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CAMP VICTORY, IRAQ  
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FLASH [RED]

**FRAGO 166 OPERATION PHANTOM STRIKE [DISRUPTING THE AQI SURGE]** TO MNC-I  
OPORD 07-01

(U) REFERENCES.

A. ~~(S//REL)~~ MNC-I OPERATIONS ORDER 07-01, DATED 01 JUN 07.

(U) TIME ZONES USED THROUGHOUT THIS ORDER: DELTA.

1. (U) **SITUATION**

1.A. ~~(S//REL)~~ **ENEMY FORCES.** RECENT CF OPERATIONS HAVE DISRUPTED AQI'S ABILITY TO CONDUCT COORDINATED ATTACKS AND HINDERED ITS ABILITY TO FACILITATE MUTUAL SUPPORT BETWEEN DISPERSED AQI CELLS. AQI MAY ATTEMPT TO EXPLOIT THE HISTORIC RAMADAN SURGE IN ATTACKS AND INCREASE IN FOREIGN FIGHTERS IN ORDER TO REGAIN MOMENTUM AND NEGATIVELY INFLUENCE US PUBLIC PERCEPTION. ATTACK TRENDS FROM PREVIOUS RAMADAN PERIODS DEMONSTRATE AN INCREASE IN ATTACKS AGAINST COALITION FORCES, CIVILIANS, AND IRAQI SECURITY FORCES. RAMADAN 2007, WHICH BEGINS ON OR ABOUT 13 SEPTEMBER, WILL MOST LIKELY EXHIBIT A SIMILAR INCREASE IN ATTACKS.

1.B. ~~(S//REL)~~ **FRIENDLY FORCES.** MNC-I HAS BEEN AT ITS PEAK COMBAT STRENGTH SINCE 15 JUN 07, WHEN 2/3 HBCT (THE FINAL PLUS UP BDE) AND 3D CAB ACHIEVED FULL OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY AND THE 13TH MEU BEGAN OPERATIONS IN AO ANAHEIM. SINCE THAT TIME MNC-I HAS INCREASED THE SCOPE AND INTENSITY OF OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS TO TAKE THE FIGHT TO THE ENEMY WITH A FOCUS ON THE SECURITY OF BAGHDAD AND THE BAGHDAD BELTS.

2. ~~(S//REL)~~ **MISSION.** NO CHANGE.

3. (U) **EXECUTION.**

3.A. (U) **COMMANDER'S INTENT:**

3.A.1. (U) **PURPOSE.** THE PURPOSE OF PHANTOM STRIKE IS TO DISRUPT AQI'S PLANNING, PREPARATION AND EXECUTION OF OPERATIONS IN ORDER TO PREVENT AQI OPERATIONS FROM NEGATIVELY IMPACTING CF AND GOI PROGRESS AND CONTINUING CF AND ISF MOMENTUM IN DISMANTLING AQI NETWORKS.

3.A.2. (U) **KEY TASKS**

3.A.2.A. ~~(S//REL)~~ SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE OPTEMPO OF OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS AGAINST AQI SANCTUARY AND STAGING AREAS.

3.A.2.B. ~~(S//REL)~~ CONDUCT TARGETED OPERATIONS AGAINST AQI NETWORKS THAT PRODUCE AND EMPLOY DEEP BURIED IEDS.

3.A.2.C. ~~(S//REL)~~ PRIORITIZE AND EMPLOY MND/F AND MNC-I LEVEL ENABLERS IN SUPPORT OF COUNTER AQI OPERATIONS FOR MAXIMUM IMPACT AGAINST AQI.

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3.A.3. (U) **ENDSTATE.** AQI PLANNING AND PREPARATION DISRUPTED, AQI UNABLE TO EXECUTE A SURGE IN OPERATIONS, AND CF AND ISF MOMENTUM AGAINST AQI NETWORKS SUSTAINED OR ACCELERATED.

3.B. ~~(S//REL)~~ **CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS.**

3.B.1. ~~(S//REL)~~ **GENERAL.** WHILE CONTINUING TO OPERATE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK ESTABLISHED IN MNC-I OPORD 07-01, MNC-I AND SUBORDINATE UNITS WILL CONDUCT A SIGNIFICANT SURGE IN OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS TO DISRUPT AQI OPERATIONS FROM 15 AUGUST TO 15 SEPTEMBER. CF OPERATIONS WILL INCLUDE SHORT TERM RAIDS AGAINST AQI SANCTUARIES/STAGING AREAS, TARGETED OPERATIONS TO DISMANTLE AQI IED NETWORKS, AND OPERATIONS TO KILL OR CAPTURE AQI HVIS AS IDENTIFIED. DURING THIS TIME PERIOD OPERATIONS WITH A HIGH POTENTIAL TO TEMPORARILY DISRUPT AQI OPERATIONS WILL BE EXECUTED EVEN WHEN THE FORCES REQUIRED TO HOLD AND BUILD ON GAINS MADE ARE NOT AVAILABLE. BOTH MNC-I AND MSC ENABLERS WILL BE FULLY UTILIZED DURING THIS TIME PERIOD WITH INCREASED EMPHASIS ON DISRUPTING AQI OPERATIONS.

3.C. (U) **COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.**

3.C.1. (U) **MND-N, MNF-W, MND-B, MND-C, AND CJSOTF-AP**

3.C.1.A. ~~(S//REL)~~ DURING THE MNC-I CG'S HUDDLE ON 3 AUG 07 DESIGNATED MSC COMMANDERS WILL BACKBRIEF THE MNC-I CG ON THEIR PLANS TO SURGE OPERATIONS AGAINST AQI FROM 15 AUG TO 15 SEP 07. BACKBRIEFS WILL INCLUDE:

3.C.1.A.1. ~~(S//REL)~~ IDENTIFICATION OF PLANNED OPERATIONS TARGETING AQI TO INCLUDE WHAT FORCE WILL EXECUTE THE OPERATION AND ANTICIPATED EXECUTION DATES.

3.C.1.A.2. ~~(S//REL)~~ MSC PLAN FOR PRIORITIZING INTERNAL ENABLERS TO EFFECT A SURGE IN EMPHASIS AGAINST AQI FROM 15 AUG TO 15 SEP 07.

3.C.1.A.3. ~~(S//REL)~~ IDENTIFY OPERATIONS THAT CANNOT BE EXECUTED WITHOUT CORPS ENABLERS.

3.C.1.A.4. ~~(S//REL)~~ CORPS SUPPORT OTHER THAN ENABLERS REQUIRED TO EFFECTIVELY ENGAGE AQI TARGETS (I.E. TEMPORARY BOUNDARY CHANGES, OR CORPS COORDINATION FOR OPERATIONS CONDUCTED ADJACENT TO EXISTING MSC BOUNDARIES).

3.C.2 ~~(S//REL)~~ THE ENCLOSED SITEMP (ATT 1 - AQI STAGING AREAS) INDICATES AREAS THAT THE MNC-I CACE HAS ASSESSED AQI IS LIKELY TO USE FOR PLANNING AND STAGING OPERATIONS AND AREAS THAT THE COIC AND MSCS HAVE IDENTIFIED AS AQI IED CONCENTRATIONS. MSCS SHOULD USE THIS AS AN INITIAL TOOL FOR PLANNING OPERATIONS, BUT SHOULD ADD ADDITIONAL AREAS FOR TARGETING AND DETERMINE PRIORITIZATION OF TARGETS WITHIN THEIR OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENT AS CONDITIONS WARRANT.

5. (U) **COMMAND AND SIGNAL.**

5.A. (U) **COMMAND.** NO CHANGE.

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5.B. (U) SIGNAL. POINTS OF CONTACT.

5.B.1. ~~(S//REL)~~ ACTION OFFICER FOR THIS TASK IS (b)(3), (b)(6) MNC-I C3  
PLANS, DSN: (b)(6) SVOIP: (b)(6)  
SIPR: (b)(3), (b)(6)

5.B.2. ~~(S//REL)~~ MNC-I FUOPS POC IS (b)(3), (b)(6) DSN: (b)(6)  
SIPR: (b)(3), (b)(6)

5.B.3. ~~(S//REL)~~ MNC-I C2 PLANNER IS (b)(3), (b)(6)  
DSN: (b)(6) SVOIP: (b)(6)  
SIPR: (b)(3), (b)(6)

5.B.4. ~~(S//REL)~~ MNC-I FIRES AND EFFECTS PLANNER IS (b)(3), (b)(6)  
C3 FSC FIRES, DSN: (b)(6)  
SIPR: (b)(3), (b)(6)

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ATTACHMENTS:  
ATT 1 - AQI STAGING AREAS

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