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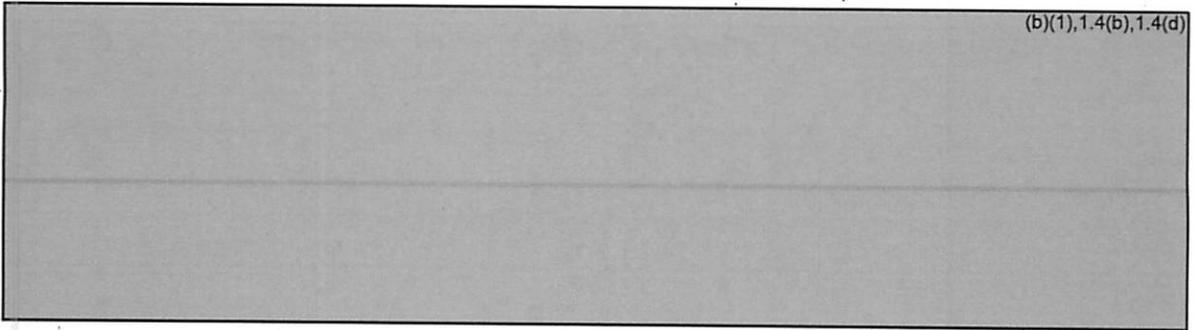


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FROM: Assistant Secretary of Defense, International Security Affairs  
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SUBJECT: Access Issues in Saudi Arabia

- Chargé Margaret Scobie met with Assistant Minister of Defense and Aviation Khalid Bin Sultan (b)(1), 1.4(b), 1.4(d)
  - Infantry platoon to protect additional Patriot air defense site
  - Air defense planning component
  - Plus-up for General Wald's Combined Air Operations Center (CAOC)



**Justification for Deployments**

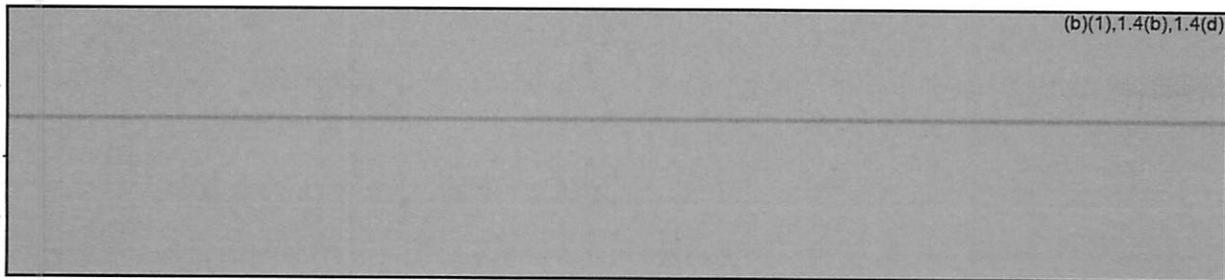
- The infantry platoon is needed for force protection to the additional Patriot site, which was stood up in response to the increased threat. Note: This site has no organic force protection assigned.
- The Air defense planning component is required to integrate/assist U.S. (not Saudi) command and control efforts for theater ballistic missile defense.
- The plus-up (77 personnel) for General Wald's CAOC is needed to fully man the center 24/7. Previous manning level is insufficient to handle this requirement.

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