WARPLANS:

1. TOPIC: Operations Phantom Thunder (Summer 2007 Offensive) (Update)

DISCUSSION: On 15 June 2007 MNC-I reached its 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
has increased the scope and intensity of offensive operations to take the fight to the
enemy. While increasing the OPTEMPO of enduring operations MNC-I and subordinate
units have initiated several new major operations to include Operation Arrowhead
Ripper in Baqubah, Operation Marne Torch in Arab Jabour, Operation Farich Al-Amin
vic Lake Thar Thar, and Operation Marne Avalanche in Iskandariyah and will continue
to conduct new operations throughout the summer. Phantom Strike, a series of
independent but related operations designed to disrupt an anticipated AQI surge in
attack preceding the observance of Ramadan will be conducted from 15 August till 15
September.

While 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.
While Baghdad remains the Corps’ main effort, Baqubah and the Diyala River Valley
are currently the Corps’ top priorities for corps assets. 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.

MSCs have provided MNC-I with an initial timeline of their anticipated operations
in support of Operation Phantom Strike and will backbrief their plans in greater detail to
LTG Odierno on 3 August. MNC-I will prioritize Corps level enabler support to these
operations, and assist in coordinating operations across or adjacent to MSC
boundaries.

3. **TOPIC:** Operation Phantom Hammer (Operations to regain control of Diwaniya) (Update)  
**DISCUSSION:** Operation PHANTOM HAMMER is a four-phased operation designed to regain control of Diwaniya from insurgent elements. During Phase I, MNC-I prepares a CONPLAN to deploy sufficient forces to Temporary Area of Operations Thunderbird IVO Diwaniyah to conduct clearing operations to reestablish ISF control of the city and enhance security within the MND-CS operational environment. Tentatively, the forces to be employed in this operation include the equivalent of one Polish Battalion, one US Infantry Battalion, two IA Battalions from 8IA DIV, and corps enablers. MNC-I C3 Plans hosted a planning conference in Al Faw palace from 0800-1700 on 07JUL07 and again from 0800-1500 on 08JUL07, to integrate corps enablers, CF, and ISF forces into the courses of actions. Phase I ends when CONPLAN is briefed to the MNC-I CG on 16 Jul 07. Phase II, set the conditions, will begin upon approval of CONOP, and will consist of increasing situational awareness through intelligence build-up. Phase III, decisive operations, will begin when commander MNC-I directs execution of plan, and will remove insurgent threat from Diwaniya. Phase IV, secure Diwaniya, returns control of Diwaniya to legitimate authorities. MNC-I planners, IGFC representatives, MND-C planners went to Diwaniyah on 21 July 2007 and conducted combined and joint planning session with MND-CS and 8IA DIV to confirm the concept of operations for operation PHANTOM HAMMER.  
**NEXT ACTION:** PLANORD to be published for staffing NLT 26 July 2007; published for execution NLT 29 July 2007. Phase III of PHANTOM HAMMER will begin NET 15 August 2007.

4. **TOPIC:** Request to GOI to employ 34th BDE (Peshmerga) ISO MND-N ops (New)  
**DISCUSSION:** C3 Plans has requested MNF-I (through CG MNC-I) obtain formal GOI-KRG approval to employ the 34th BDE in support of MND-N operations in vicinity of the Diyala River Valley (DRV). The concept for 34th BDE is to conduct limited operations, under command of 5IA Div, from four (4) battalion-sized operating bases to the north of the DRV. These forces will augment and capitalize on recent MNC-I achievements.

5. **TOPIC:** Integration of SIBs into the regular IA (Update)  
**DISCUSSION:** Closely linked with the Infrastructure Security Strategy is the issue of developing capability with the Iraqi Army to effectively secure energy infrastructure. The forces currently assigned to this task are the Strategic Infrastructure Battalions, (SIBs), whose performance was below that required to provide effective protection to critical energy infrastructure. The SIBs are to be fully incorporated into the Iraqi Army through a training and equipping process led by MNSTC-I. MNC-I is responsible for subsequent partnering and sustainment training. ICW IAG, C3 Plans are looking harvest MITTs from more capable IA units to help develop the “less” capable IA units produced through SIB integration or scheduled IA growth.
NEXT ACTION: Following direction received from the C3, develop detailed courses of action for harvesting MiTTs.

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6. TOPIC: Infrastructure Security Strategy (No Change)
Discussion: MNC-I has begun parallel planning with MNF-I as we attempt to address the security issues and concerns of oil and electrical infrastructure in Iraq. A review, being led by EFC (Fwd), will consider the energy infrastructure priorities of the Iraqi ministries (the Ministry of Oil, the Ministry of Electricity, and the Ministry of Defence). On completion, the review will be compared to an analysis of threats to energy infrastructure. The vastness of energy infrastructure prevents total security but the combination of the infrastructure review and the threat analysis will enable security to be focused in areas where likelihood of attack and impact of attack are both high. Once we have confirmed our focus for energy infrastructure security, the Iraqi Ministries, (Ministry of Oil, Ministry of Electricity, and Ministry of Defence) will be engaged to ensure coherence of effort. The IA is responsible for the security of infrastructure.

NEXT ACTION: Combine infrastructure review and threat analysis to identify areas where likelihood of attack and impact of attack are both high.

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7. TOPIC: Border Security (Update)
Discussion: Appendix 10 (Border Security Operations) to Annex C to OPORD 07-01 was published on 1 June. The order details a border strategy involving a four-prong approach to border operations to create security in depth. The four areas of emphasis; POEs, borders, smuggling routes within Iraq, and smuggling networks; are complementary with operations in one helping to set the conditions for increased effectiveness in others. These operations will be accompanied by a coordinated IO effort at all echelons to convince Iraqis that they benefit collectively and individually by observing and enforcing GOI border laws and regulations. While none of these areas of emphasis are new this strategy seeks increased effectiveness as more forces are committed to border security, more intelligence collection and analysis is dedicated to target lethal smuggling, and a coordinated effort is made to create synergy between the four areas of emphasis. MNC-I is currently prioritizing the Southern Iraq/Iran border (Diyala, Wassit, Maysan, and Basrah Provinces) where the primary EFP and advanced weapon support to extremists is assessed to enter Iraq. The framework of the border strategy, however, will be applicable to the overall mission to include TFF networks on the Syrian border which is currently an area of emphasis for MNF-I planning.

Due to poor security, corruption, and divided loyalties of border security personnel; it is assessed that much of the external support to extremists within Iraq passes directly through the Land POEs. Given this assessment, establishing continuous coalition force presence at key POEs has become a top priority for both MNF-I and MNC-I. MNC-I is willing to pull BTTs from other DBE organizations and consolidate them at POEs if required to achieve this continuous coverage. MNC-I WARNO_010 (Operation Silver Raven) directs appropriate MSCs to establish
continuous BTT coverage at Rabiah, Muntheria, Zurbatiyah, Al Sheeb, Shalamshah, Waleed, Trebil, and (upon opening) Al Qaim).

**NEXT ACTION:**
MND-C continues to pursue forward basing options for BTTs at Badra vic Zurbatiyah, and is planning to develop a series of checkpoints inside the border once the full Georgain contingent has arrived in Wassit Province.

Al Qaim POE in Al Anbar province was scheduled to open in the first half of August, but opening has been delayed pending resolution of international agreements between Iraq and Syria. MNF-W will remission a BTT to cover this POE once it is opened.

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8. **TOPIC:** ISF Endstate for Baghdad (No Change)
**DISCUSSION:** Since the last update, the ISF Endstate for Baghdad presentation was presented to the C3 for further guidance. In addition to the suggestions discussed in the last update, the C3 recommended an expansion of Baghdad’s rural Security Districts to include Hussiniyah and Khan Bani Saad.

**NEXT ACTION:** Continue to conduct integrated staff planning with the BOC planners, MNSTC-I, the MNDs, and IAG. Work together with MND-N and MND-B to develop a concept for expanding the rural Security District of Khan Bani Saad. It is still anticipated that at some further future date the plan will be socialized with the BOC leadership. When the Corps Commander returns from leave it is anticipated this brief will go to him for his guidance.

**KEY DATES:** N/A

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9. **TOPIC:** ISF Development (No Change)
**DISCUSSION:** Since the last update, Plans in coordination with IAG, has been tasked to develop a mission analysis to develop the mission of the BCT tailored for the advisory/assistance role (formerly known as the Advisory/Assistance Brigade). This planning effort is designed to flesh out the requirements for the BCT. MNC-I and IAG will continue to attend MNF-I FUOPs planning efforts to assist them in developing the requirements for the BCT tailored for the advisory/assistance role.

**NEXT ACTION:** Continue to develop a mission analysis to include an IPB and other associated requirements in anticipation of presentation.

**KEY DATES:** No meetings scheduled at this time.

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10. **TOPIC:** Elections (No Change)
**DISCUSSION:**

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On 26 June 2007, the Elections Working Group reviewed the status of the following action items:

Provincial Powers Law: This legislation has not progressed beyond the second reading. USM-I believes that there are two different drafts of this legislation, implying that it still
being discussed in committee. This legislation is not required prior to provincial elections.

Elections Law: This legislation has not been drafted and is needed prior to Provincial Elections. It will provide the legal framework for Provincial Elections in Iraq. There has been a suggestion that the 2005 Elections Law will be redrafted; USM-I cannot confirm at this time. USM-I is pushing for the Elections Law to be passed by the Council of Representatives by 15 September 2007.

IHEC received training on scope of duties by UNAMI and the Indian Electoral Commission over the past two weeks. The next step for the IHEC is to confirm the heads of the 19 Governmental Electoral Offices (GEO) (one per province and two in Baghdad). The process for this is that each Governor submits 5 candidates for the post of Director in their Province, and the IHEC will choose the most qualified candidate. Following the selection of the Directors of the 19 GEO, the IHEC will begin to set the conditions for voter registration. Voter registration will be covered in future Elections updates.

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Provincial elections cannot proceed until all related legislation is resolved, making elections unlikely before February 2008. Provincial elections have the potential to pull more Sunnis into the political process and improve governance in some provinces, such as Anbar, Diyala, Salah ad Din, and Ninewa. When the elections occur, it is likely that politically organized Sunni Arabs and Sadrist, neither of whom...
participated in the last round of provincial elections, are positioned to make significant gains, however, Sunni insurgents who oppose elections will likely intimidate neutral or pro-GOI Sunnis from going to the polls. Elections by themselves will not reduce violence; the critical factor in the reduction of sectarian violence continues to be improving the security conditions for the citizens of Iraq.

It is reasonable to assume that there are some in the GOI who stand to lose power when an election occurs, and will attempt to postpone the Provincial Elections until January 2009 when the National Elections are next scheduled to occur. Presently, sub-provincial elections cannot legally occur; if sub-provincial elections are held, perhaps in a city or a district, the “elected officials” would have no legal status and control neither levers of legitimate power nor a legal financial stream.

The concept of a “tribal council”, whereby leaders of several tribes might come together to form an informal council, is encouraged as a stabilizing force to augment and support the efforts of the Provincial Governors and the legitimate Provincial Council, as long as it does not attempt to usurp or wrest legitimate power away from the Provincial Governor.

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11. **TOPIC:** Alternate Ground LOC (GLOC) Considerations (No Change)

**DISCUSSION:** DLA is working initiatives with SDDC, CDDOC, CENTCOM, TRANSCOM, CTO, and MNF-I R&S to move more CL IV through Jordan for MNF-W customers and through Port of Um Qasar (Iraq) for MNF-SE and CS customers. Shifting the MSR coming out of Kuwait from Tampa to Aspen resulted in a restricted flow of supplies. Bde RIPS will take priority over movement of certain classes of supplies. Moving the supplies in through alternate ports will help alleviate delays in delivery. We are able to move non-military supplies through Jordan and increasing the amount of supplies moved through ports other than Kuwait will decrease congestion along the MSR into Iraq and also help improve flow rates.

**NEXT ACTION:** +Awaiting action from higher.

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12. **TOPIC:** Transition of IA Divisions (Update)

**DISCUSSION:** The transition of the ten IA Divisions (developed under the COIN force program) to Iraqi Security Forces control remains at 80% complete:

- 1-2 IA BDE Transition of Authority (TOA) admin requirements are being researched to effect transition NLT 31 Aug 07.
- 5IA TOA requirements are being reviewed following PM Al-Maliki’s placement of 5IA Div under the Diyala Operations Center as at 18 Apr 07. An abbreviated TOA process is being developed for approval.
- 7IA TOA programmed for 01 Nov 07. Planning has commenced by MNF-W and MNC-I (C3 Plans) to commence the validation and transition programs. The MNC-I FRAGO is being drafted for staffing pending requirements definition by IGFC and C3.

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13. **TOPIC:** Diyala River Valley (DRV) Operation (New)

**DISCUSSION:** C3 Plans has commenced planning for an operation to clear the DRV. A C3 Plans OPT is planned to occur during the period 25 -31 Jul 07.

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15. **TOPIC:** Base Consolidation and Closure (No Change)

**DISCUSSION:** in the ongoing efforts to turn over battle space to the ISF, MSC close or transfer bases to GOI approved receiver (MOD, MOI, MOF) under a “condition based” approach. Base transfer / closures is a conditions based approach driven by three major considerations: stability in the AO, ISF ability/capability to assume & hold battle space and funding for base consolidation. The current methodology is bottom-up driven with MSC nominating bases for transfer / closure, gaining approval, and following a 100 day notional timeline, which serves as a guide to accomplish necessary steps in the transfer / closure process.

**Next Action:** All base transfers/closure nominations have to be approved by CG. No further action required for 3ID CAB at Stryker, and GEO BDE + BNs at Camp Delta and 2/3 HBCT (Brigade #20) at LSAA, Taji, Liberty, Falcon, and Kalsu.

**Future Actions:** IZ Transition is back on the table which entails the consolidation of MNF-I presence in the IZ from 13 to 3 locations; with two being MND-B bases (Union III and Prosperity). The transition also requires the transfer of Base Union I (Oct08), Freedom Rest (Jul08), the relocation of CSH to VBC (Sep08) and the relocation of GRD to VBC (June08). As part of the consolidation, MND-B will have to relocate from Union III NLT Jan 08 and transfer the base to JASG, which begins construction and renovations to relocate MNF-I FWD by Oct 08. MND-B is currently assessing capacity at Prosperity to absorb forces from Union III. The Executive Base Management Board with COS has been suspended until further notice; will conduct Base Working Groups twice a month. As part of future basing plans, we are conducting analysis of current capacity at long term COB IOT build required additional capacity to support RIP/TOA and consolidation efforts.

**Bases transferring / closing in the next:**
- **30 days:** Basrah Palace / MND-SE (14AUG07)
- **60 days:** 0
- **90 days:** Cedar II / 13th SC-E (31 OCT 07)

**Key dates:** Next BMWG 28 July 07 @ Phantom CR / 1300

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16. **TOPIC:** Major Cultural / Religious Events (Update)

**DISCUSSION:**

25 Rajab 1428 or 9 Aug 2007: Death of 7th Imam (buried in Kadamiyah)

The 7th Imam, Musa al Kazim (the Patient One) died as a result of poisoning after suffering 14 years in prison. According to Islamic histories, he was generous, brave, and possessed great self-control over his anger. Two years ago, in 2005, insurgents in the massive crowd of people that gathered to commemorate the death of the 7th Imam
screamed words to the effect of “bomb” caused the crowd to panic. A stampede ensued and resulted in the collapse of a nearby bridge in Northern Baghdad. The bridge collapsing caused the death and injury of hundreds of predominately Shi’a worshipers. The commemoration of the death of the 7th Imam and the commemoration of the stampede at the Kadimiyah Bridge will likely draw huge crowds in Northern Baghdad, however Iraqi police and Iraqi army forces in the crowd will likely dissuade all but the most resourceful insurgents from inciting another riot. FUOPS has the lead on the plan to protect the population during this event.

1 Ramadan 1428 or 13 Sep 2007: Beginning of the month of fasting

Ramadan is the time of the lunar year when Muslims actively practice fasting during the daylight hours. Fasting is one of the 5 pillars of Islam (the others are praying 5 times a day, partaking in the Hajj (holy pilgrimage), giving alms to the poor, and declaring that Allah is the one true God and that Muhammad is his prophet). The period just preceding Ramadan tends to have more enemy activity, and the time of Ramadan generally has less activity during the day, since Muslims are not supposed to eat or drink. It is said that any Muslim who is martyred (killed) during Ramadan is assured to go to heaven, so anticipate a greater than usual amount of activity in the hours of darkness. Several times in the month of Ramadan there are days of particular importance: The first four important days are called the “Nights of Glory”; this year they call on 2, 4, 6, and 10 October 2007. The 28 Ramadan or the 10th of October is especially holy, as it was on this day that Allah revealed the Koran to Muhammad. After the month of fasting is complete, Muslims celebrate what is known as “Eid al Fitr” or the “festival of breaking the fast”. During this time, Muslims wear their best clothing and cover their houses in the finest decorations to celebrate breaking their month-long daylight fast.

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* Muhammad decreed the 4 months in GREEN as holy months. During holy months, it is forbidden for good Muslims to wage war or fight.

POTENTIAL IMPACTS: Moderate threat; large crowds may entice insurgents to attempt a high-profile attack.
17. TOPIC: IA Legal Advisor Partnership Program (IALAPP) (Update)

DISCUSSION: The MNC-I OSJA IALAPP stated priorities are: (1) Oversee IGFC Legal Advisor training; (2) Clarify IA powers of arrest for all IA elements subject to different C2 arrangements; and (3) Encourage centralized IGFC Detainee procedures and policies.

NEXT ACTION: Ongoing projects include:
- The MOD has completed training for all new and existing Legal Advisors on the recently passed Military Procedure Law and Military Penal Code (together, the new Iraqi Armed Forces Military Justice system);
- The IGFC Deputy Legal Advisor has been promoted to Colonel and transferred to a newly formed Counter Terrorism unit in MOD. The new Deputy Legal Advisor was formerly of the MOD Legal Directorate. He is now Brigadier General Adnon;
- The IGFC Legal Advisor has been promoted. He is now Brigadier General Adnon;
- Continue training on IA ROE including an information paper, PowerPoint training slides, and ROE Cards;
- Working with MNSTC-I on formulating proper Detainee SOPs and policies;
- Currently working on agreements with DOJ, DOS, and GOI for all future Judicial Review Teams of investigative judges in MND-B, MND-N, and MNF-W, and working on internal MNC-I SOP for conducting the operations;
- The MNCI OSJA IALAPP attorney redeployes this week. The new IALAPP Attorney is

KEY DATES: None.

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1. 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. 4/7 IA has been replaced by 4/11 IA as a priority on the FORCENON Tracker. It is forecasted to be FOC on 1 APR 08. 10 IA was directed to extend 1/4/10 and 2/2/10 IA. On 23 JUL, we received IGFC confirmation that the rotation was back on. New units are 1/3/10 and 1/1/10 IA.

NEXT ACTION: Identify TBD BN

KEY DATES: Move to BRC 7-9 AUG
          TNG @ BRC 10-24 AUG
          Move to BD 25-26 AUG
          RIPTOA NLT 29 AUG

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Declassified on: 201505
2. **TOPIC**: Equipment/Logistical Support to Brigades and Battalions (Update)

**DISCUSSION:** The next units scheduled to come down in support of FAQ will be 1/3/10 and 1/2/10. Equipment shortfalls have been addressed and there are none as of this time. The two battalions have been notified to bring their fuel vouchers, which has been a problem in the past with other battalions. 1/3/10 is planned to be based at JSS Thrasher and 1/2/10 is expected to be based at Lion’s Den.

MNSTC-I J-4 Maintenance is addressing the HMMWV parts problem. They have devised a new plan for ordering. Requisitions will go from the battalion, to the division, then to the RSU. If the RSU does not have the part in stock they will turn to the repair shop. If the shop does not have the part then a request is made to J-4 Maintenance at which time they will expedite delivery via a contractor in Virginia. They estimate the new process will take 45 – 60 days to deliver a part to the RSU which is a big difference from the usual 180+ day time frame. IAG is collecting information for J-4, to assemble the proper list of parts to keep in stock at RSU/GSUs.

Code out procedures for HMMWVs has been delivered to the MNDs for dissemination down to the IA divisions. IGFC notified the divisions at the IGFC G4 Conference, on Tuesday, that the vehicles that are totaled need to be run through the Code Out Process or the IGFC will not know to order replacements. Tires are still a very big parts problem. IGFC notified all G4 that the Iraqi military will be converting to all Western type vehicles by August of next year.

Currently there is no process to get parts for Badgers that are not covered by warranty. MNSTC-I is actively looking for a 3 party to supply parts for the Badger.

**NEXT ACTION:** C3 ISF LOG continues to monitor equipment status of IA units and especially those supporting FAQ.

**KEY DATES:** 10th division units coming to Besmeyah/Baghdad

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3. **TOPIC**: Border Strategy, Security and Interdiction (Update)

**DISCUSSION:** MNF-I STRAT FUOPS began planning and development on National Border Strategy Goals and Iraqi Border Security, 29 Mar 07. Current planning efforts for key land POEs include building POE capability by means of technology and increase presence ISO both the FF & F and CII fight. MNC-I staff continues to provide detailed requirements and plan for POE development. Planning efforts for seaports included Maritime Strategy development, security planning on seaports, and any campaign plan objectives for the future operations areas relevant to the drafted MoD Campaign plan (integration of MoD/MoI activities, to include interdiction behind Iraqi borders). MNF-I / DHS has scheduled a meeting on 24-25 Jul 07 involving the Iraqi Navy, Coast Guard and DBE staff as well as U.S. Navy, DHS and Coalition players in order to finalize details required to create a Memorandum of Understanding amongst the agencies responsible for the security of Iraq’s territorial waters, inland waterways and seaports. MNF-I / DHS current efforts to bring Iraq’s seaports under the operational control of MOI is projected for NLT AUG 07. Additionally 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 to monitor developments of Seaport Strategy
- Complete process to resolve all issues pertaining to a Navy/Coast Guard/DBE Memorandum of Understanding.
- Follow-up on assigned task to in support of the Foreign Fighters initiative.
- Continue planning efforts to building POE capability

KEY DATES:
24-25 July 1000hrs - Border Conference that will focus on Iraqi coast guard & Navy integration, capability, roles and responsibility ISO current seaport effort.
04 Aug – MNF-I Staff conduct formal briefing on the Borders, POE’s and FF interdictions to MNF-I Cdr.
10-12 Sep 07 (Tentative) Border Enforcement Conf with neighboring countries at the US Embassy (DHS Host).

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4. TOPIC: Border Operations (No Change)
DISCUSSION: The Backscatter contract - The New American Science & Engineering (AS&E) contract is broken down into maintenance and training. The maintenance portion is written for a six month period with the ability to extend twice, 3 months at a time. The technician training portion is written for only 90 days and will be preformed with a competent Iraqi maintenance and motor mechanics. The American Science & Engineering (AS&E) maintenance technicians are currently deployed in three (3) 2-Man teams to assess and facilitate maintenance / repair for the 15 deadline Backscatter vans scattered across four of Iraq’s DBE Regions. Priority of support for POEs is to Rebea’a, Zurbatia, Al Qaim, Haj Ormeran, Safwan, Waleed, Bashmakh, Shalamcha, Trebil.

NEXT ACTION:
Continue to monitor status of operations.

KEY DATES:

5. TOPIC: Replacement of 3rd SIB (Update)
DISCUSSION: 3rd SIB has been removed from the task of infrastructure security and will be the first SIB unit to undergo integration into the IA. They have been replaced by Commander 4th IA Div. Their AO is being secured by 3-3/4. 3rd SIB, consisting of 271 Officers, NCOs and Enlisted, is now being re-constituted (up to 750 All Ranks), trained and equipped at the Regional Training Centre, K1.

NEXT ACTION: Nil.

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6. TOPIC: Borders Poe Roles and Responsibilities (No Change)
DISCUSSION: DBE remains without a dedicated POE Director, since the assassination of MG Emad Mohsen Al Shaheen. BG Farhoud is now the acting National POE Director. A permanent POE Director is needed to make lasting change IAW CF objectives across all POEs in Iraq. If appointed soon, a new POE director will be the ninth in the last 24 months. Lack of a National Director degrades accountability of regional POE directors resulting in poor operating standards abroad.

NEXT ACTION:
1. Plan orientation and deployment for remaining 5 Regional advisors.

KEY DATES:
TBD – new or current POE Director assigned with permanent orders.

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7. TOPIC: 11 IA HQ Force Generation and Deployment for FAQ (Update)
DISCUSSION: 11 IA is a PMI unit currently undergoing force generation at Old MOD. It will be composed of 2nd and 5th of the 6th IA, and an additionally generated BDE. It is expected to eventually replace 9 IA forces within Baghdad. On 20 May 07, 2/6 IA was re-designated as 1/11 IA. The BDE remains OPCON to 9 IA until further notice. Received 1st ORA report (ORA 4). IOC initially announced as 6 JUN, but as of JUL, we are awaiting M7 to write order to make official. Currently, the 11 IA DIV HQ is manned at 143% strength. 29 JUL 07, MND-B and BOC to discuss 11 IA employment COAs. The intent of this meeting is to get the ISF to come up with their COAs.

NEXT ACTION: Proposed meeting Sunday, 29 JUL 07; the BOCAT/MND-B will chair the meeting

KEY DATES:
JUN – AUG 07 staff training
SEP 07 validation exercise (proposed)
1 OCT 07 FOC

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8. TOPIC: IA End State (No Change)
DISCUSSION: C3 requested C3 ISF prepare a presentation on the facts, assumptions, and concept to determine a projected IA enduring posture. The third draft was presented to C3 10 JUN. Revisions made to the briefing with C3 input. On 13 JUN, the current version is being staffed with IGFC MTT and will be briefed to MOD on 16 JUN. Per IGFC MITT, briefing was given on 16 JUN, but no decisions were made at or since the briefing. On the CF side, MNSTCI has initiated a study of the Iraqi Army end state which will involve a team from the Center for Army Analysis (CAA). No further information is available on this planned study.

NEXT ACTION: Continue to track progress with IGFC MITT. Remain situationally aware of MNSTCI initiated CAA study

KEY DATES: TBD

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FORCE GENERATION:
1. **TOPIC:** MNC-I RFF 656 Riverine JUONS (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 be 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 met without significant results. At the request of VADM Morgan (N3/N5), the DJ8 removed the Riverine JUONS topic from discussion at the 6 Jul 07 Joint Coordination Board. The JS J3 directed JFCOM to develop a joint in-lieu-of solution and get the global force management process moving. Updated response to RFF 656 provided to MNF-I to provide additional information regarding this planning.

Coalition partners contacted to determine capabilities/feasibility of support. Current responses are all negative, two countries pending response. Office distributed to coalition representatives MNC-I CG letter of need with MNF-I CG concurrence and Riverine briefing. Message of need sent by OSD sent to possible Coalition partners, 11 July.

Iraqi boat manufacturer HEESCO will produce boats (6-9mon) or repair/upgrade boats (60-90 days). MND-B will be first customer. Boat design and FAB repair are first order followed by repainting of Coast Guard transfers and then actual production. Intent is production of two watercraft to confirm capabilities then additional based on mission load. Big concern is that ISF forces are not going to local companies to get this type of specialty equipment and MOD failure to accept already produced in country produced sea vessel is hurting this company.

Iraqi Navy capabilities are available. Iraqi Navy Commander has concurred and will release the six FABs, MOU is with him for signature. Engine requisition and boat utilization will be by MND-B, engine PR&C being validated for signature when MOU is signed.

FRAGO published in 26Jun07 DTU, specifying commercial watercraft option to MNDs using OMA funds and internal assets. DA LNO has located Coast Guard watercraft. Transfer is approved, transportations and document numbers designated. Coordinating actual movement stateside owning units, boats going to MND-N and MND-B.

Feasibility of Transportation Corps Medium Boat or Harbormaster Detachments serving as watercraft operators, maintainers and trainers via RFF being researched. Units are qualified to operate the watercraft but lack watercraft, sufficient weapon systems, and sufficient unit level maintenance capability.

**NEXT ACTION:** Continue to research Joint, Coalition, and Iraqi Options to provide the capability and over come funding, manning, legal, and acquisition constraints. Locate and requisition required major components to support selected commercial options. Project Officer prepared to assist MNDs with commercial requests. See Riverine Research and Actions Folder, Deputy folder, C3 Plans and Policy Web page on SIPR and CENTRIX.

**KEY DATES:**

**POC:** (b)(3), (b)(6)
2. **TOPIC:** Request for Forces (RFF) 780 for Military Combat Tracking Dogs (CTD) 
   (Update)
   **DISCUSSION:** This RFF requests the development and deployment of Combat Tracking Dogs to the Iraq Theater of Operations (ITO). CTD are an emerging capability within the Department of Defense and exist at the moment only within the United States Marine Corps. A training program must be initiated to provide a renewable, enduring base for CTD until the conclusion of Operation Iraqi Freedom. This capability will provide a vital resource for Coalition Forces deployed theater wide. Currently there are six CTD Teams in the ITO, with only one in the DOD inventory. MNC-I requires the fielding of 2 CTD Teams for a total of 8 teams. Transmitted to Force 23 MAY 07. Transmitted to CENTCOM 2 JUN 07. Released from CENTCOM 3 Jul 07. JUONS in-staffing at MNC-I. Anticipate ONS Board 8 Jul 07 then forward to MNF-I 10 Jul 07.
   **NEXT ACTION:** Respond to RFI as required, assist with JUONS as required. Sourcing recommendation sent to JS; recommend closing staffing and CENTCOM work towards contracting until Services develop capability. “USMC has 8 in theater. CENTCOM could redirect as needed.”
   **KEY DATES:** LAD 30 SEP 07
   **POC:**

3. **TOPIC:** Request for Forces (RFF) #133 For 1 X Asymmetric Warfare Group (AWG) Troop (PAX) to support MNC-I Asymmetric Warfare Operations (No Change)
   **DISCUSSION:** This is a request to formalize an existing and recurring requirement for forces in Iraq, not an addition of forces. AWG is internally sourced and conducts internal rotations. The AWG was established to identify, mitigate and defeat emerging Asymmetric Warfare (AW) threats. It provides AW subject matter expertise and advice to units on counter AW techniques, tactics, and procedures IOT exploit the enemy. AWG also provides a critical linkage between CJSOTF/JSOC operations, capabilities, and techniques and the conventional forces IOT enhance their operational/targeting capabilities and effectiveness. Transmitted to Force 22 MAY 07. Transmitted to CENTCOM 30 MAY 07. Draft GENADMIN returned to CENTCOM from staffing. Released from CENTCOM as RFF 777.
   **NEXT ACTION:** Respond to RFI’s as appropriate.
   **KEY DATES:** No LAD: Ongoing requirement sourced by internal rotations.
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1.4b, 1.4d
5. TOPIC: GFMAP 648 MoD 3 (IAG) (No Change)
Discussion: This RFF requests 1 X Division MiTT to support 11th IA Division, adds medics for the Motor Transport Regiment (MTR) and LOG BN MTTs. It adds EOD manning and MP manning for division MiTTs. It also adds 4 X BTTs to support current Department of Border Enforcement (DBE) force structure. Total increase of 1.4X Pax. To CENTCOM 22 FEB 07. Release to Joint Staff and renamed GFMAP 648 Mod 3. TGT SDOB TBD. JFCOM Sourcing RFF Rollup 15 MAY shows Partial Solution Submitted (1.44PAX) with Non-concur on remaining capability, TGT SDOB 17 MAY 07. In SDOB for 25 MAY. Have submitted RFI through MNF-I requesting status on remaining 64 PAX of the RFF. 17 of 81 sourced in EXORD Mod 22. P4 Memo submitted by BG Pittard through GEN Petraeus to ADM Fallon requesting assistance. AO Force Sourcing SVTC slides 19 Jun 07 state "Partial solution ordered (1.4PAX). Continue staffing remaining PAX (1.4MiTTs). TGT SDOB: 26 JUL 07." Force Provider non-Concurs to remaining MiTTs. Joint Staff recommends that RFF be closed.

NEXT ACTION: Have requested status through MNF-I. CENTCOM researching status of second P4 sent from GEN Petraeus to ADM Fallon on this issue.

KEY DATES: None at this time.

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(b)(3), (b)(6)
8. **TOPIC:** 07-09 SECFOR Requirements (Update)  
**DISCUSSION:** The 58TH AND 116TH BCTS were scheduled to mobilize based on a 60 day post mobilization training model. MOB dates were planned based on this model while 89 days are required for training. FORSCOM initiated a LAD shift request from 18 AUG to 30 AUG for C/3-116 IN which backfills 1041 EN. MNC-I submitted a RC BOG extension (1041 EN) to MNF-I on 01 JUL 07 to ensure a 40 day RSOI. ARCENT is staffing this timeline to verify an early RDD can be met without impacting training requirements and ensuring a 15 day RSOI.  
**NEXT ACTION:** Monitor RC BOG extension request for 1041 EN and inbound units feasible LAD  
**KEY DATES:** NA  
**POC:**

9. **TOPIC:** Request For Forces (RFF) MNC-I RFF #133 Multiple Requirement from 4TH ID (No Change)  
**DISCUSSION:** Screening complete through staff on items requested by 4th ID. Memorandum for CG 4th ID signed by CG MNC-I and transmitted. Two potential items remain for an RFF; one area (Engineers) would be unlikely to be filled, the other (CA) is also unlikely fill.  
**NEXT ACTION:** Staff coordination to determine way ahead for those two items.  
**KEY DATES:** LAD of 1 DEC 07 for most elements.  
**POC:**

10. **TOPIC:** ITO Finance Group C2 (new)  
**DISCUSSION:** Currently, the finance battalions in Iraq fall under the 13 Finance Group in Kuwait which falls under the 377th TSC, which falls under ARCENT, which falls under CENTCOM. Under the new Sustainment doctrine FM Ops, it falls in under the SB SPO which falls under the ESC. If the ESC is to take on this new relationship then CENTCOM needs to issue a FRAGO because it governs ARCENT and all the subordinate entities. brought issue to ARCENT attention apx 20 Jul with neg response.  
**NEXT ACTION:** Bring to CENTCOM’s attention 31 Jul 07 at the C3G3 SVTC.  
**KEY DATES:**  
**POC:**

11. **TOPIC:** (Update)  
**DISCUSSION:** Upcoming conference schedule. Received the CC FY 09 PLANORD 19 JUL 07. Received DRAFT JS PLANORD 24 JUL 07. WFF coordinating CC conference. Meet with C3 27 JUL and COS 30 JUL. Travel plans in progress for both the BCT Realignment and FY09 Requirements Conferences.  
**NEXT ACTION:** Establish and brief the CG on FY 09 Requirements.  
**KEY DATES:**

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24–28 SEP 07 CC FY 09 Rqmts GO/FO Conf MacDill AFB, Tampa
15-26 OCT 07 CC FY 08 Force Flow Conf Scott AFB, IL
POC: (b)(3), (b)(6)

12. TOPIC: RFF 719 MoD 5 Request for Engineer Battalion HQ and 4 Horizontal Companies (No Change)

DISCUSSION: This RFF requests horizontal construction assets to complete the workload increase generated by the increased forces in Baghdad in support of OPERATION FARDH AL-QANOON. Requested engineer force structure will construct 52 X Joint Security Stations and 9 X Gated Communities, repair, improve and maintain the Baghdad Security Belt, build combat outposts in the communities in Baghdad, and conduct route sanitation and rapid crater repair within the MND-B AOR. There is currently no solution for the EN BN HQ requested in RFF 719. It appears that CENTCOM will directed to relook at this request and provide a reply as to whether an internal sourcing solution can be achieved. Additionally, there is no sourcing solution for the four EN Companies requested. Same direction at internal sourcing may apply. It appears that the sourcing solution is still unresolved. The following actions are being considered by JFCOM: Reallocate already ordered units or extend units in place. Restaffing for RC solution, which will drive the 15 Apr07 LAD to nearly OCT 07. Draft sourcing solution utilizing realignment of assets in theater to be returned with non-concurrence by MNC-I C3, C-7, and GO. Sourced with a headquarters and one company in OIF 07-09 EXORD Mod 21. Two companies will not be sourced. CENTCOM stated during 22 Jun Friday Night Fights that the P4 from ADM Fallon to GEN Patraeus will state that CENTCOM is unable to source this requirement.

NEXT ACTION: Monitor deployment through MRM.

KEY DATES: LAD 1 DEC 07

POC: (b)(3), (b)(6)

13. TOPIC: RFF 712, 4 x MP CO (CS) RFF (No Change) Monitor Only

DISCUSSION: This RFF requests 4 additional MP (CS) COs to support the Iraqi Police Service (IPS) development program. The CG, MNF-I directed an expanded IPS development program and designated 2006 as "The Year of the Police" which represented a tremendous capacity surge in which the first PTTs were fielded in Mar - Apr 06. RFF will provide increased PTT capability and will fill the total PTT requirement to over 90% (~215 of 235 PTTs). RFF submitted to MNF-I on 9 Dec 06. MNC-I Chop on MNF-I staffing provided 16 Dec 06. RFF submitted to CENTCOM on 24 Dec 06. CENTCOM draft MOD 1 to RFF 697 for the 4 MP COs sent out for chop. S: 3 Jan 07. Rolled into RFF 712 with six other MP Cos. Joint Staffing 19 JAN 07. Four new requirement companies sourced in OIF 07-09 EXORD Mods 12, 13, and Draft 14. LADs of 15 JUL and 1 SEP 07. Six ILO companies sourced in OIF 07-09 EXORD Mods 12 and 13. Various LADs.

NEXT ACTION: Monitor Joint staffing and provide any requested input.

KEY DATES: Requested LAD of 15 Jul 07.

POC: (b)(3), (b)(6)

14. TOPIC: RFF 695 for 316TH ESC (POC Change) Monitor Only
DISCUSSION: 316th ESC RFF requests 140 pax to provide staff augmentation, ISF support, and distribution management capability to this USAR unit that will deploy under a new Modular MTOE of 140 pax; reduction of personnel compared to the 13th SCE, and personnel compared to 3rd COSCOM. Additional personnel will enable 316th ability to plan, coordinate, and synchronize logistics support and sustainment operations across the ITO. Reduced manning based on transformation to Single Log C2 with 1st Theater Support Command (TSC) assuming portions of overall theater sustainment mission from the ESC. Timeline for 1st TSC to assume Single Log C2 is a minimum of 6 months into the 316th ESC rotation (~Jan 08). CENTCOM RFF 695 released 9 Nov 06. Sourced in 07-09 EXORD Mod 7. CENTCOM also states in EXORD that this enduring request will be sourced after 07-09 via a JMD. Since then, CCJ1 And CCJ4 have stated via e-mail that the JMD is not the correct method of sourcing this requirement and do not endorse the creation of a JMD to support this requirement. MNC-I C4 is discussing with XVIII ABN Corps to discuss a way ahead and will provide a recommendation.

NEXT ACTION:
- Awaiting recommendation from MNC-I C4 and results of XVIII ABN Corps discussions

KEY DATES:
- 15 Jul 07: LAD for 316th ESC Personnel

POC: (b)(3), (b)(6)

15. TOPIC: RFF 667 MoD 1, Increase in Forces for TF 140 (No Change)
DISCUSSION: (Modification initially submitted for 20 X pax. Restudy of the issues resulted in a change to 41 X pax. Restaffing through MNC-I.) This Modification to RFF 667 requests 41 X additional personnel to conduct reconnaissance, surveillance, and information processing and analysis in support of technology developed aviation assets. Identified shortages in critical skills sets render headquarters unable to process volumes of data previously unforecast. Currently TF 140 is operating only five of the twenty four Reconnaissance, Surveillance, and Target Acquisition (RSTA) platforms projected for deployment within the next six months. The 41 X identified personnel will enable TF 140 to conduct 24 hour operations and process technical information to assist in defeating the IED threat. Released to Joint Staff 12 FEB 07. Sourced in OIF 07-09 EXORD Mod 18. (Update) Sourcing of ARST element sourced by the USAF has raised concerns of not being able to meet their Joint Staff assigned LAD of 24 August 07. This will create a significant gap of capability for TF 140 and severely limit its analytical element if these Pax do not meet LAD.

NEXT ACTION: Monitor sourcing from USAF to ensure Pax meet assigned LAD in OIF 07-09 EXORD MOD 18. (URF 10220)

KEY DATES: 24 August 07 is currently assigned LAD.

POC: (b)(3), (b)(6)

16. TOPIC: RFF 733 for 2 X Fires BDE HQ (-) (No Change) Monitor Only
DISCUSSION: This RFF requests 2 X Fires BDE HQ (-) to make up for an identified shortfall in MND-B and MND-N. Released to Joint Staff 7 MAR 07. Chops due back to JS: 11 APR 07. Sourced OIF 07-09 EXORD Mod 21.
NEXT ACTION: Monitor progress of staffing within Joint Staff.
KEY DATES: LAD for MND-B: 11 AUG 08. LAD for MND-N: 12 MAY 08.
POC: ____________________________
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17. TOPIC: RFF742: Military History Detachments (No Change) Monitor Only
DISCUSSION: This RFF requests 3 X Military History Detachments (total 4 Pax) to fill identified shortfalls within the Corps. Units without Military History detachment coverage will be unable to contribute to Lessons Learned or to the history of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Released to CENTCOM 13 FEB 07. Released by CENTCOM to Joint Staffing 12 MAR 07 Sourced in OIF 07-09 EXORD MOD 18.
NEXT ACTION: Monitor arrival of units.
KEY DATES: LAD is 31 AUG 07.
POC: ____________________________
(b)(3), (b)(6)

18. TOPIC: RFF 735 Requests for Optometry Support (No Change) Monitor Only
DISCUSSION: During OIF rotation 06-08 MNC-I has 11 Optometrists that provide daily care to the 133,000 U.S. personnel. For OIF rotation 07-09 this will be down to 2 Optometrists to provide daily care to all U.S. personnel. The Sustainment Brigades currently in Iraq have organic Optometry teams. The Sustainment Brigades due in OIF 07-09 have undergone transformation and no longer have Optometry Teams. This RFF is a one-for-one replacement of the capability lost due to transformation. The one and only Optometry team scheduled to arrive for OIF 07-09 cannot support all 133,000 U.S. personnel. Transmitted to Joint Staff 7 MAR 07. Sourced in OIF EXORD 07-09 Mod 17.
NEXT ACTION: Monitor staffing through DEPORD.
KEY DATES: LADs: 1 JUN 07; 27 JUN 07; 14 JUL 07
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KEY DATES: LAD: 1 OCT 07
POC: (b)(3), (b)(6)

20. TOPIC: Request for Forces (RFF) for Relief of 1-325 Parachute Infantry Regiment (PIR) (Update)
DISCUSSION: This RFF requests a full spectrum counterinsurgency capable battalion to RIP/TOA with 1-325 PIR. 1-325 PIR deployed between 23 Jul 06 and 16 Dec 06, completed a 20 day dwell and returned to theater ISO 2/82 ABN on 06 Jan 07. Based on CENTCOM business rules, BOG for 1-325 PIR was established as 11 Nov 07, separate from its parent command (2/82 ABN) whose BOG is 03 Apr 08. This result in a significant capability gap for an extended period of time, which MNC-I will be unable to adequately fill given the tempo of current BCT plus up operations. Maintaining the current level of effort throughout Iraq is key to the success of the plus up. This is jeopardized if 1-325 PIR BOGs without an on time relief that is full spectrum COIN capable. Providing a like replacement with zero gap in capability is the best course of action to ensure success.
NEXT ACTION: Present to Chief of Staff Board 26 JUL 07
KEY DATES: LAD: 12 OCT 07
POC: (b)(3), (b)(6)

21. TOPIC: Request for Forces (RFF) for Mosul BDOC (Update)
DISCUSSION: MNF-I request for forces for additional personnel for 07-09 HQ-RAOC-02 (URF 7789, OIF 07-09). Units assigned to operate the RAOC for Forward Operating Base (FOB) Marez are tasked to administer FOBs Marez and Marez East (FOB Diamondback) and Mosul Army Airfield (MAF), with a combined population of 8,500 personnel and a perimeter of 22 KM. This unit deployed under a Unit Request for Forces (URF) order limiting them to personnel with a mission set requiring personnel. For the past three OIF rotations, Soldier strong command elements have been assigned to provide force protection and administrative management for FOBs supporting the Mosul area of operations. FOB Marez RAOC units have assumed the mission of providing all aspects of base defense, force protection, and base support for FOBs Marez, Marez East and MAF, and have relied heavily on external support from tenant units to augment their staffs. This reliance reduces Marez tenant unit combat power, diminishes unity of command and control, reduces continuity as tenant units rotate out, and does not ensure a standard level of training or equipping of RAOC forces. The total requirement is for additional personnel.
NEXT ACTION: Chief of Staff Board on 26 JUL 07.
KEY DATES: LAD: 18 NOV 07
POC: (b)(3), (b)(6)

22. TOPIC: MNC-I Request for Forces (RFF) #140– Aviation Task Force (New)
DISCUSSION: Components of the requested AVN TF are: 1 X Aviation Brigade Headquarters; 1 X Attack Battalion; 1 X Command Aviation Company; for approximately Pax. Currently, the seven Brigade Combat Teams (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

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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.

NEXT ACTION: Present to Chief of Staff Board when staffing complete.
KEY DATES: LADs between 18 NOV and 7 DEC 07.
POC: (b)(3), (b)(6)