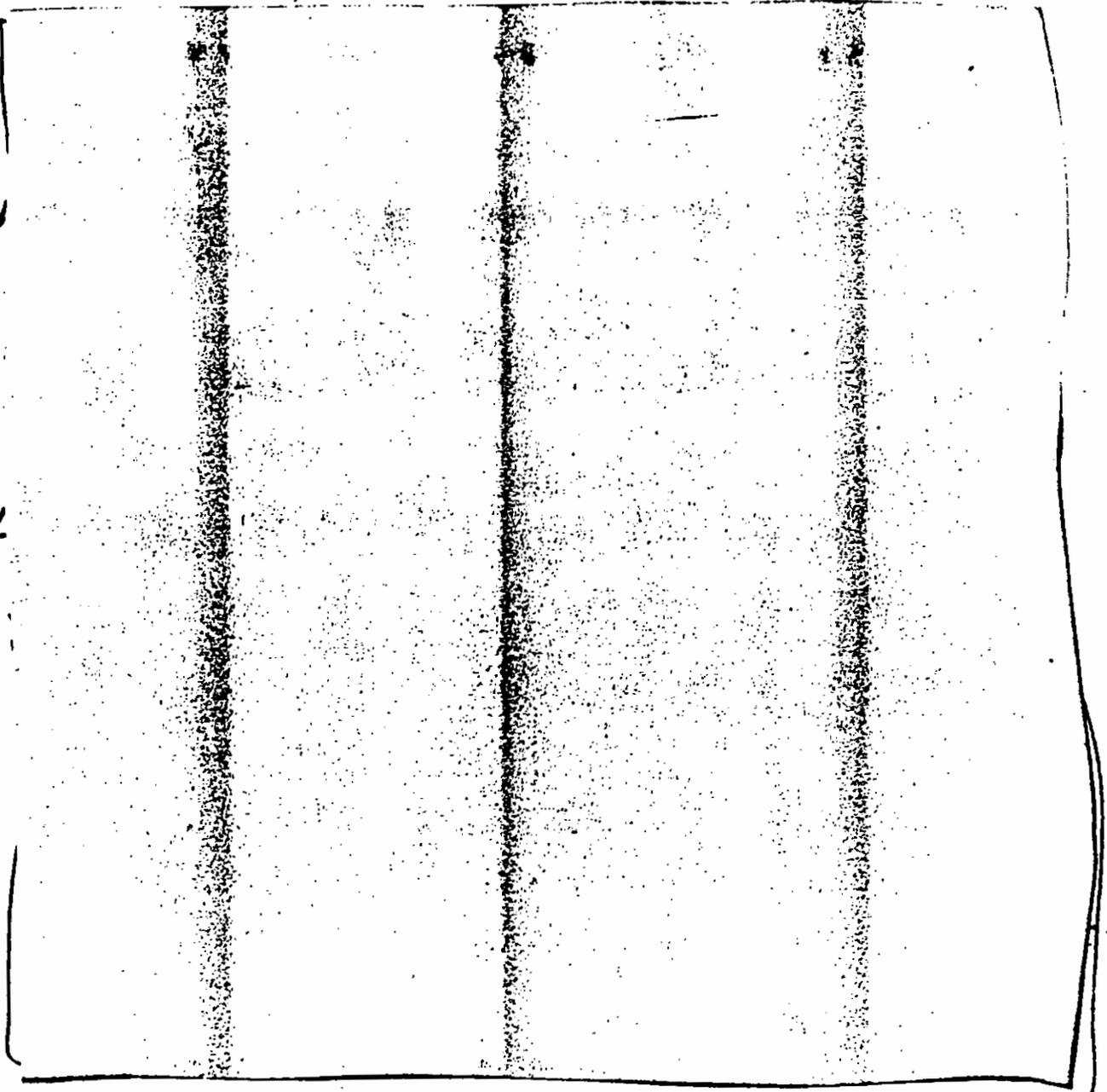
The direction to limit collateral damage resulted in a more-difficult, more-demanding mission for the aircrews. Command elements of the executing forces interpreted the direction to limit collateral damage very conservatively. This led to requirements of redundancy in operating weapon delivery systems not specifically required by ROE or national-level guidance. Specifically, all delivery systems had to be fully operational to attack a target; additionally, there were not alternate targets to attack in case of minor system degrade in only one delivery system. The loss of systems, therefore, simply reduced the number of weapons to be delivered on the targets. There was some unplanned damage. It occurred because, as expected, not every munition dropped by our aircraft hit precisely on the intended target. In short, we missed a few. Additionally, Libyan SAMs and other non-US weapons caused damage in Tripoli to an unknown extent. Evidence to support this view was provided by Libyan and international media television footage showing SA-2 and SA-3 SAM booster rockets (purportedly pieces of downed US aircraft) being pulled from wrecked buildings. The SA-2 booster rocket, for example, is 8.5 feet long, 3 feet in diameter, and weighs approximately 1050 lbs after fuel expenditure. Despite the self-destruct feature found on Soviet SAMs, it is not impossible that one or more of the SAM warheads may actually have exploded on impact, causing even more

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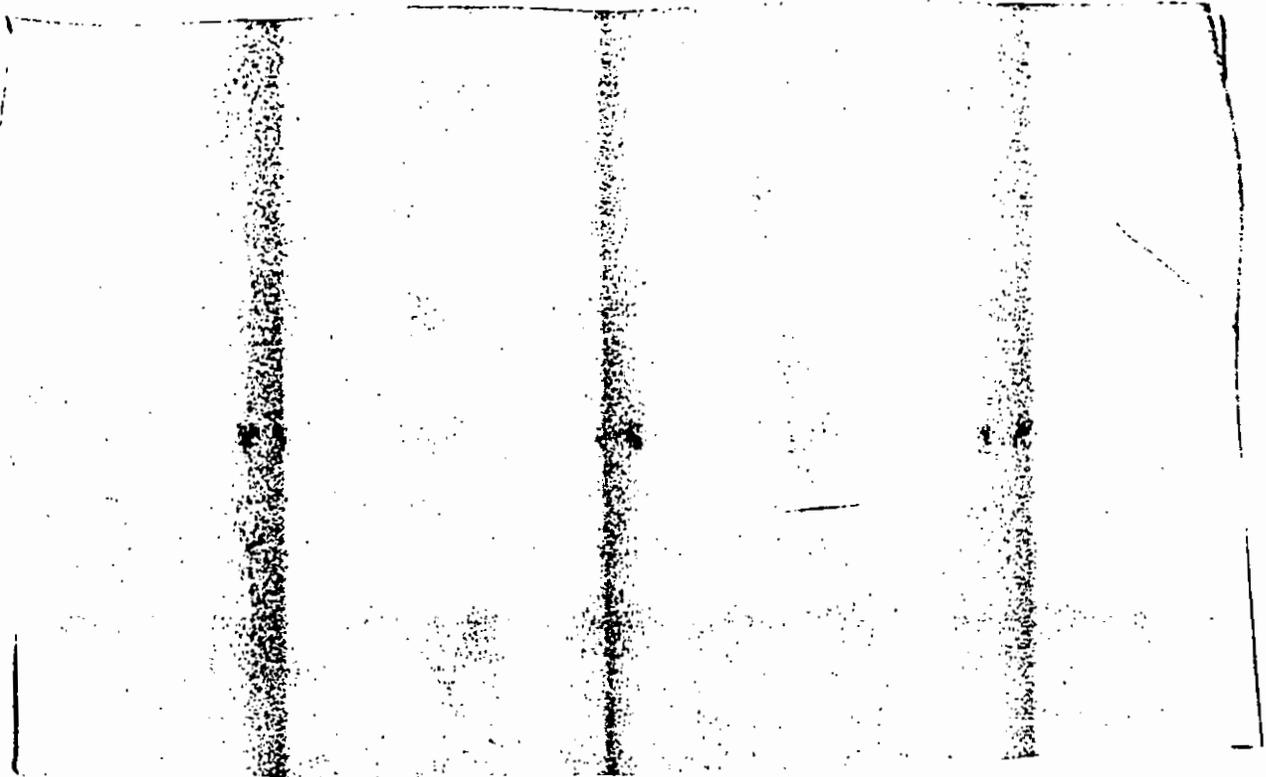
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destruction in the immediate area. Finally, it is noted that falling shrapnel from conventional AAA weapons, many of which were observed active during the night of the raid, may have caused additional casualties and/or damage since AAA rounds will explode on contact with the ground if not fused.

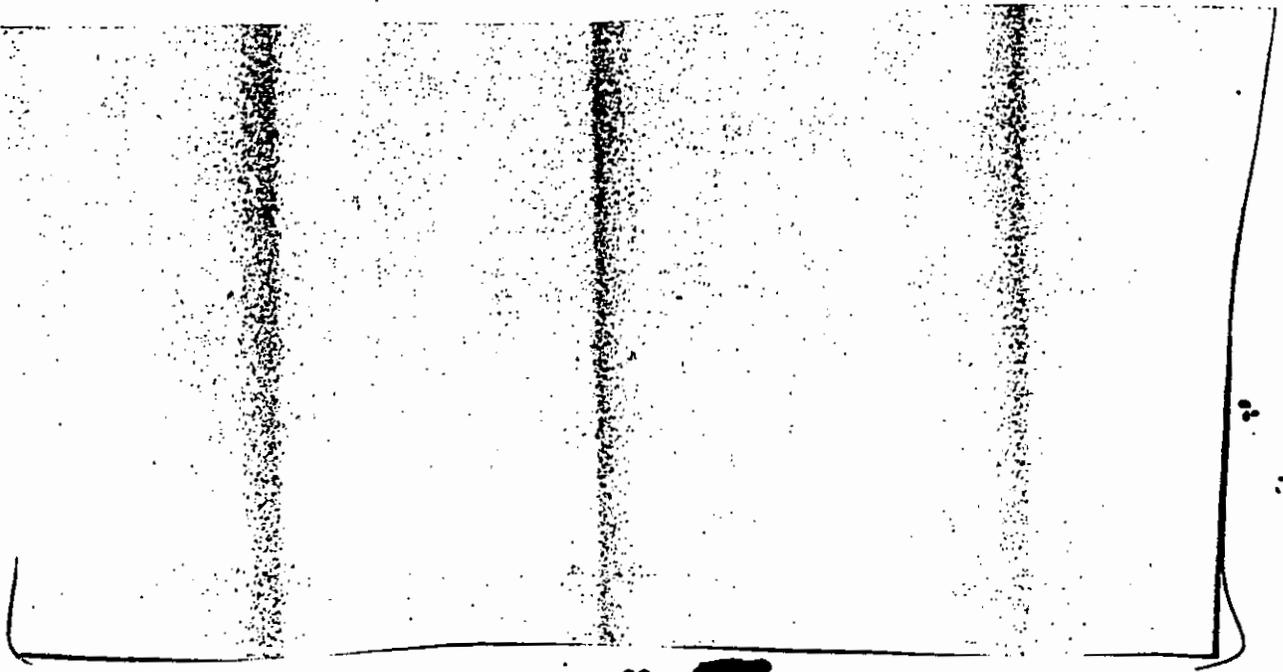


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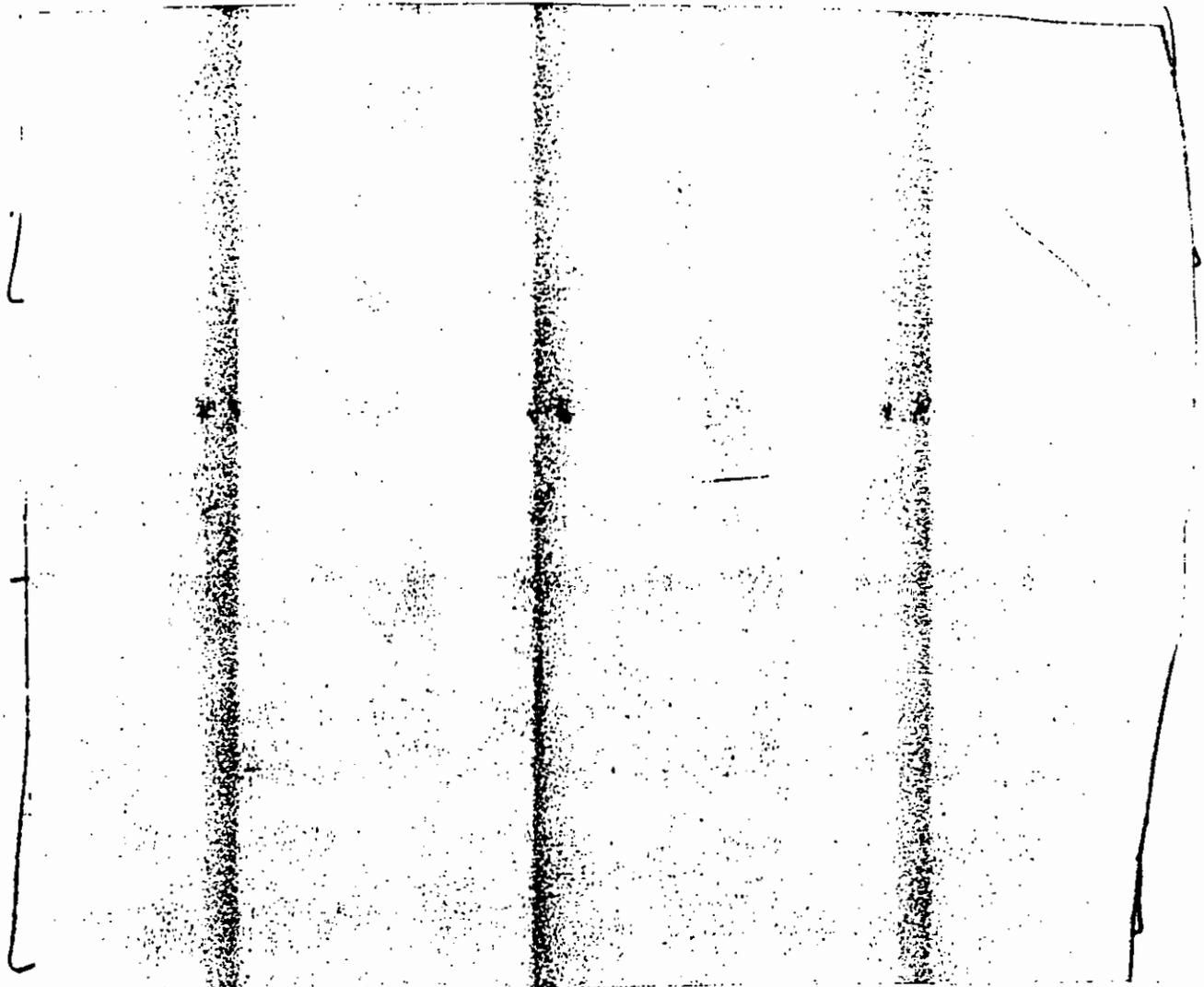
The Libyan air defense system was surprised. A great deal of confusion was noted. Benina Airfield had runway lights on and radio navigation aids operating at the time of attack.



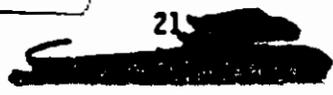
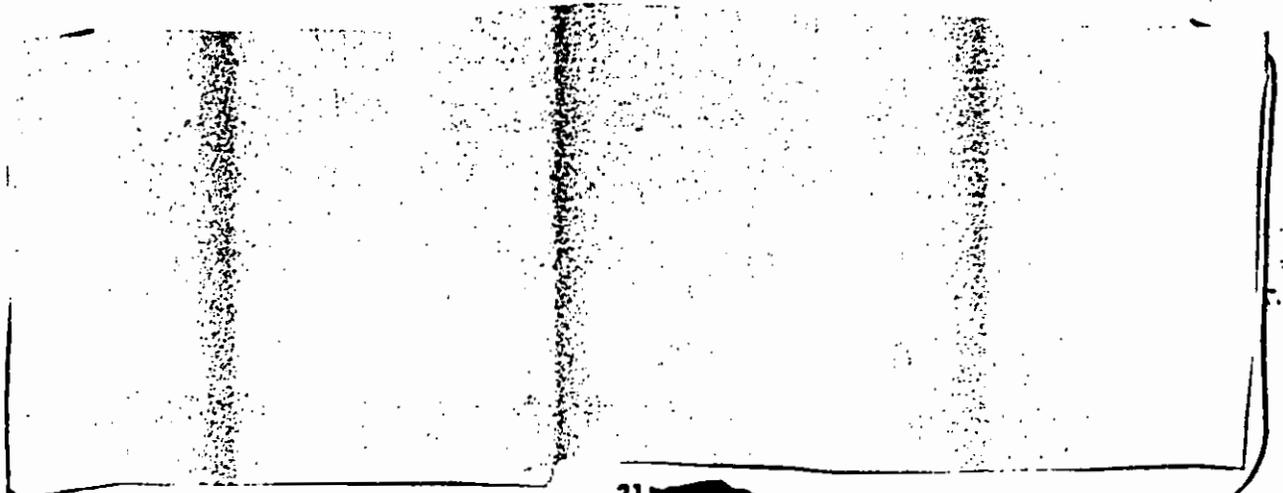
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Lessons Learned



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The joint planning and operations system worked well. The iterative process allowed everyone involved to understand the objectives and plan accordingly. C3 was clear and understood resulting in a successful execution.

Additionally we confirmed that our sophisticated equipment works. Without that sophistication this mission was simply undoable. ~~No other nation on earth could have done it.~~

The mission was accomplished despite the most severe political constraints against very tough targets.

Communications planning was thorough and complete. As a result, communications support was not a limiting factor for the operation.

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STRIKE INFORMATION:
- NINE (9) F-111'S WITH FOUR (4) GBU-10'S EACH DEPARTED RAF
LARENHATH AT 141236 EST.
- FIVE AIRCRAFT OVER TARGET.
-- THREE AIRCRAFT ON TARGET.
-- ONE AIRCRAFT DROPPED LONG.
-- MISSING F-111 FROM THIS STRIKE.

ABORTS:
- FOUR ABORTS TOTAL.
-- TWO ABORTS DUE TO SYSTEMS DEGRADE.
-- ONE ABORT BEFORE LAST REFUELING.
-- ONE ABORT AFTER LAST REFUELING.

TARGET: BENGHAZI MILITARY BARRACKS (JAMHIRIYAH)
TOT TIME: 141900 EST
DAMAGE ASSESSMENT:

STRIKE INFORMATION:
- SIX (6) A-6E'S WITH [REDACTED] HE-82'S EACH LAUNCHED FROM
AMERICA AT 141745 EST.
- ALL AIRCRAFT ON TARGET.

ABORTS: NONE.
TARGET: SIDI BILAL TERRORIST TRAINING CAMP
TOT TIME: 141905 EST
DAMAGE ASSESSMENT:

PRELIMINARY
- THREE (3) BUILDINGS DAMAGED AT SIDI BILAL (NAVAL ACADEMY)
STRIKE INFORMATION:
- THREE (3) F-111'S WITH [REDACTED] GBU-10'S EACH DEPARTED RAF
LARENHATH AT 141236 EST.
- ALL AIRCRAFT ON TARGET.

ABORTS: NONE.
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SHRIKE: [REDACTED]

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H. (U) WEATHER: 16-17 APRIL. PARTLY CLOUDY TO CLEAR OVER BT

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A. 1st ATR:
TARGET: TRIPOLI MILITARY AIRFIELD
TOT TIME: 141906 TO 141910 EST
DAMAGE ASSESSMENT:
- PILOTS' REPORT.
-- ALL BOMBS ON TARGET.
-- AT LEAST 3 TO 5 PROBABLE IL-76 AIRCRAFT DESTROYED
-- FACILITY DAMAGE TO BE DETERMINED.

STRIKE INFORMATION:
- SIX (6) F-111'S WITH TWELVE (12) BSU-49 EACH DEPARTED RAF
LARENHATH AT 141236 EST.
- FIVE (5) ACROSS TARGET.

ABORTS: ONE (1) AIRCRAFT ABORTED PRIOR TO TOT DUE TO LOSS OF
TERRAIN FOLLOWING RADAR.
TARGET: BENINA AIR FIELD
TOT TIME: 141900 EST
DAMAGE ASSESSMENT:
PRELIMINARY

STRIKE INFORMATION:
- EIGHT (8) A-6E'S DEPARTED FROM CORAL SEA AT 141750 EST.
- SIX (6) ON TARGET.
- FIVE (5) AIRCRAFT WITH [REDACTED] GBU'S AND ONE WITH [REDACTED] HE-82'S.
ABORTS: TWO AIRCRAFT ABORT. CAUSE UNKNOWN.
TARGET: AZIZIYAH BARRACKS TRIPOLI
TOT TIME: 141900 EST
DAMAGE ASSESSMENT:
PRELIMINARY

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STRIKE INFORMATION:
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- FIVE AIRCRAFT OVER TARGET.
- THREE AIRCRAFT ON TARGET.
- ONE AIRCRAFT DROPPED LONG.
- MISSING F-111 FROM THIS STRIKE.

ABORTS:
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DAMAGE ASSESSMENT
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TOT TIME: 141906 TO 141911 EST
DAMAGE ASSESSMENT:

PILOTS' REPORT:
- ALL BOMBS ON TARGET.
- AT LEAST 3 TO 5 PROBABLE IL-76 AIRCRAFT DESTROYED
- FACILITY DAMAGE TO BE DETERMINED.

STRIKE INFORMATION:
- SIX (6) F-111'S WITH [REDACTED] BSU-49 EACH DEPARTED RAF
LAKEWORTH AT 141238 EST.
- FIVE (5) ACROSS TARGET.

ABORTS: ONE (1) AIRCRAFT ABORTED PRIOR TO TOT DUE TO LOSS OF
TERRAIN FOLLOWING RAGAR.
TARGET: BENINA AIR FIELD
TOT TIME: 141900 EST
DAMAGE ASSESSMENT:
PRELIMINARY

STRIKE INFORMATION:
- EIGHT (8) A-6E'S DEPARTED FROM CORAL SEA AT 141730 EST.
- SIX (6) ON TARGET.
- FIVE (5) AIRCRAFT WITH [REDACTED] GBU'S AND ONE WITH [REDACTED] HE-82'S.
ABORTS: TWO AIRCRAFT ABORT. CAUSE UNKNOWN.
TARGET: AZIZIYAH BARRACKS TRIPOLI
TOT TIME: 141900 EST
DAMAGE ASSESSMENT:
PRELIMINARY

W. (U) WEATHER: 16-17 APRIL. PARTLY CLOUDY TO CLEAR ON:

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1-5 MILES, IN BLOWING SAND AND DUST. WINDS SOUTHEAST 10-20 KNOTS
-SOUTHWEST. SEAS 2-5 FEET.

1. (U) PUBLIC AFFAIRS. NO CHANGE.

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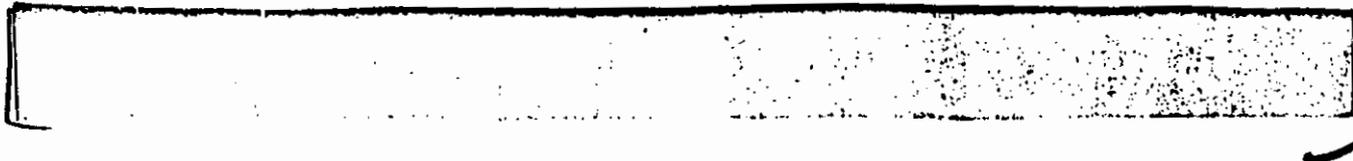
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- CONDUCT RETALIATORY AIR STRIKES AGAINST LIBYA



- AS DIRECTED BY NCA

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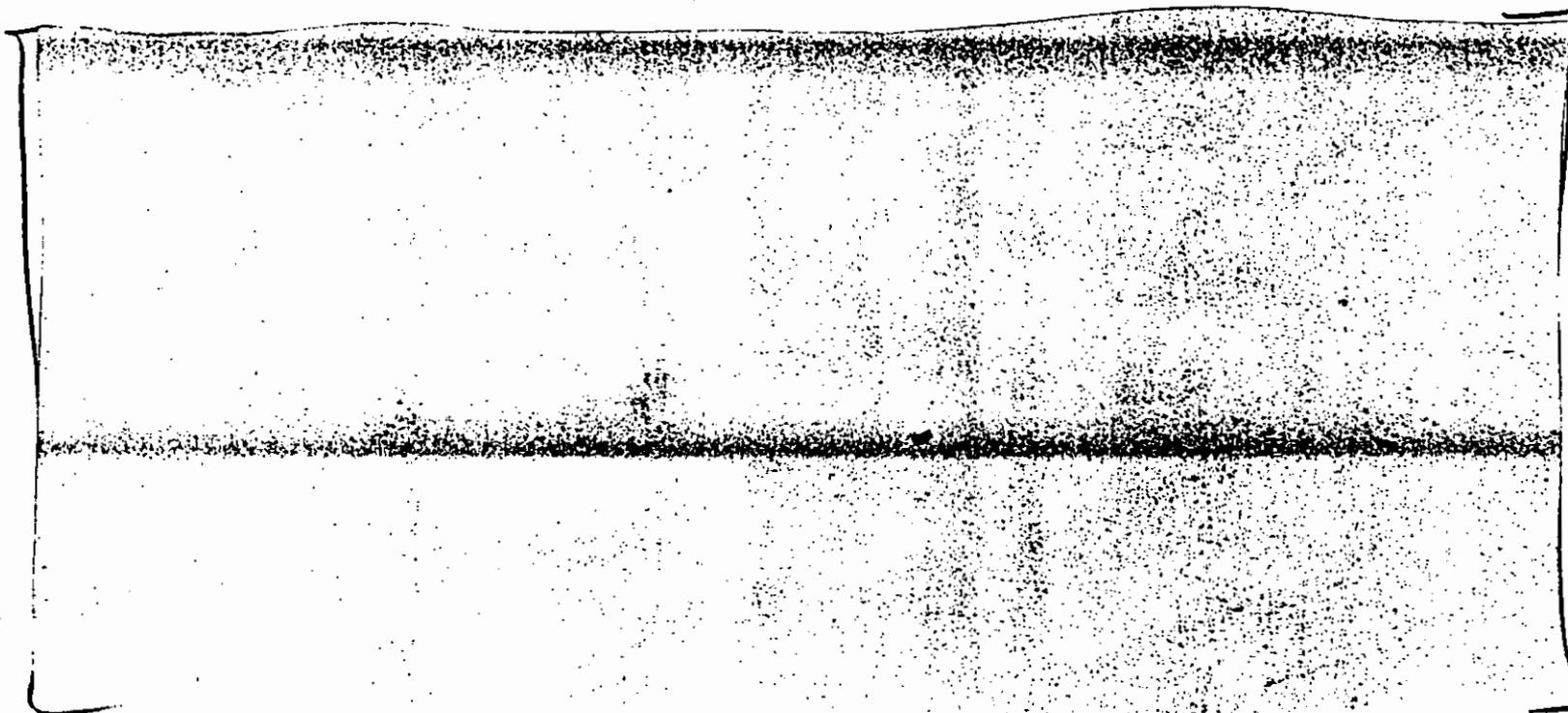
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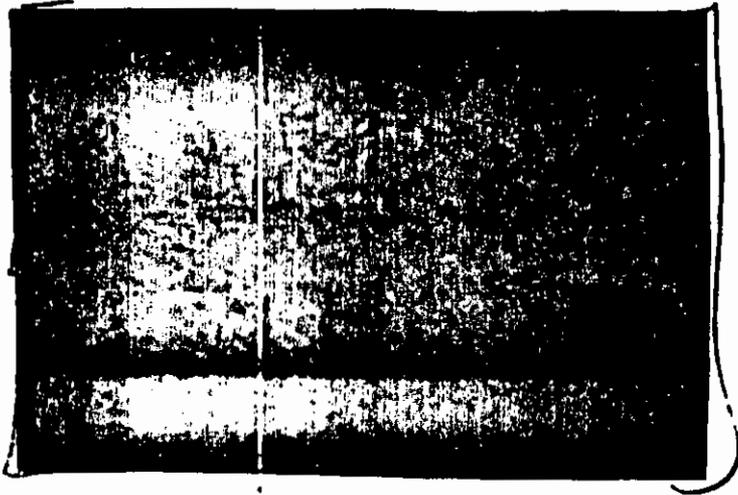
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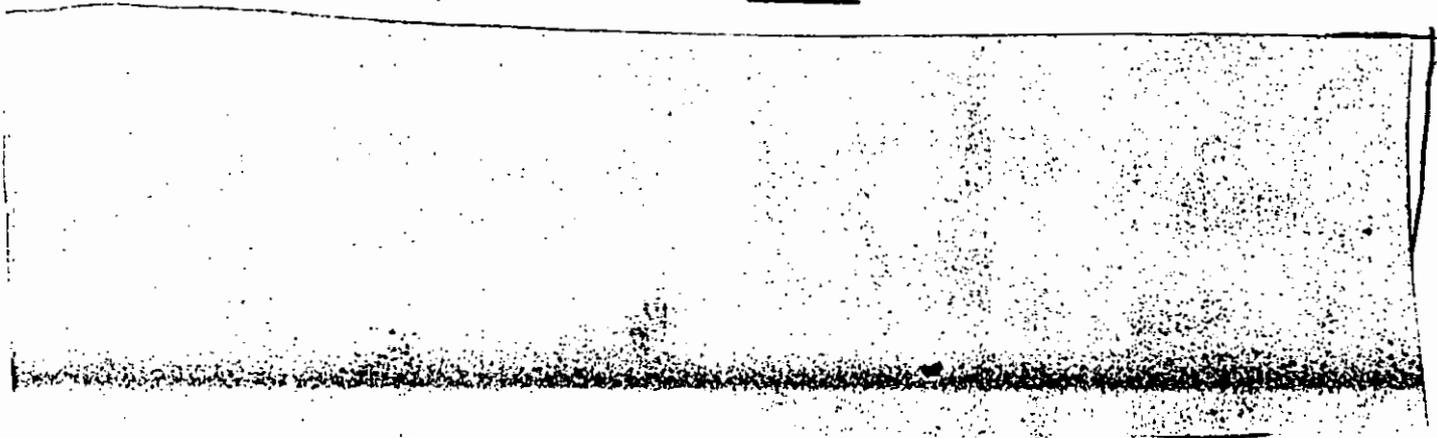


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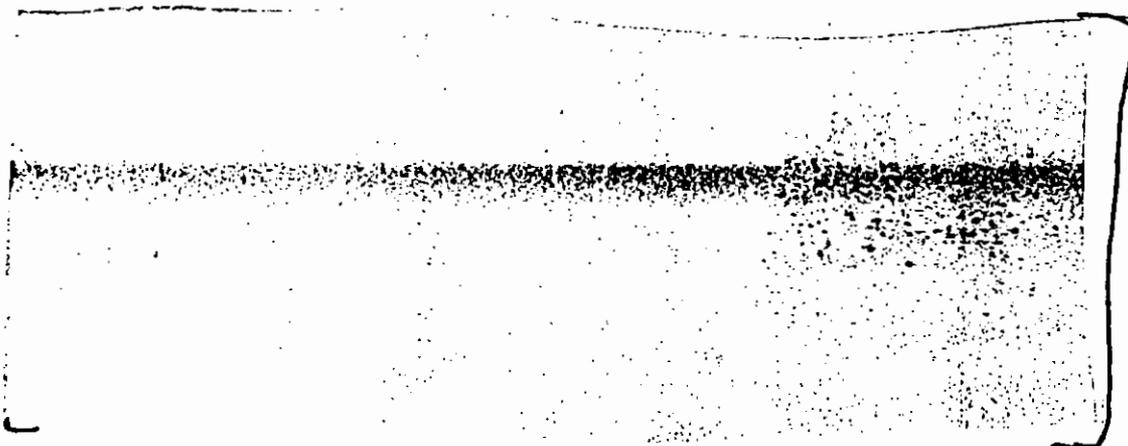
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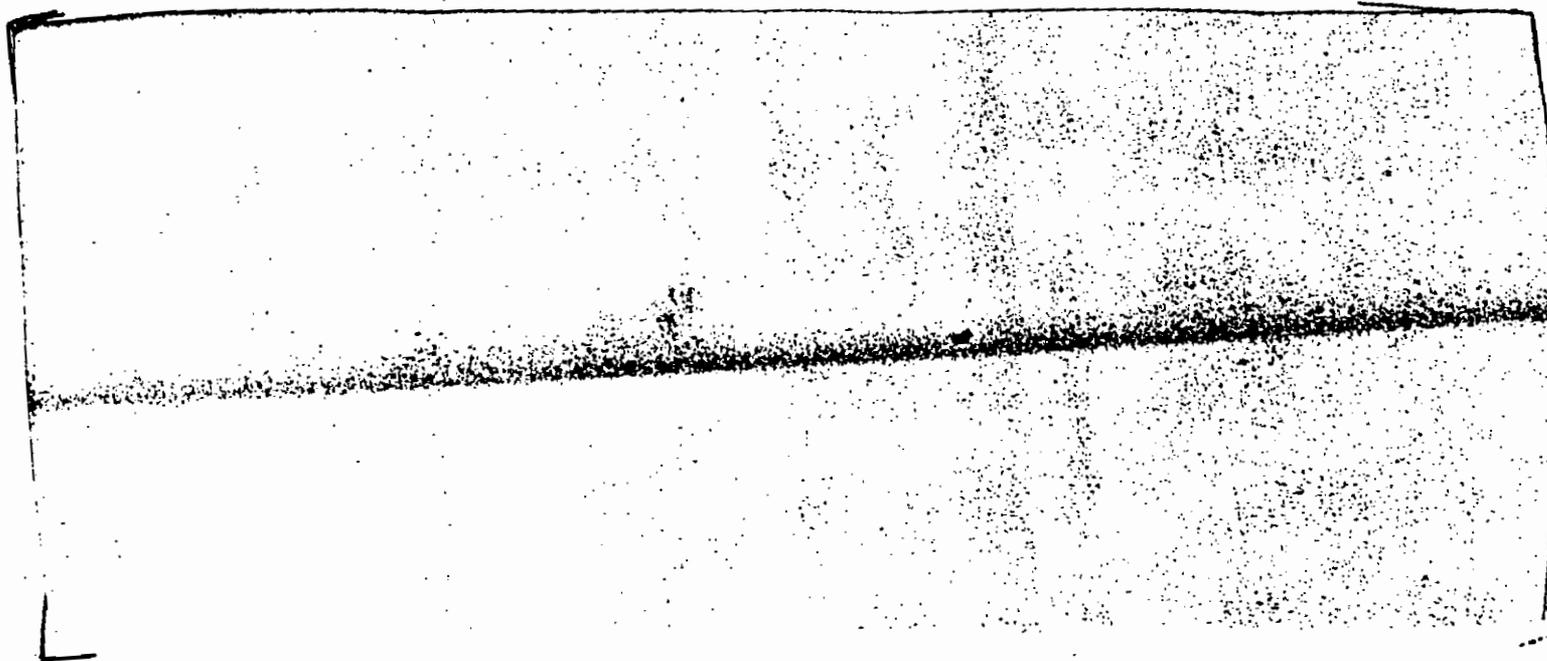
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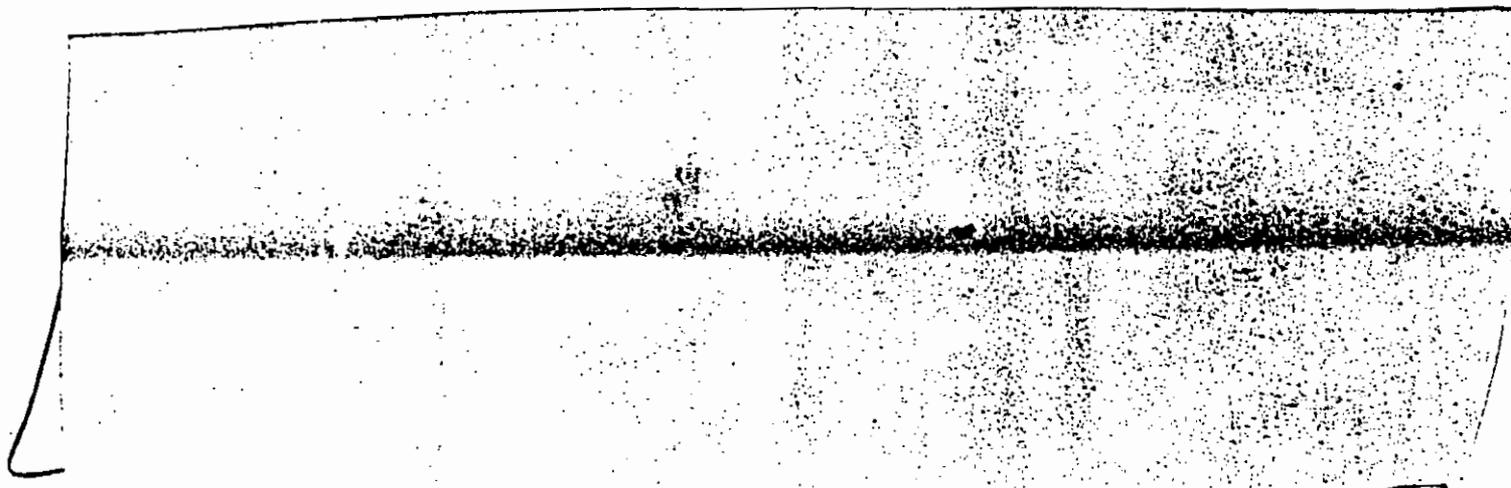
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- UK-BASED F-111s



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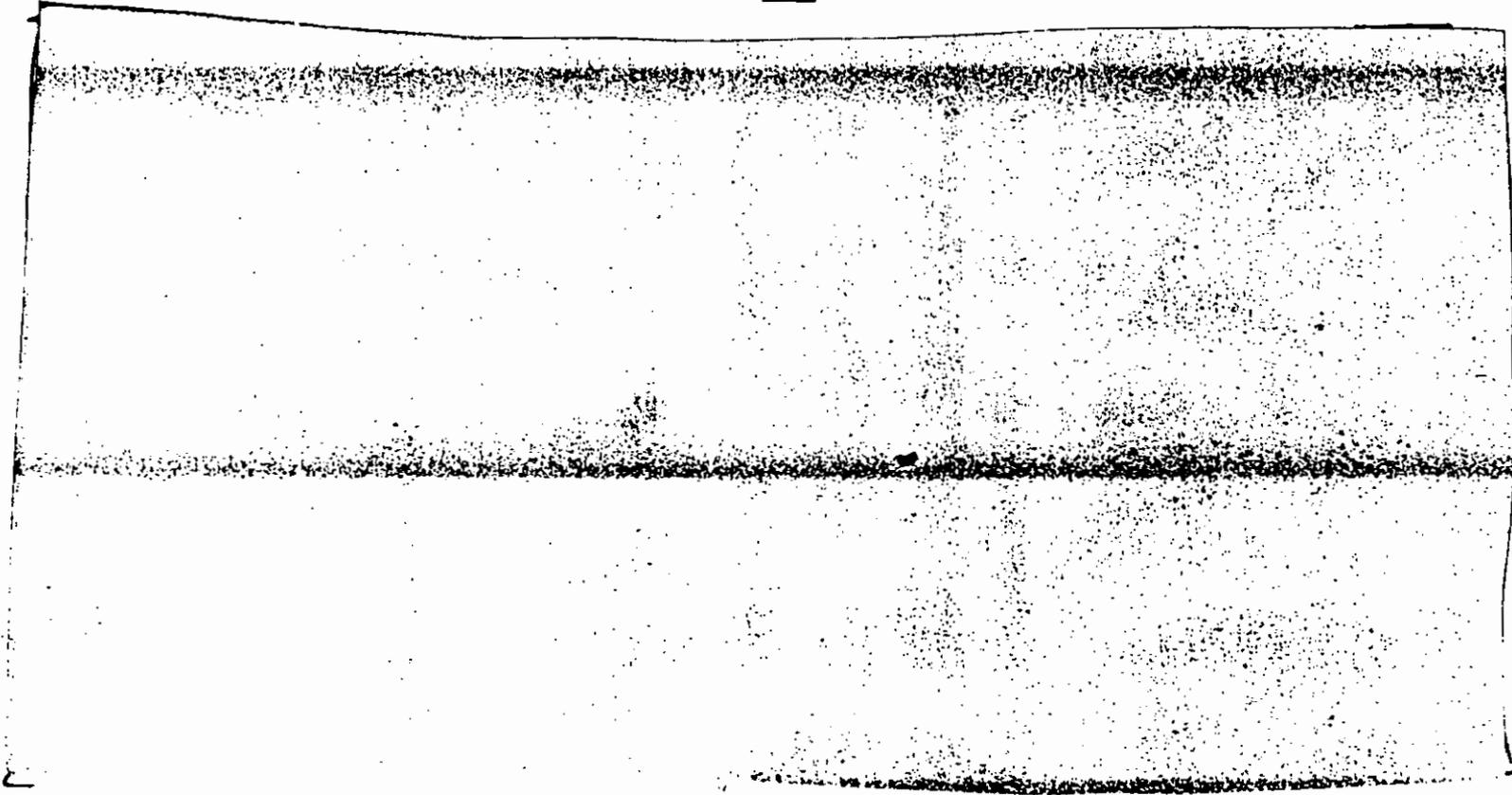
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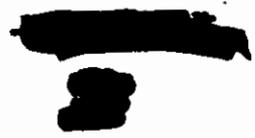
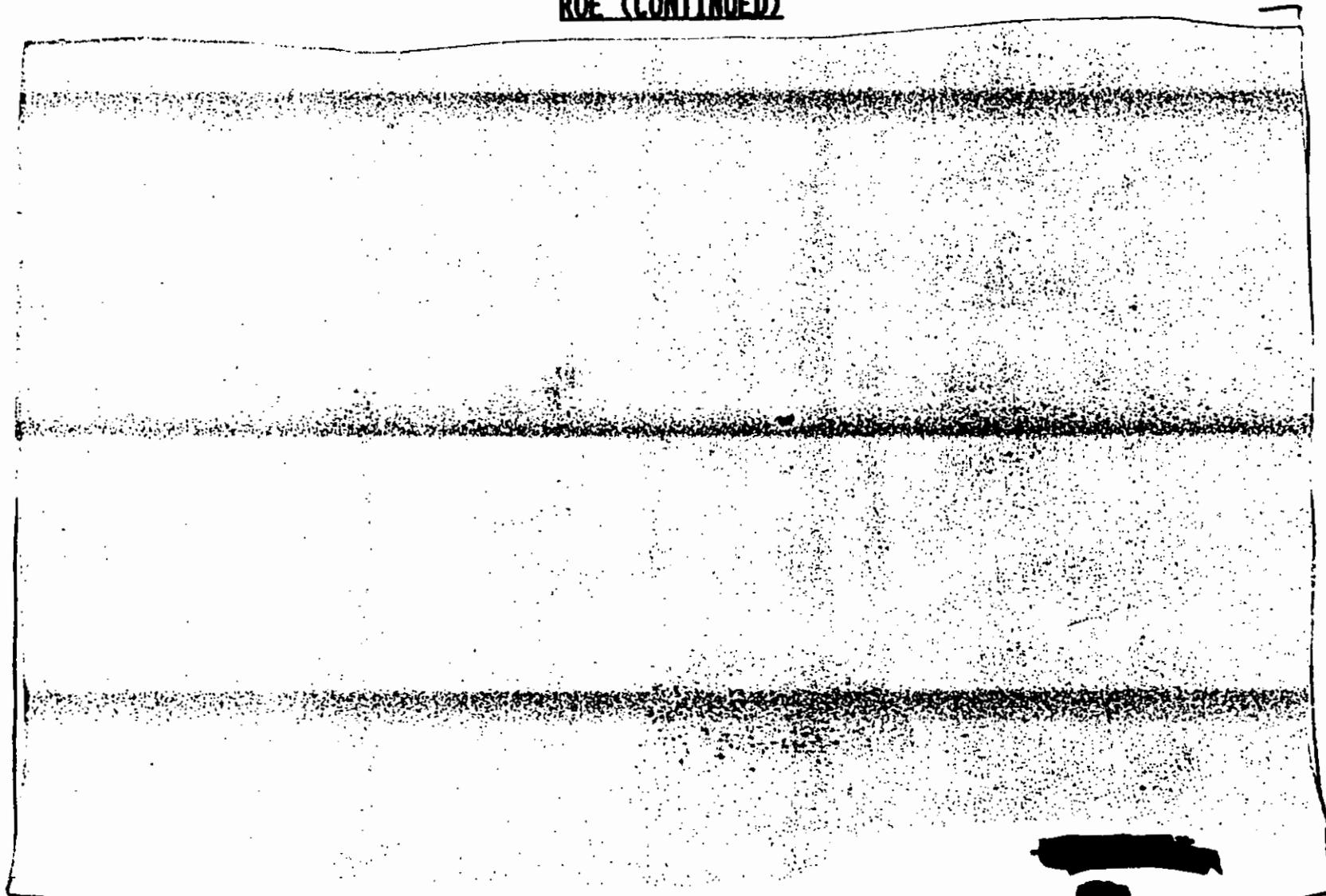
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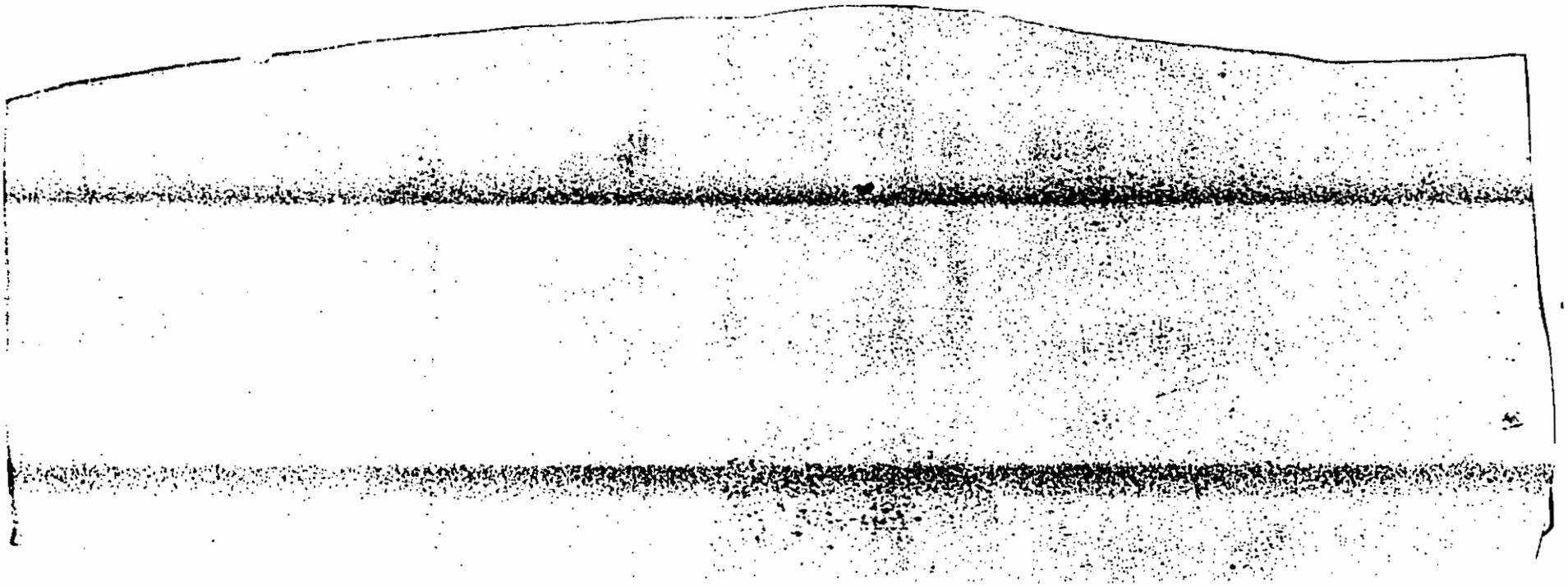


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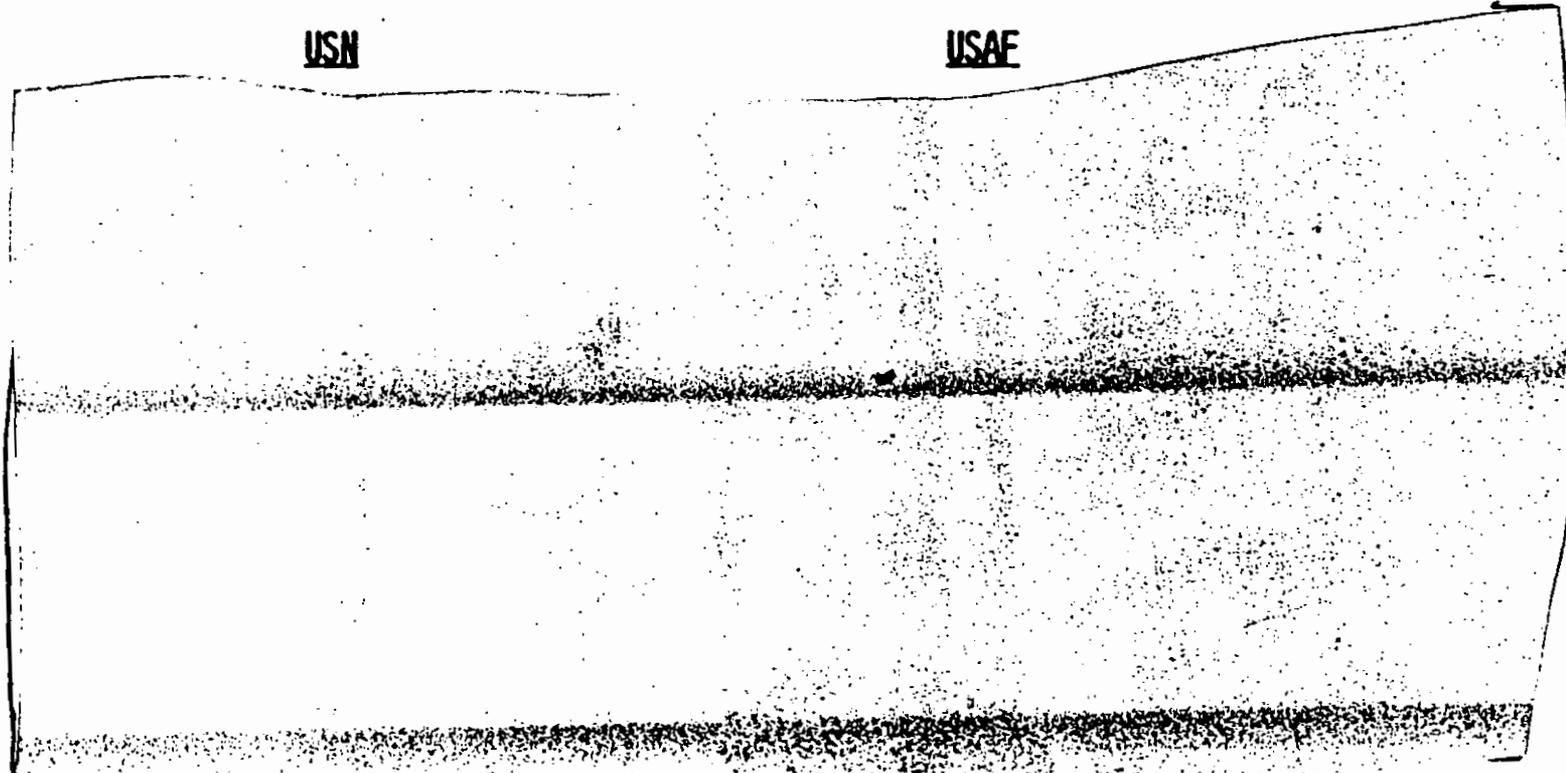
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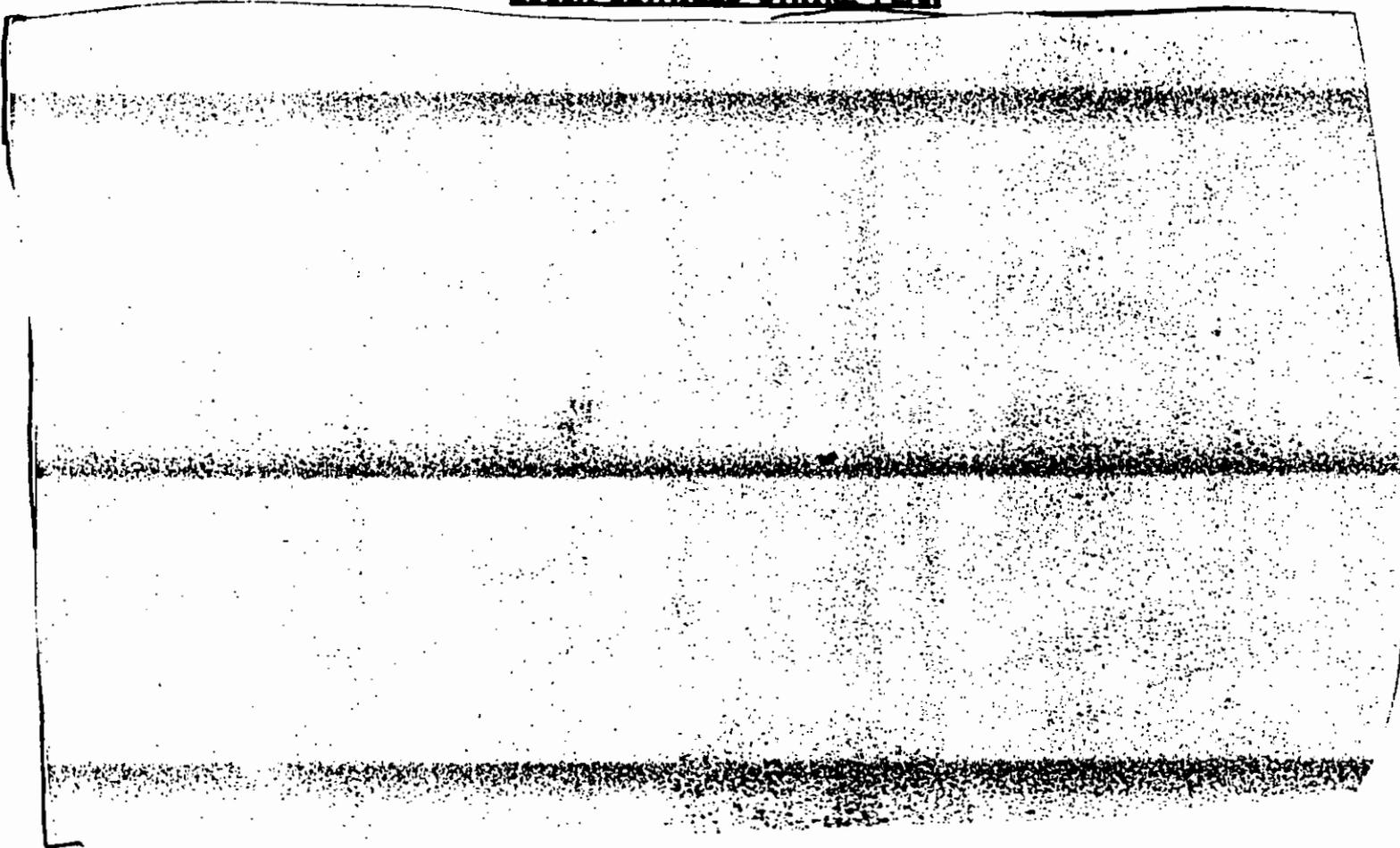


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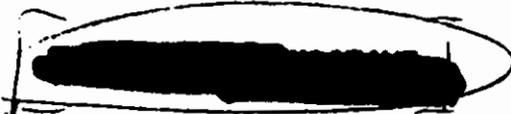
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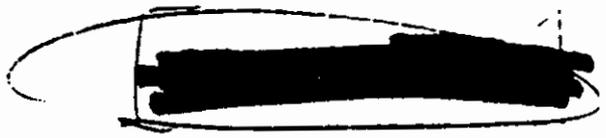
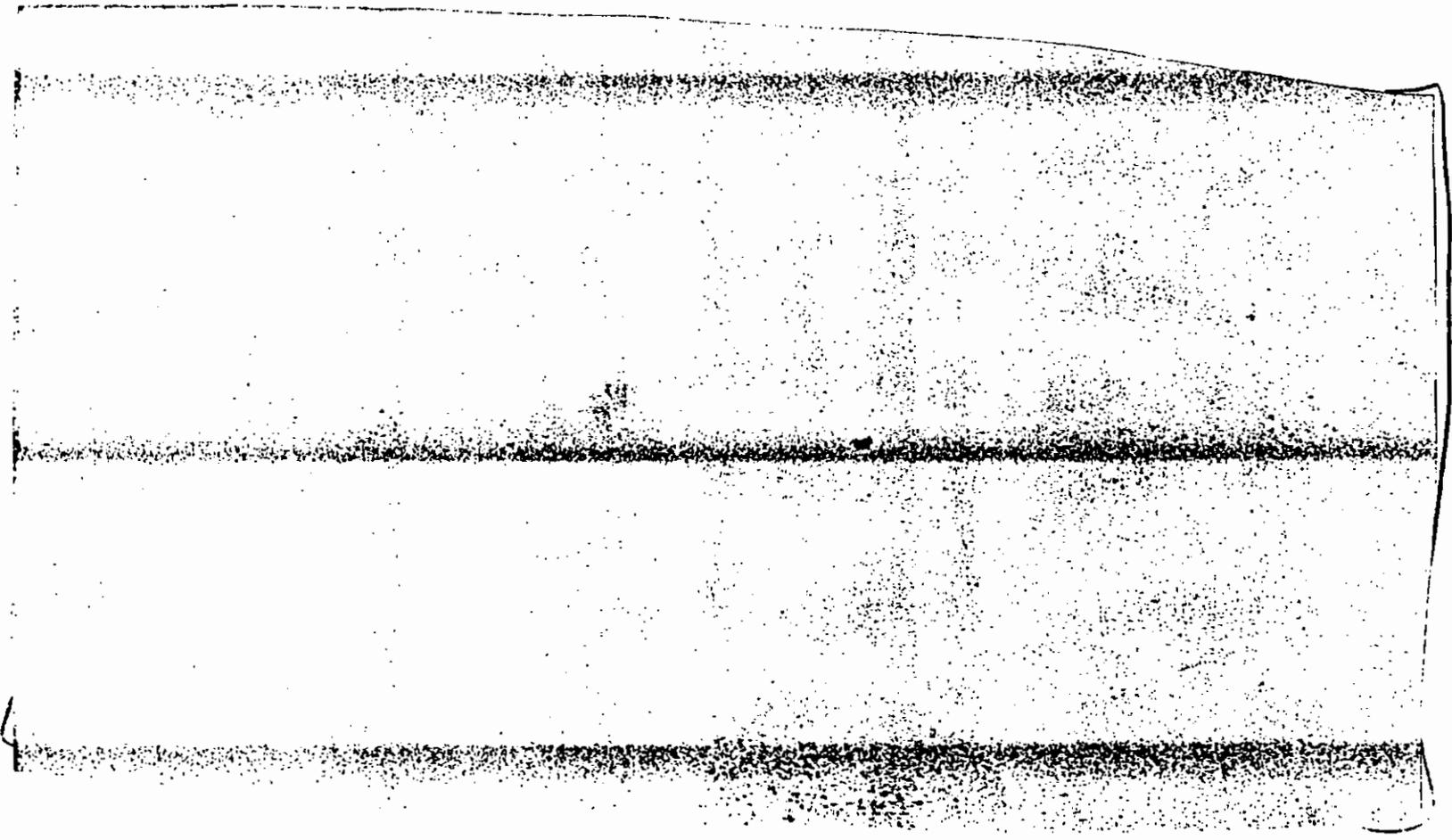


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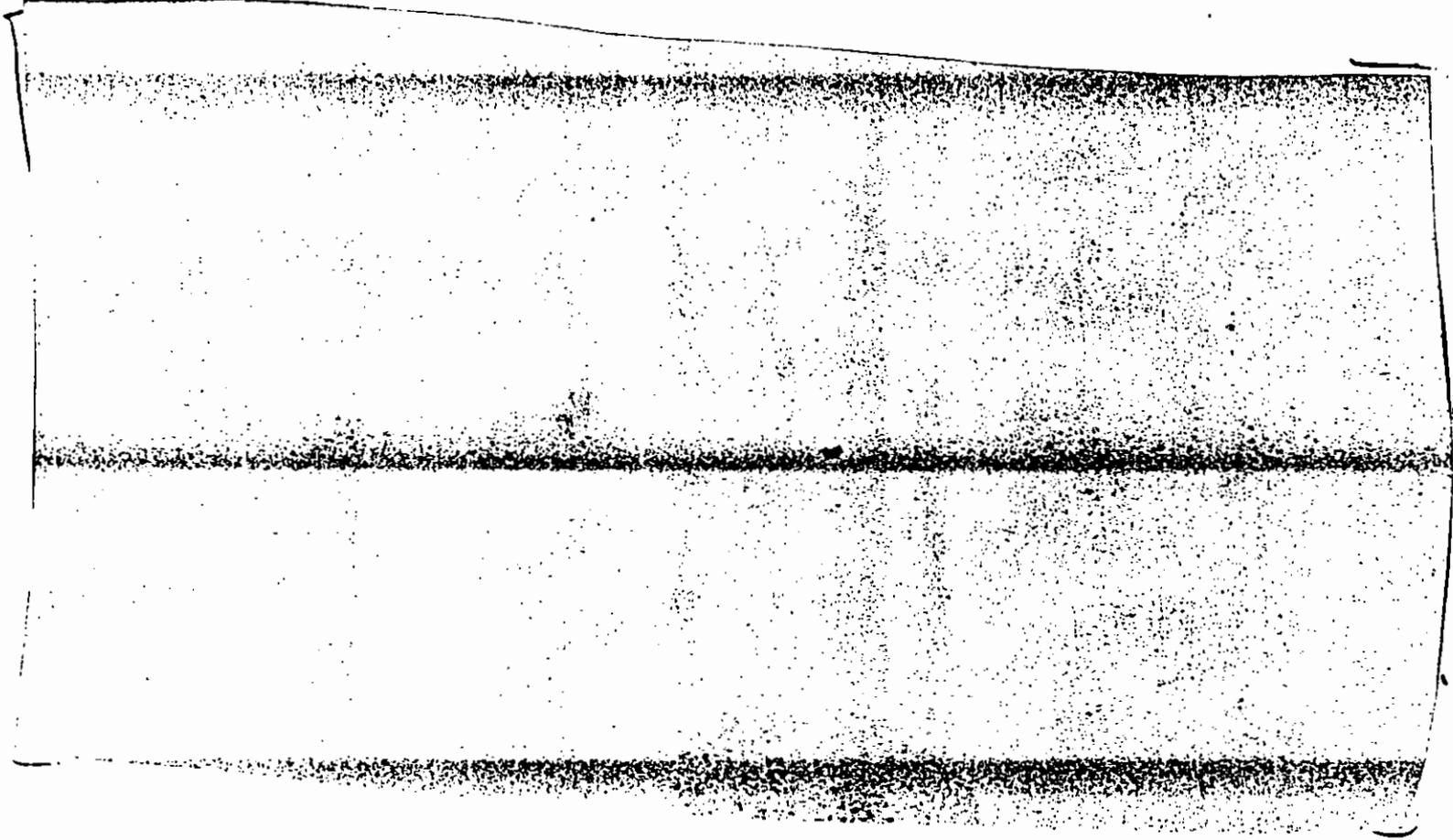
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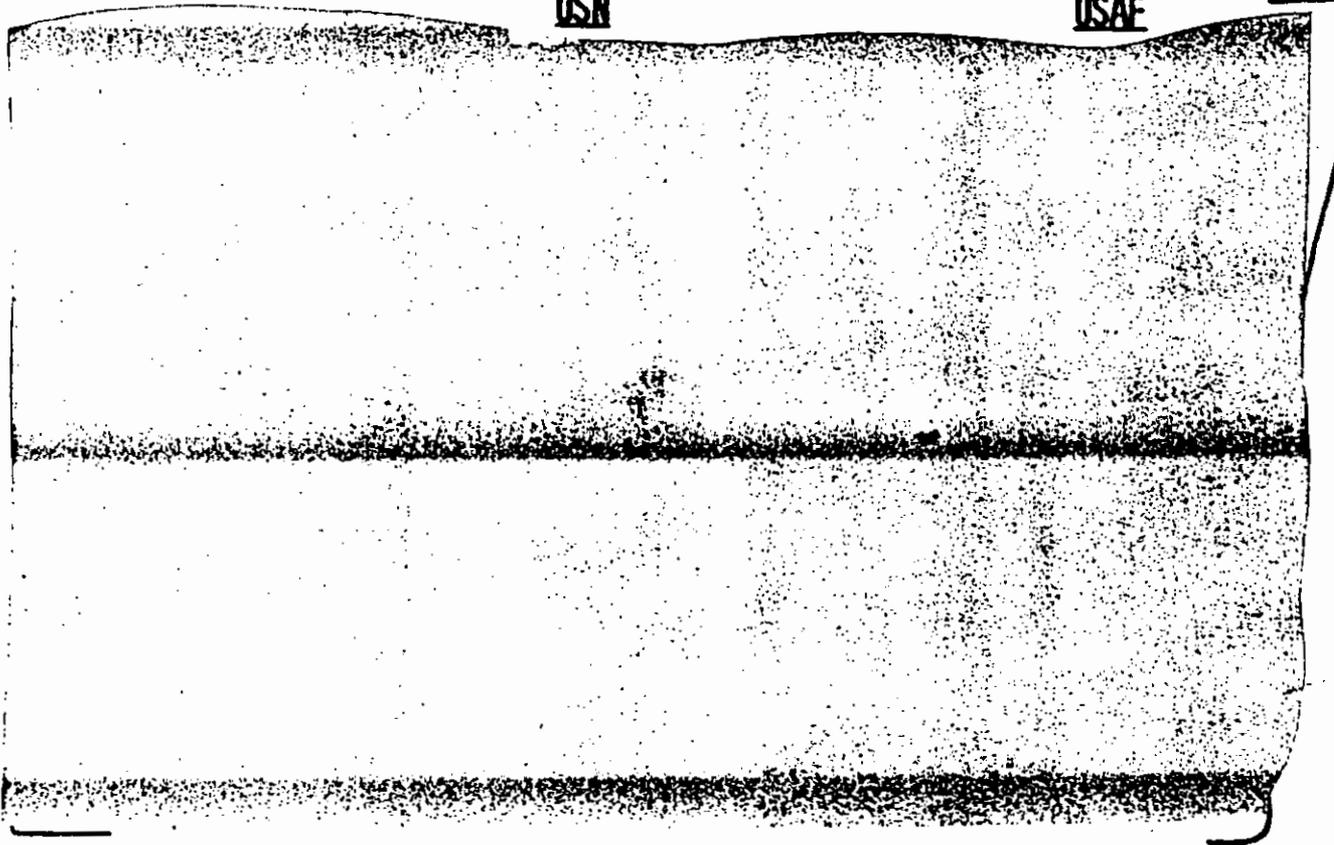


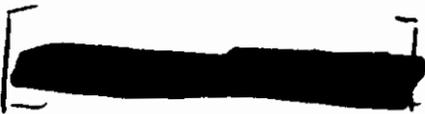
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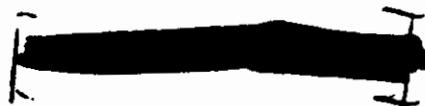
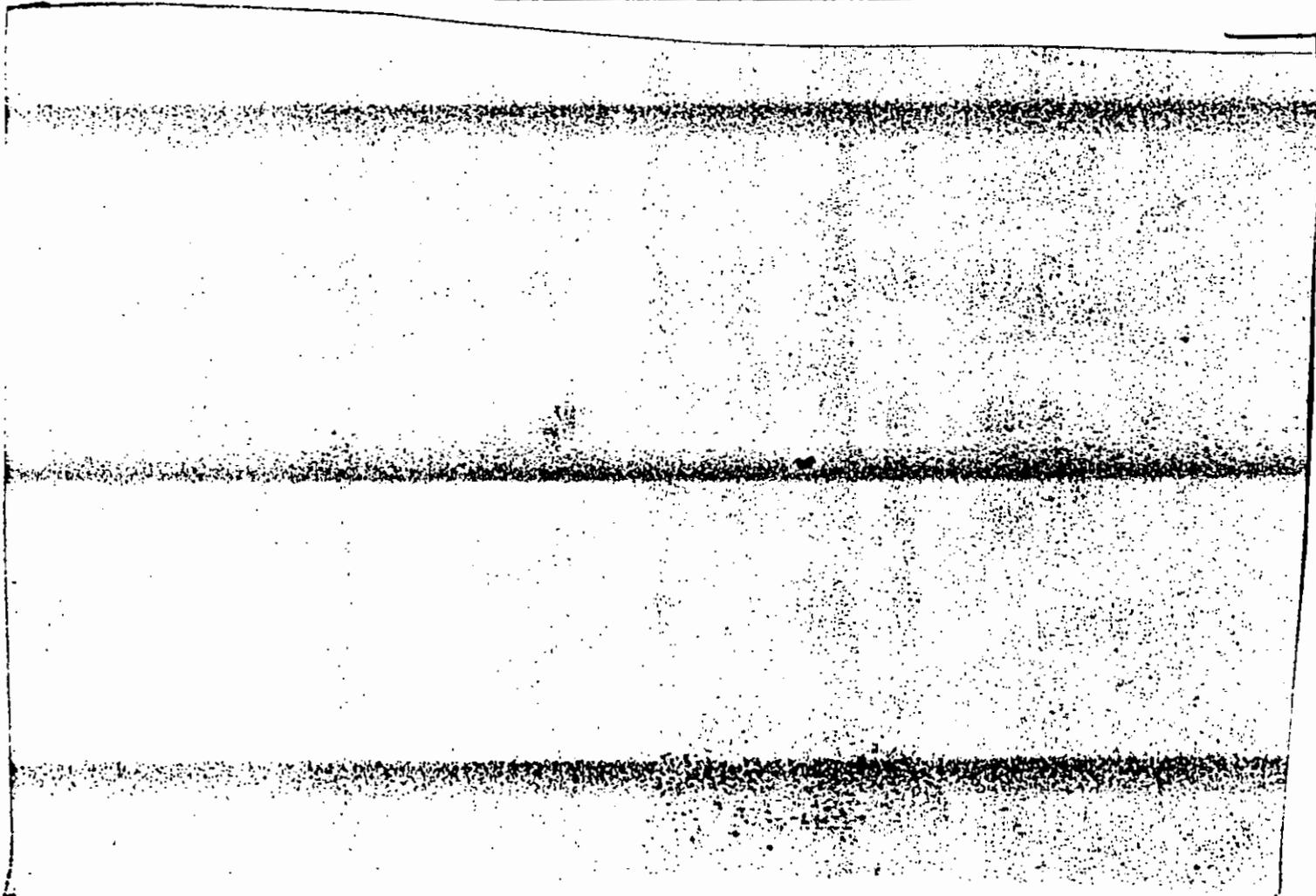
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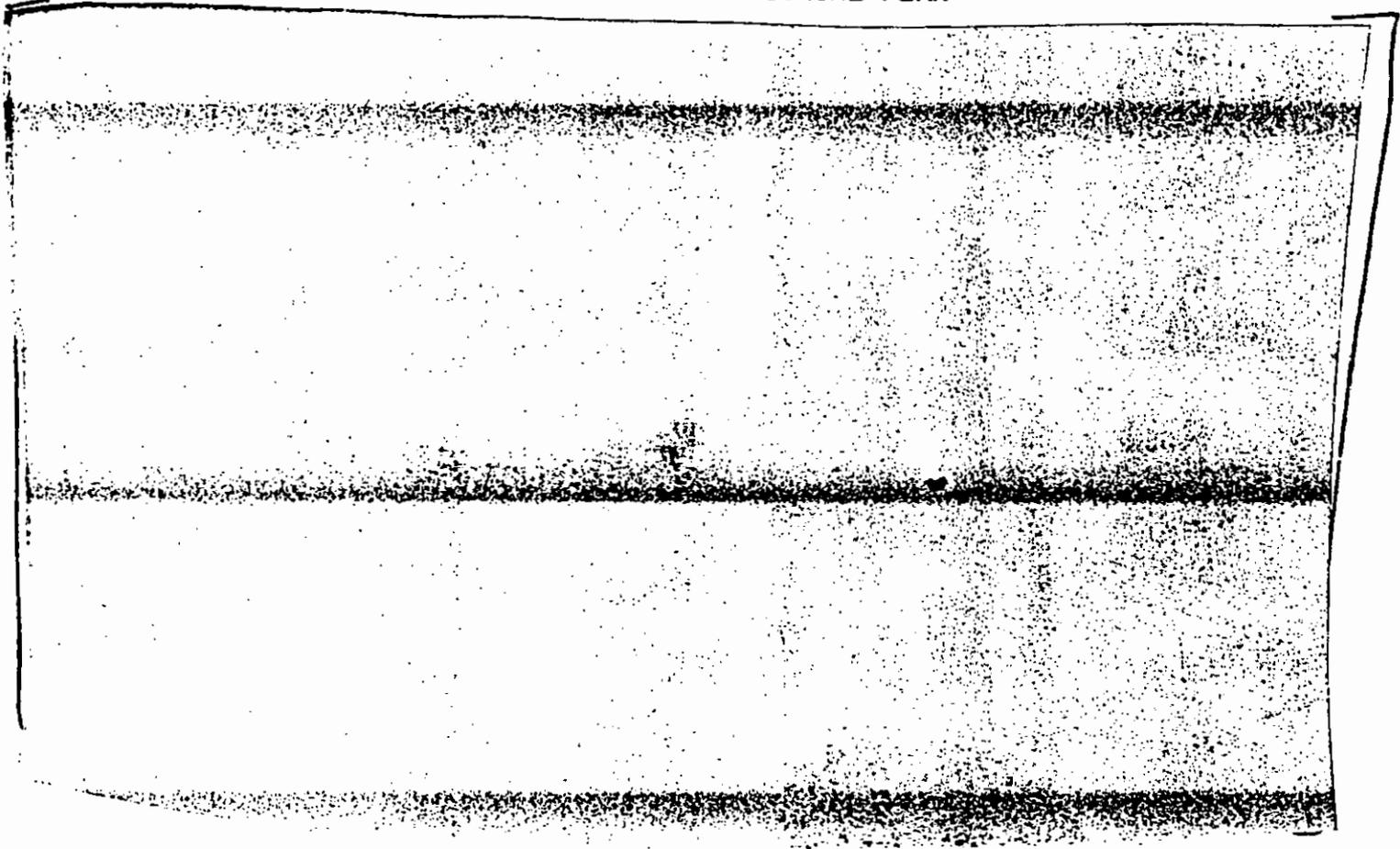


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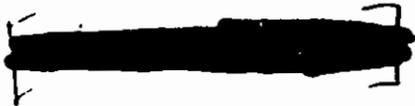


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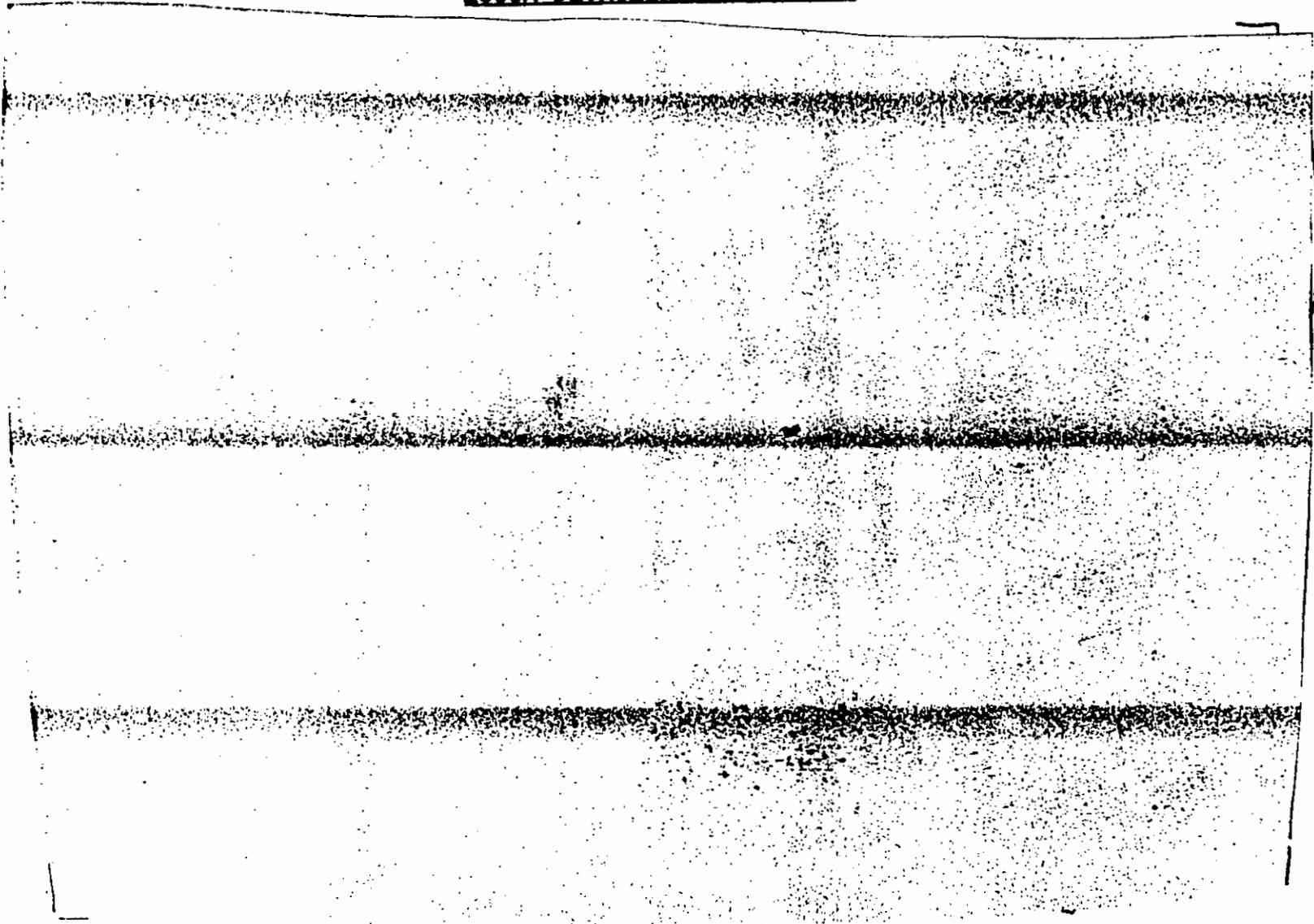
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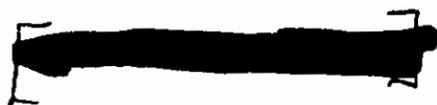


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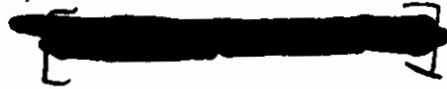
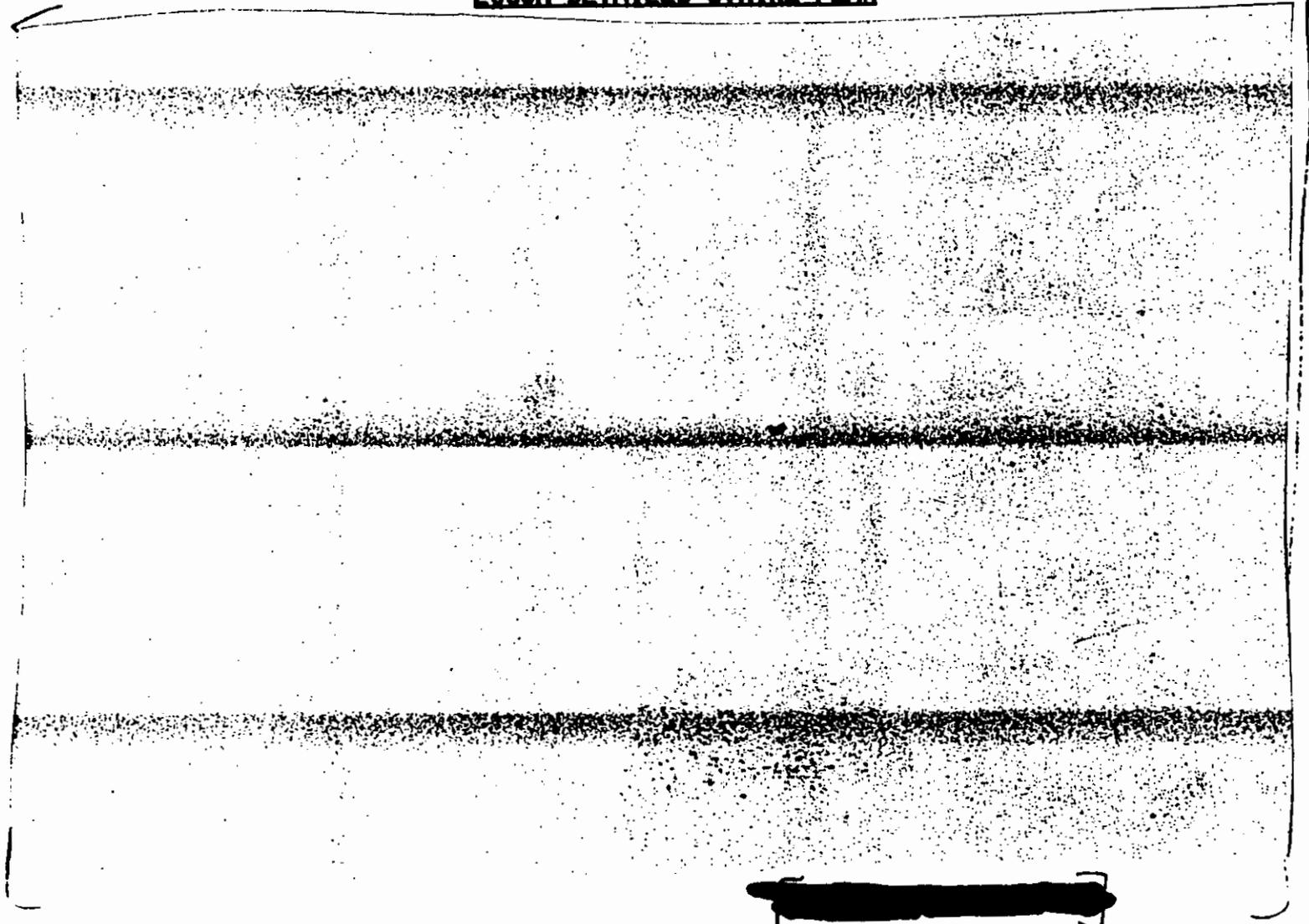


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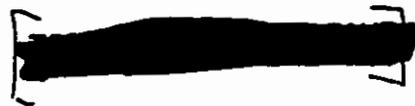
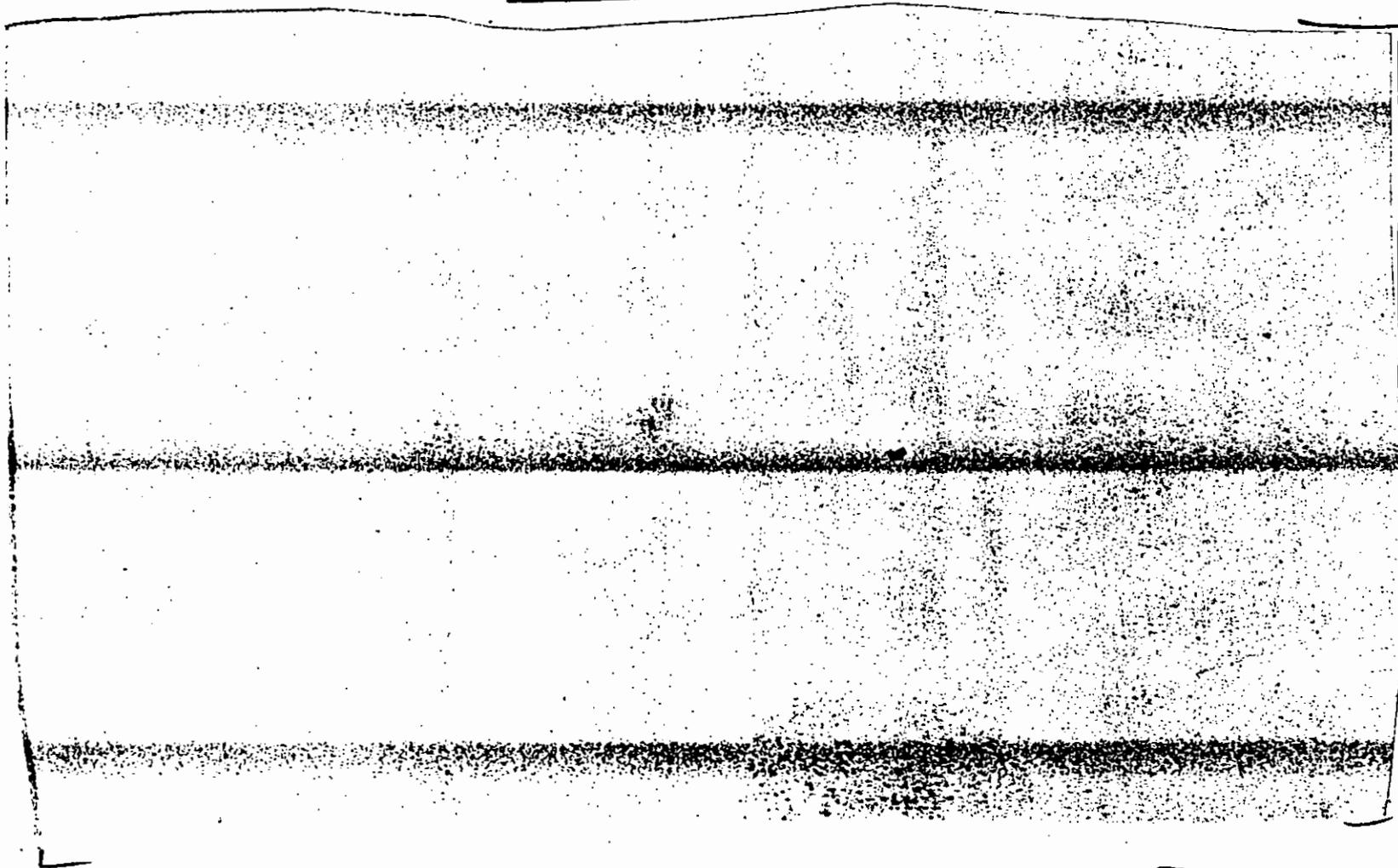


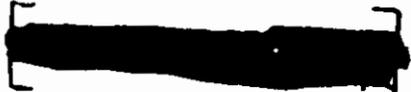
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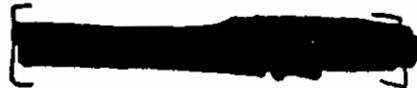
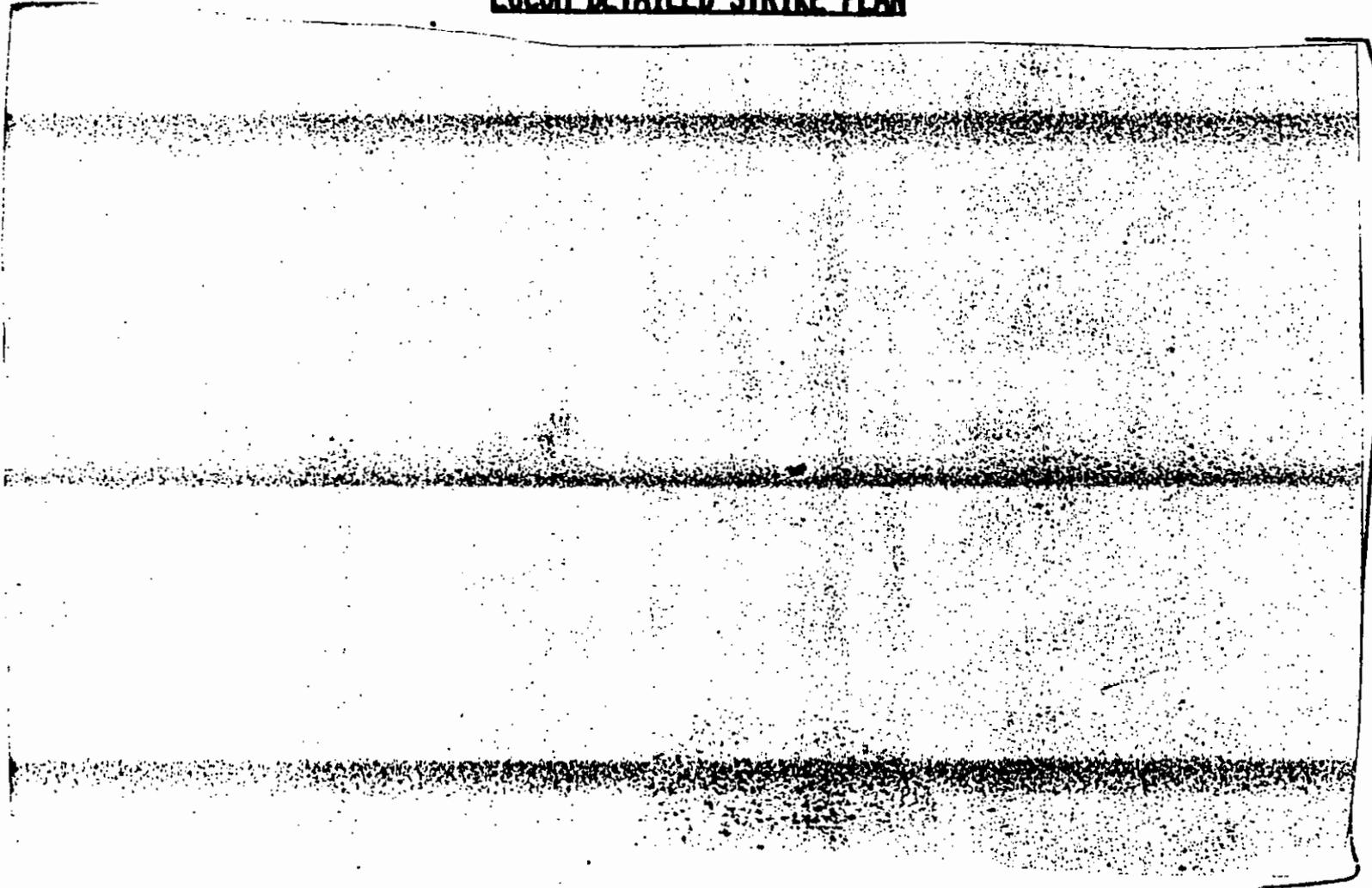
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