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C3 Plans and Policy Top Ten Notes for 16 August 2007

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10. MNC-I Request for Forces (RFF) #140– Aviation Task Force (No change)

1. TOPIC: Operations Phantom Thunder (Summer 2007 Offensive) (No Change)

DISCUSSION: On 15 June 2007 MNC-I reached peak combat strength with the final plus-up BDE (2/3 HBCT) and 3 CAB achieving full operational capability in MND-C and the 13th MEU beginning operations in AO Anaheim in North Eastern MNF-W. MNC-I increased the scope and intensity of offensive operations to take the fight to the enemy. Operations Arrowhead Ripper in Baqubah, Operation Marne Torch in Arab Jabour, Operation Hardh Al-Amin in the Lake Thar Thar region and Operations Dragon Fire and Gates of Freedom in the Rashid and Mansour Security Districts respectively have already made significant strides in securing the Iraqi populace and reducing AQI and Shia extremists freedom of movement.

MNC-I remains on the offensive with MND-B conducting Operations Dragon Hammer and Dragon Anvil clearing and defeating AQIZ in Rashid and Arab Jabour and Operation Iron Blitz to clearing West of Taji. MND-N will continue to attack AQI in the Diyala River Valley with the continuation of Operation Arrowhead Ripper, and prevent them from gaining sanctuary elsewhere by defeating AQI in the Kirkuk/Tuz area as part of Operation Bronco Ripper. MND-C continues to clear the Southern Baghdad Belts with Operations Avalanche, Operation Husky, and Operation Marne Torch II. MNF-W continues to clear remaining AQI elements in MNF-W with Operation Black Diamond in Karmah, and Operation Pegasus Bridge along their Eastern Boundary, and prepares Fallujah for IP control with Operation Alljah.

The focus of plus-up forces is Baghdad and the Baghdad belts. MNC-I continues to apply pressure on insurgent networks across the breadth of the country. Baghdad remains the Corps' main effort, Baqubah and the Diyala River Valley are currently the Corps' top priorities for corps assets followed by the Arab Jabour region of MND-C. While focusing on protecting the Iraqi population MNC-I will expand operations to deny the enemy freedom of movement and sanctuary in areas CF has traditionally had minimal presence while maintaining forces to foster further improvement in those areas that are showing initial signs of success.

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2. TOPIC: Operation Phantom Strike (Disrupting an AQI Surge) (Update)

DISCUSSION: AQI is expected to attempt a surge in activities during the latter half of August and the first half of September both as part of a historical pattern associated with Ramadan, and as an attempt to influence CF governments and publics in advance of the scheduled September Assessment from GEN Petraeus to Congress.

MNC-I will conduct focused operations to disrupt or prevent AQI from carrying out planned attacks. The term "Phantom Strike" which previously referred specifically to MNC-I operations against networks emplacing deep buried IEDs, has now been expanded to an umbrella term for all operations which disrupt AQI's ability to conduct operations from 15 August to 15 September. Operations may target AQI IED networks, AQI Sanctuary/Staging Areas, AQI HVIs, or other targets which will disrupt AQI's ability to increase their level of attacks prior to Ramadan. **Operations against JAM SG in MND-C and MND-SE during this timeframe also fall under the Phantom Strike umbrella.**

MSCs briefed their concepts for conducting Phantom Strike to the MNC-I Commander on 3 August during the Commander's conference. MNC-I will prioritize Corps level enabler support to these operations, and assist in coordinating operations across or adjacent to MSC boundaries.

WAY AHEAD: C3 FUOPS coordinates with the MSCs to synchronize the timing and assist in any required boundary changes for Phantom Strike Objectives which cross or are adjacent to MSC boundaries.

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3. TOPIC: Joint Campaign Plan (JCP) 07 Review (No Change)

DISCUSSION: Leading an extended MNC-I staff planning reviewing of the final, signed MNF-I Joint Campaign Plan (JCP) 2007. Point papers (written for previous versions of the JCP) are being updated to reflect issues with the final edition.

NEXT ACTION: Forward compiled point papers for CG review.

KEY DATES: None at this time.

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4. TOPIC: IA Future FAQ Rotations (Update)

DISCUSSION: C3 Plans requested C3 ISF prepare a presentation on the facts, assumptions, constraints and risks used to forecast which IA units are available to deploy in support of Baghdad Security Operations. Briefed C3 10 JUN, Options 2 & 4 preferred. MG Berragan concurred, but believes that 3 DIV HQ in Baghdad requires further analysis. Hard copy of slides passed to BG Wolff, MNSTC-I, on 11 JUN. FUOPS currently working COA for replacing 4th rotation with permanent IA units. **3/3/2 and 3/2/2 were told by IGFC that they will extend. No written order yet, MND-B prefers that the units rotate. Units scheduled to replace them are ORA 4.**

NEXT ACTION: Continue to track

KEY DATES: 15 AUG, 2000 Breeze conference

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5. TOPIC: MNC-I Shia Engagement Strategy (Update)

DISCUSSION: Plans was tasked to develop a mission analysis pursuant to developing a comprehensive Shia engagement strategy that encompasses the spectrum of Shia entities: militias, irreconcilables, as well as those favorable to CF/ GOI. The purpose of this strategy is to provide clarity for subordinate commands in their lethal and nonlethal engagement with the Shia.

NEXT ACTION: Mission received from CG 06 Aug 07; Conducted initial OPT meeting 08-11 Aug 07.

KEY DATES: 16 August Mission Analysis brief to CG.

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6. TOPIC: MNC-I RFF 656 Riverine (Update)

DISCUSSION: RFF 656, released 17 Jun 06, requested Riverine capability to deny Anti-Iraqi Forces (AIF) use of the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers. JFCOM RFI dated 30 Sep 06 indicated RFF 656 not sourced due to RFF 397 (for MNF-W), directed CENTCOM to source internally. ONS submitted by MNF-I on 30 Nov 06, disapproved 8 JAN 07. Joint Capabilities Board review of JUONS had no significant results. The Riverine JUONS topic removed from Joint Coordination Board,. JFCOM developing an in-lieu-of solution and engaging the global force management process, Global Force Management Board projected for 6 Sep 07. **USN moving toward deployment of MESF (3 x Armored RHIBs) to augment RIVRON by providing dam security to relieve Riverine assets to support dedicated Riverine requirements. JFCOM sourcing message is pending.**

Coalition partners contacted to determine capabilities/feasibility of support. Current responses are all negative, two countries pending response.

Iraqi boat manufacturer HEESCO **is not responding regarding repair, painting, design and build. Coordination with IP River Patrol identified alternate vendor if contracts are not finalize after additional meetings 19 August.**

Iraqi Navy capabilities are available, Iraqi Navy Commander has concurred and will release the six FABs, MOU is with him for signature. Boat utilization will be by MND-B, **engine contract awarded, shipment NLT 4 Sep.**

FRAGO published in 26Jun07 DTU, specifying commercial watercraft option to MNDs utilizing OMA funds and internal assets. DA LNO has located 11 Coast Guard watercraft, **first six ship NLT 19 Aug.**

RFF for Transportation Corps assets will RFF will be submitted if Joint Staff does not provide a solution.

NEXT ACTION: Continue to research options to provide the capability. See Riverine Research and Actions Folder, Deputy folder, C3 Plans and Policy Web page on SIPR and CENTRIX.

KEY DATES: 6 Sep, GFMB

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7. TOPIC: Build POE Capability - Border Strategy, Security and Interdiction (Update)

DISCUSSION: Current MNF-I planning efforts for key land POEs include building POE capability. As part of this effort the Corps will push an initial 4 station BAT system w/ supporting VSAT and required equipment out to the Rabiya POE within the week. The purpose is to determine the feasibility & serviceability of these systems at a POE. This effort will serve to be the basis of planning for follow-on implementation of same systems out at the other major POE's. **Efforts continue on finalizing setup of all equipment and determining adequate requirements for power / use of key personnel on the POE.** MNF-I began an OPT early May to develop an action plan on interdicting the flow of foreign fighters movement and infiltration inside Iraq which entails a focused, synchronized CF and DBE operation. The goal is to reduce the capabilities of AQI and extremists that destabilize Baghdad. Current MOD1 to MNF Frago - Interdiction of FF & F is out for staffing and under review by Corps Staff.

NEXT ACTION:

-Continue Corps planning efforts to building POE capability

KEY DATES:

10-12 Sep 07 (Tentative) Border Enforcement Conf with neighboring countries at the US Embassy (DHS Host).

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9. TOPIC: IP Way Ahead (New)

DISCUSSION: **89th MPs, MND-B, CPATT, MNC-I PMO and MNF-I are working in conjunction to develop a plan to turn over the security of Baghdad to the Iraqi Police. The proof of principal will be in Abu Ghraib, where the reconciliation of the local populace will fill shortages in the IP ranks in the district. The next step is to train the recruits, which is scheduled to happen in the District prison grounds. In conjunction with the recruiting, vetting and training of the new IPs, new stations will be built in strategic locations in the district to house the new IPs. Once this action is moving forward, the lessons learned will be applied to other Baghdad districts, then to other provinces.**

NEXT ACTION: IP Summit II

KEY DATES: 19 AUG, 1300-1500 at CPATT conference room

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(BCTs) operating in MND-Baghdad are supported by a heavy Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB). This CAB, the 1st Air Cavalry Brigade (ACB), will redeploy in December 2007 following a 15 month tour. Their originally scheduled replacement was tasked to support the newly created MND-Center when theater was increased to a 20 BCT posture in early 2007. There are no aviation assets scheduled to support MND-B upon the departure of 1ACB in Dec 07. Other OIF aviation assets could be tasked to support MND-B, but this could result in a significant increase in un-supported air mission requests, degradation in maneuver forces' capacity for mission completion, and a reduced ability to sustain operations throughout the area of operations. To mitigate this risk, and to preserve an ability to source future aviation force requirements, this RFF requests an Aviation Task Force (AVN TF) for approximately eight months to serve as the nucleus for dedicated aviation support to MND-B. RFF reclaimed from MNF-I pending briefing to command Group. To MNF-I 4 AUG 07.

NEXT ACTION: Respond to MNF-I RFIs.

KEY DATES: LADs between 18 NOV and 7 DEC 07.

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