



OPERATION SAYAID (HUNTER) ***(Western Al Anbar)***

OPORD Brief

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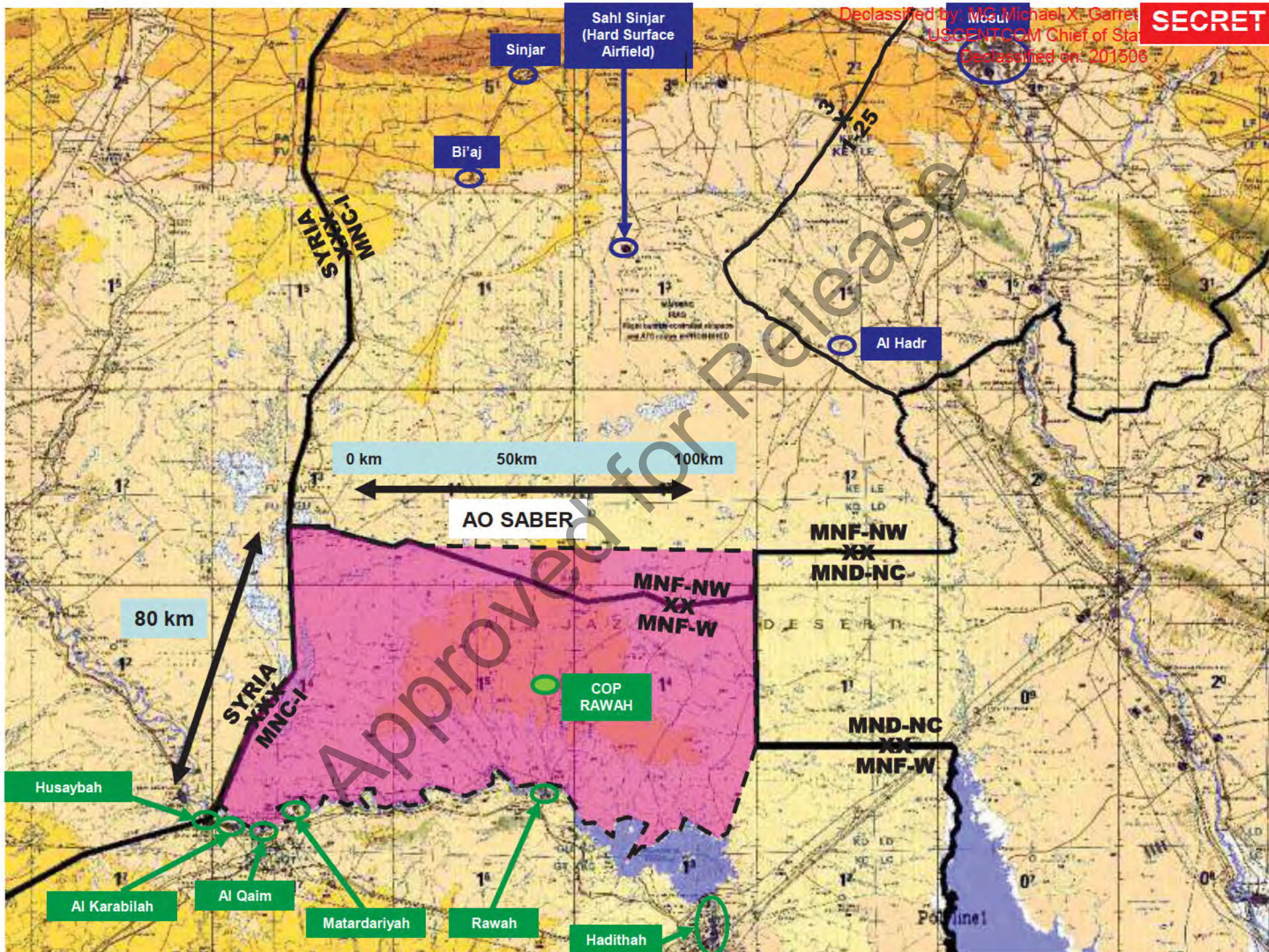
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- This season, thus far, has been an unusually active dust/sand storm season, with most of the AO experiencing **twice the average** number of days with lower visibilities.
- Blowing sand or dust will restrict visibility below 7 miles (10,000 meters), on an average, **9 days in July, 5-6 days in August, and 3 days in September.**
- Visibility below 3 miles (4,800 meters) occurs **2-3 days per month** mostly during the day, and rarely overnight.

Dust/sand events are the most prevalent in July, since this operation will be conducted in one of the most prominent dust source regions in the AO, the expectation for lower visibilities due to dust impacting operations, must be taken into account during planning and preparation for operations.



WEATHER

FRIENDLY

- Dust/sand events will affect **Army Aviation** assets during this period.
- The blowing sand will significantly **impact electro-optical** targeting and imaging systems, while causing slightly less **degradation to thermal** imaging systems.
- Satellite/line-of-sight **communication systems can also be adversely effected** by these dust/sand events.
- The blowing sand will have marginal effect on millimeter/microwave targeting/acquisition sensors as well as other synthetic aperture devices.
- + **Trafficability in this region is favorable** due to the lack of persistent precipitation

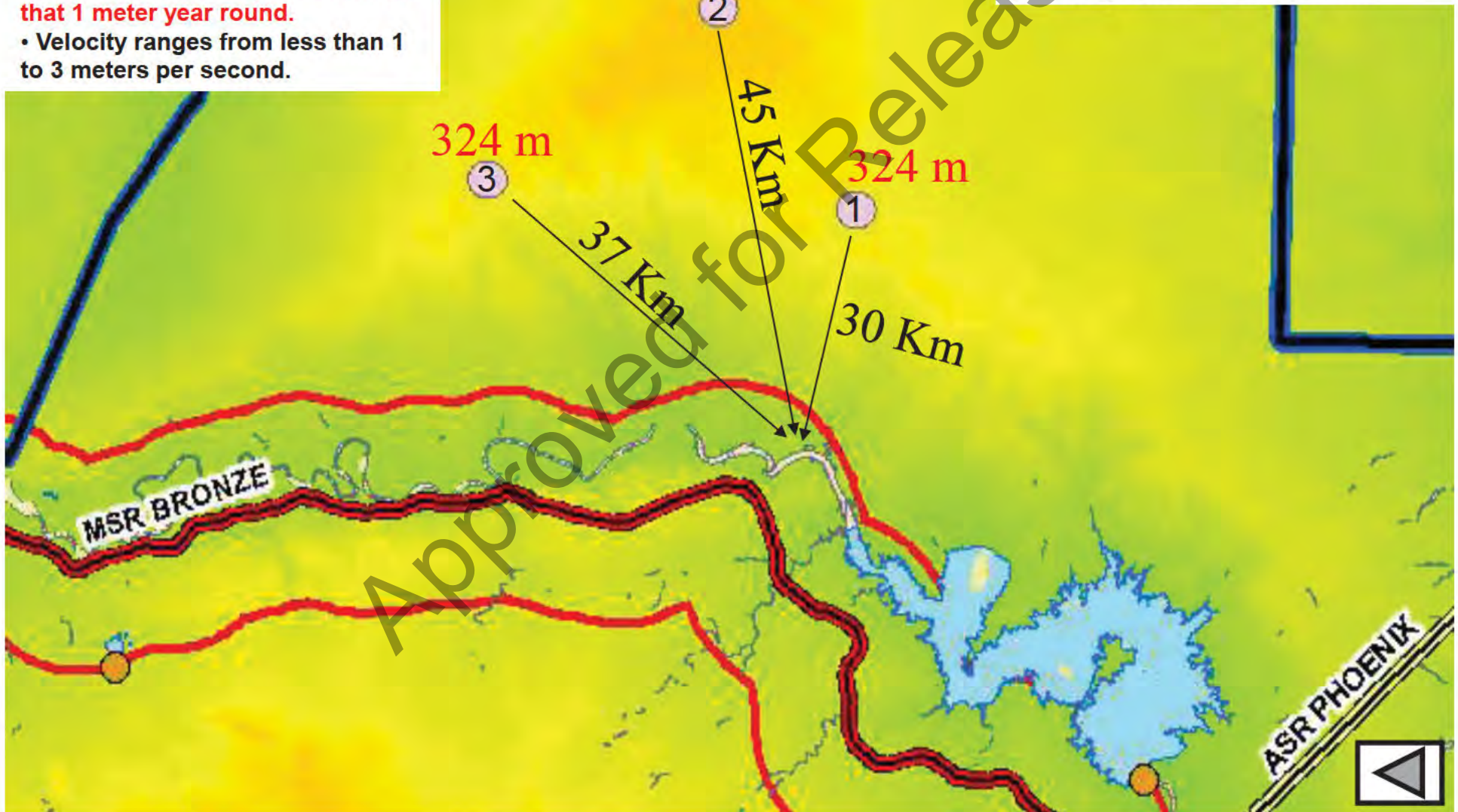
ENEMY

- Sandstorms will have a negative impact on AIF indirect fire capabilities.
- + Periods of lower visibility will give the AIF greater freedom of movement **allowing them the opportunity re-position resources and to emplace IEDs and ambush positions.**
- + High temperatures during the summer favor the AIF as they are acclimated to the environment **and do not have the added weight and increased heat stress from wearing personal protective measures.**

- Slopes are mostly 2-10 percent throughout the region.
- Elevations in the AO range from 150m in Euphrates valley floor to 375m.
- The Euphrates flows in a well defined channel that averages 150 meters in width.
- The depth in most places is more than 1 meter year round.
- Velocity ranges from less than 1 to 3 meters per second.

TERRAIN

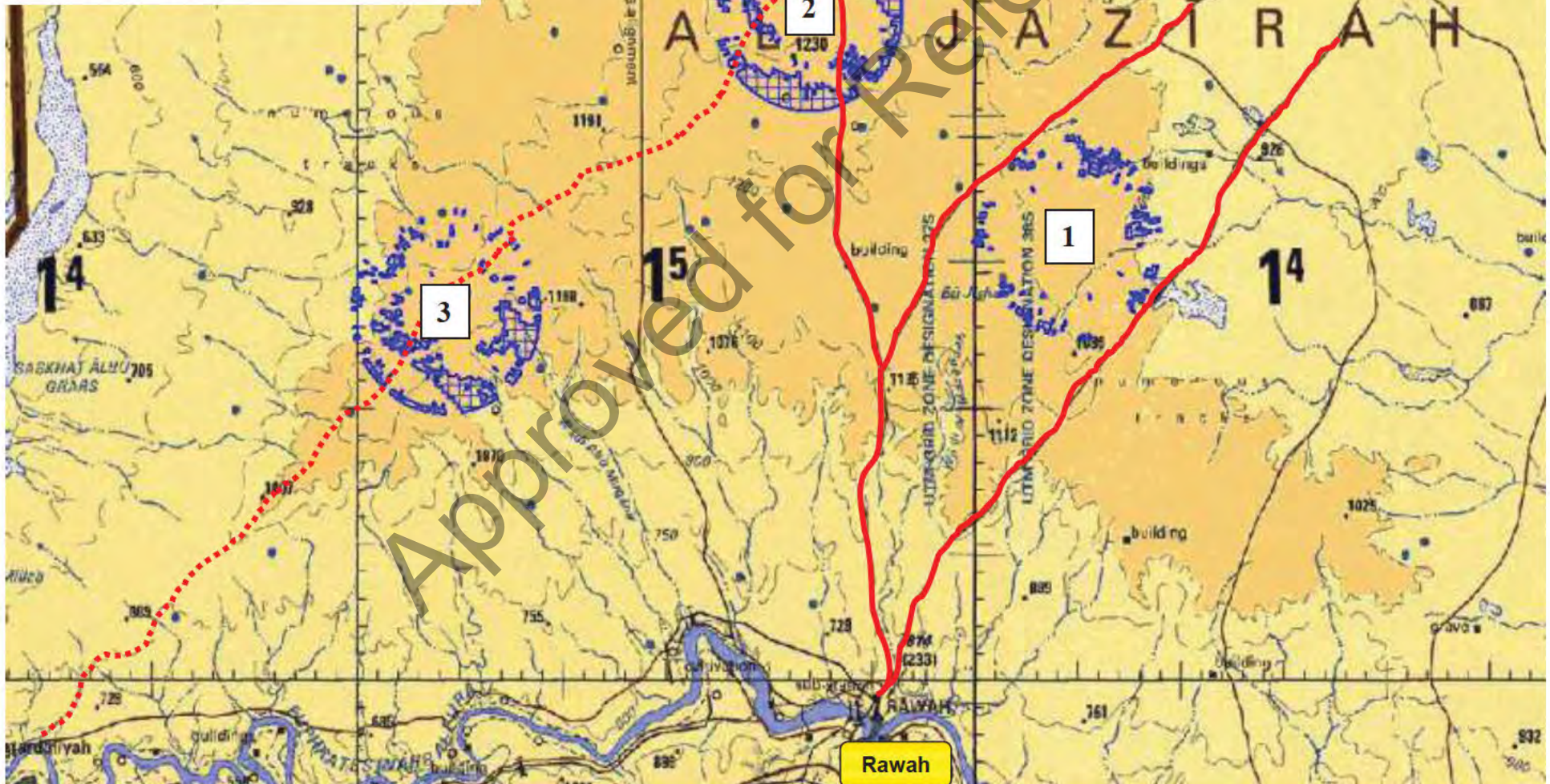
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- There are numerous intermittent streams during the dry season but dry washouts and gullies may exist in a majority of them becoming less trafficable to cross mobility closer to the Euphrates river.
 - Numerous perennial wells and springs exist throughout the AO to provide potential water sources.



Initial COP Rawah Terrain Analysis

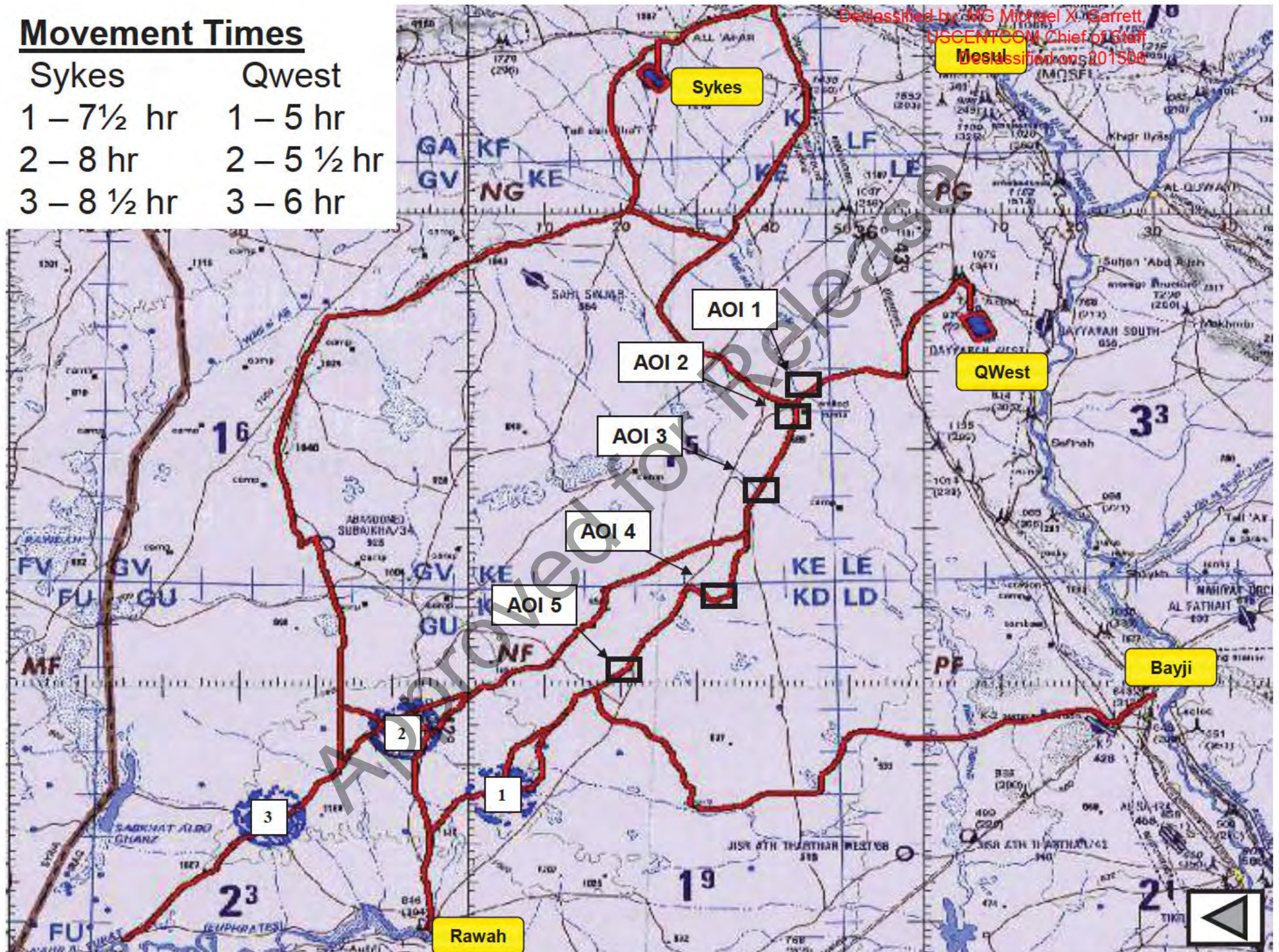
Site Selection Criteria

- Observation and Fields of Fire
- Drainage and potential wells
- Away from complex Waddi systems
- Proximity to established roads/trails

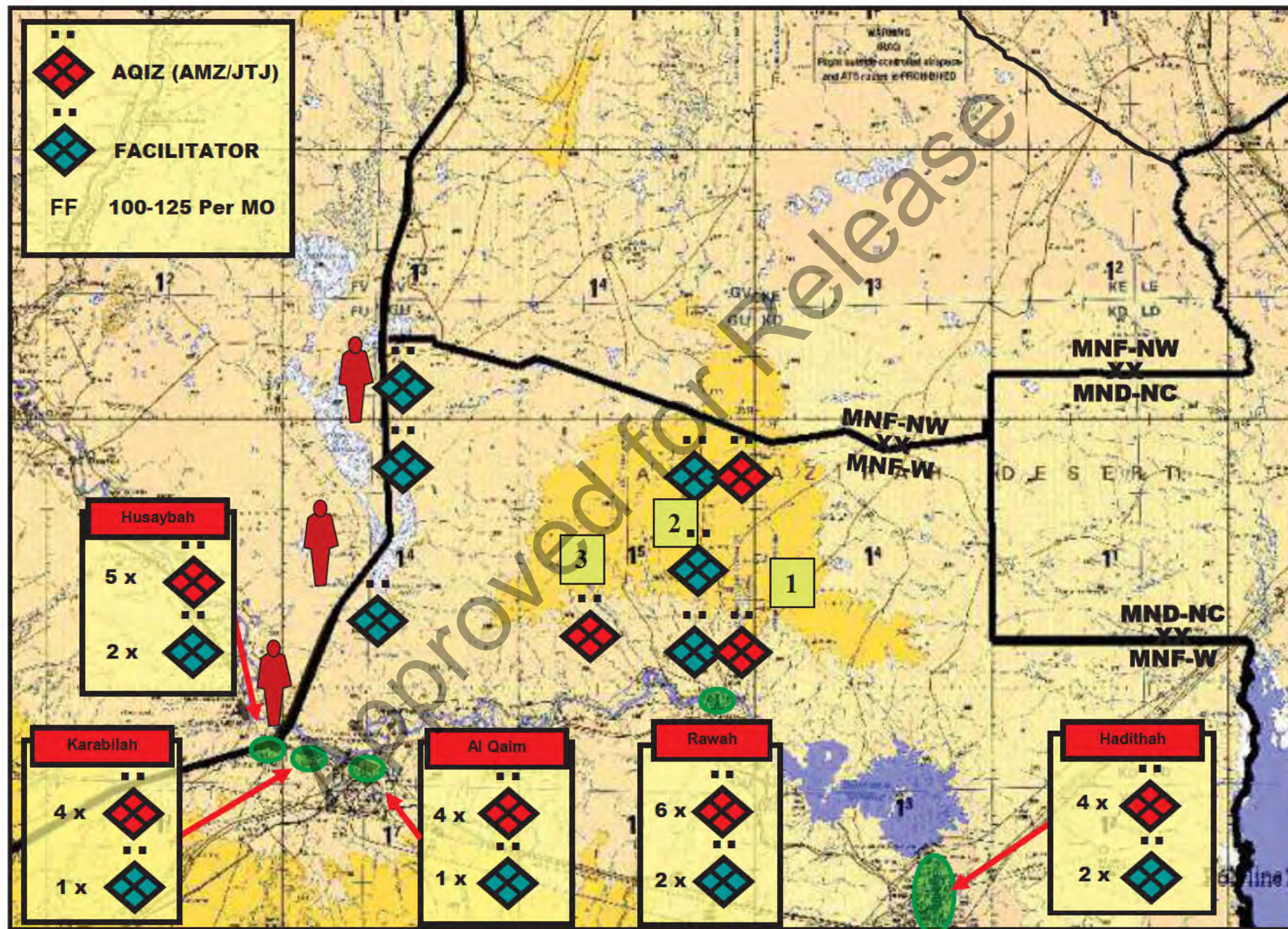


Movement Times

Sykes	Qwest
1 – 7½ hr	1 – 5 hr
2 – 8 hr	2 – 5 ½ hr
3 – 8 ½ hr	3 – 6 hr



SITTEMP – Western Al Anbar



SYRIA

IRAQ

North Euphrates All-Source Reporting-28Jun05

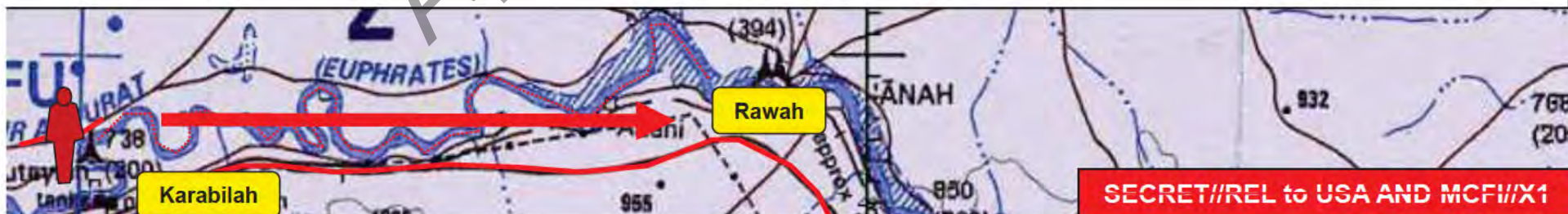
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Other Reporting

1.4c

1.4a

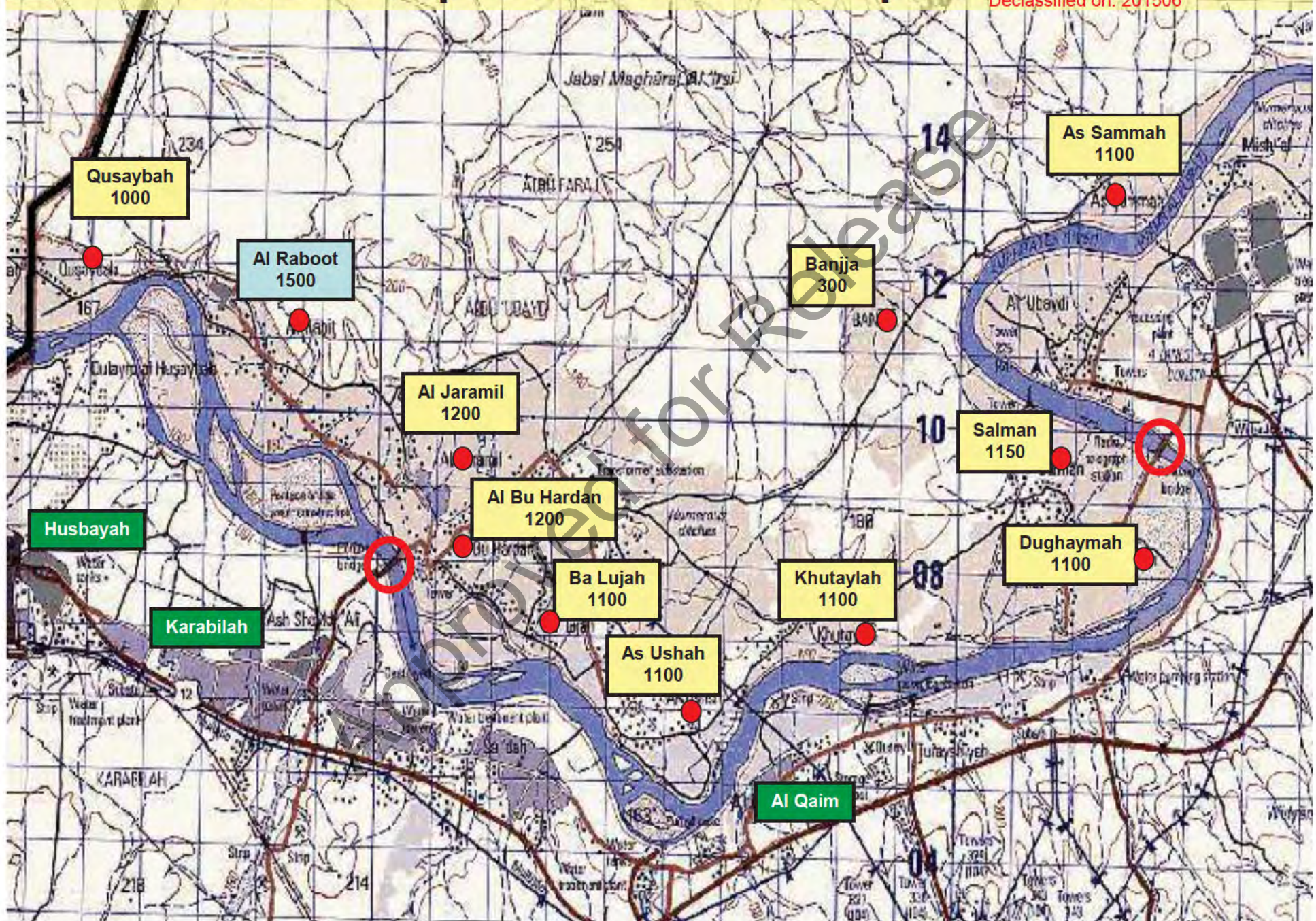
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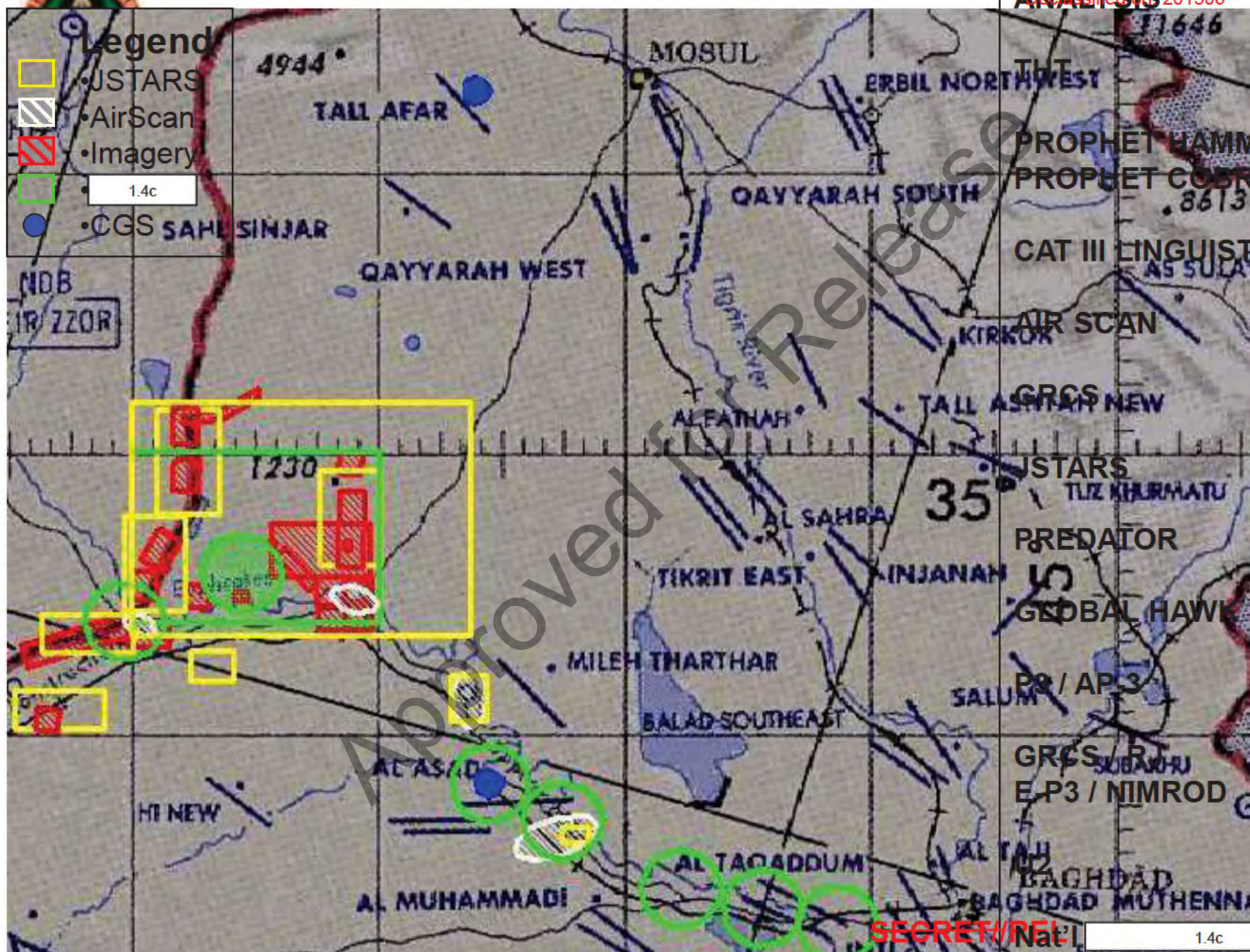


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Estimated Populations North of Euphrates River

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Draft MNF-I Mission

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MNFI conducts full-spectrum operations in Al Anbar Province in order to defeat the AQIZ and ensure the successful conduct of the constitutional referendum and elections in Fall/Winter.

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Draft MNF-I Intent and Endstate

The overall **purpose** of this operation is to set favorable conditions for Iraq's constitutional referendum and elections, as well as its eventual transition to Provincial and National Iraqi security control. TF 1.4a is the supported force. MNCI and other MNFI MSCs will operate in support. **Decisive operations** include conducting continuous operations against the AQIZ leadership and operational cells throughout Al Anbar Province and, in particular, the Euphrates River Valley; and, conducting full spectrum information operations to separate AQIZ from prospective facilitators and other insurgent actors and reduce their capacity to influence the perceptions of the general population. **Shaping operations** include conventional military operations in the Euphrates River Valley and urban areas in Anbar Province to disrupt AQIZ sanctuaries and cross border support. A focused tribal engagement strategy that leverages informal authority structures in more remote areas of Anbar will be critical to exploiting the increasing divide between Anbar's traditional tribal society and AQIZ associated groups. The **end-state** for this operation is AQIZ defeated; their sanctuaries, capabilities, and financing disrupted; and, their propaganda infrastructure unable to adversely impact Sunni-Arab participation in the elections process.



MNC-I (SE) NLT 15 Jul 05 establishes COP RAWAH north of the Euphrates River in western Al Anbar and disrupts AIF operations IOT support TF 1.4a (MNF-I ME) operations and set the security conditions for the Iraqi constitutional referendum and national elections.

Disrupt. A tactical task or obstacle that integrates fire planning and obstacle effort to break apart an enemy's formation and tempo, interrupt the enemy's timetable, or cause premature commitment of enemy forces, or the piecemealing of his attack.



Commander's Intent

- Purpose: The purpose of this operation is to support TF 1.4a as the MNF-I main effort to defeat AQIZ, establish an initial Coalition and enduring ISF presence to deny the AIF relative sanctuary north of the Euphrates River in western Al Anbar, and set favorable conditions for Iraq's constitutional referendum national elections and leading to the transition of security control to ISF.
- Key Tasks:
 - Support TF 1.4a operations in Al Anbar
 - Establish a Combat Outpost capable of maintaining and/or projecting combat power in W. Al Anbar Province
 - Establish an initial CF and enduring ISF presence north of the Euphrates River
 - Deny AQIZ sanctuaries and cross border support in Al Anbar
 - Conduct Information Operations to distance the local and greater Sunni population from AIF
 - Facilitate the introduction of DBE along the Syrian border
- Endstate: At the conclusion of operations, AIF are denied sanctuary in the western Euphrates River Valley and their LOCs in western Al Anbar are severed. ISF are established and take the lead role in security operations in the area. DBE is established along the Syrian border.



OPERATION SAYAID

CONCEPT OF THE OPERATION (1 of 2)

- **Phases:**

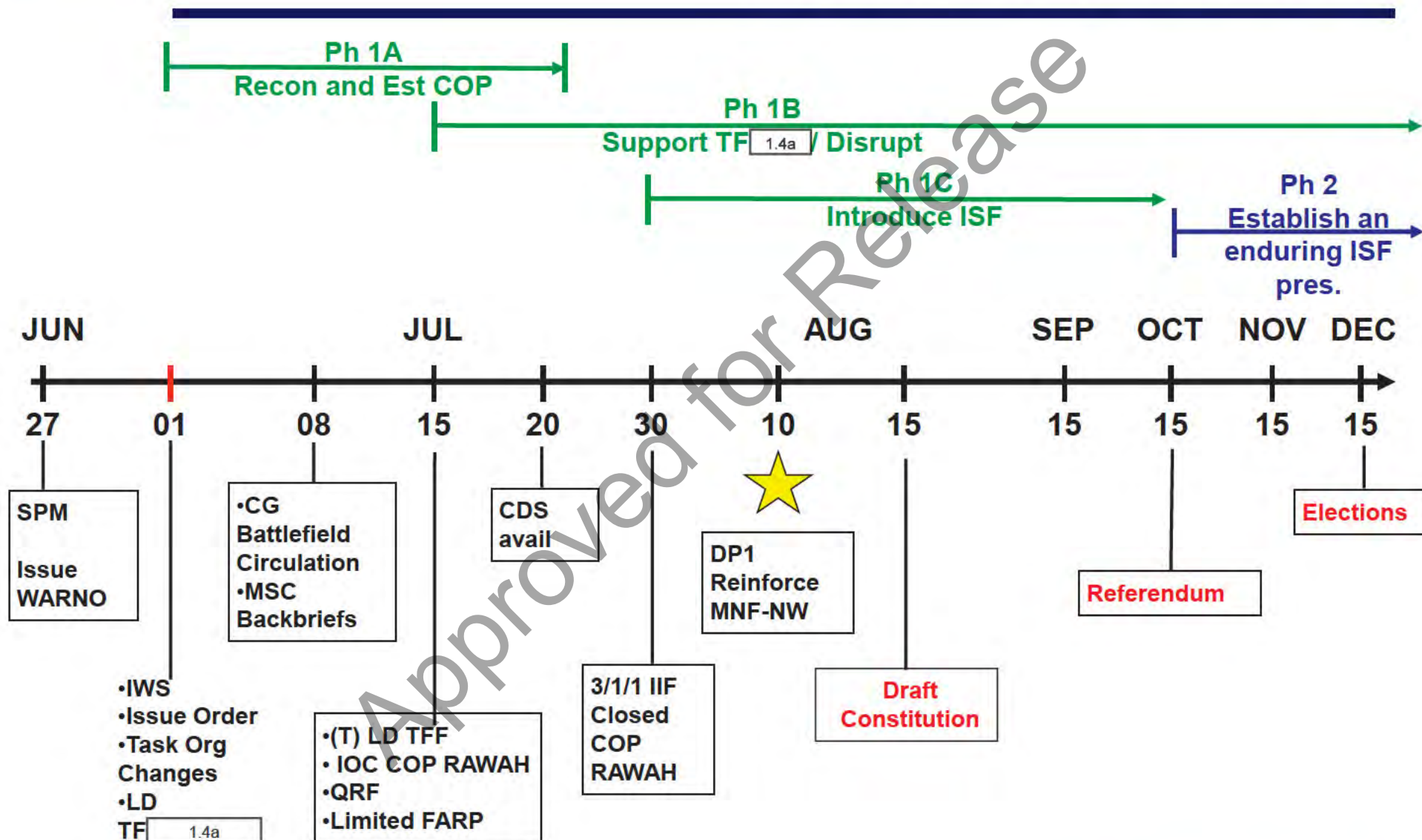
- Phase 1: Supporting Effort to TF 1.4a (MNC-I Shaping Operation).
 - Phase 1A: Recon and establish COP RAWAH. On-going until FOC.
 - Phase 1B: Support TF 1.4a and Disrupt AQIZ. Begin at IOC 15JUL05 and ends on order.
 - Phase 1C: Introduction of ISF. Begins when COP RAWAH is capable of receiving 3/1/1 IIF and ends at the conclusion of TF 1.4a operations
- Phase 2: Establish enduring ISF presence (MNC-I Decisive Operation). This phase begins after the OCT 15 Referendum.

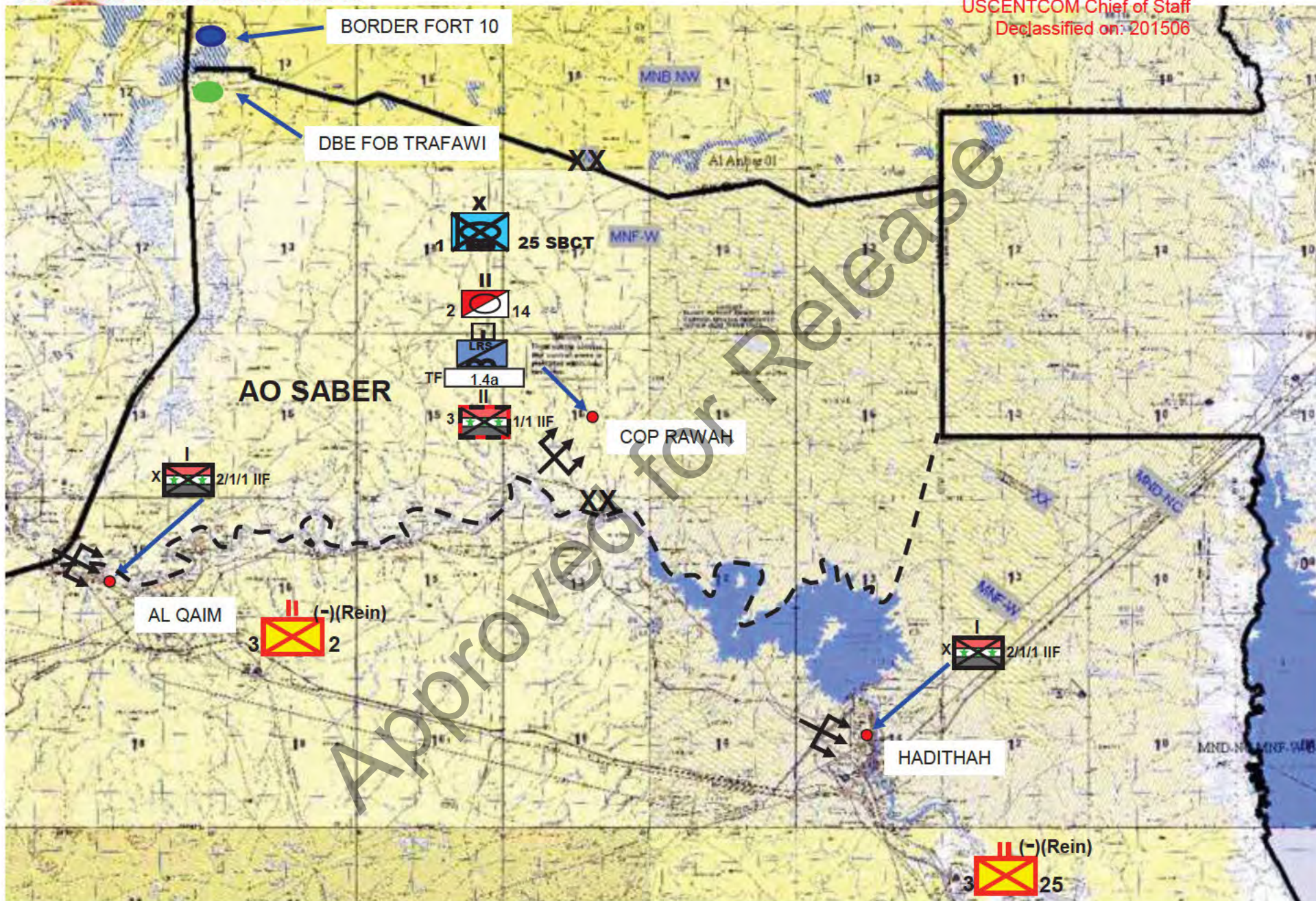


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OPERATIONAL TIMELINE (Phasing)

OPERATION SAYAID (Western Al Anbar)







Tasks to MSCs and Staff

MNF-NW (ME)

- Provide basing, QRF, MEDEVAC, detention facility, kinetic strike support to TF 1.4a in Al Anbar IOT support TF 1.4a
 - NLT 150001DJUL05 PROVIDE 1 X PLT SIZED QRF WITH A 4 HOUR NOTIFICATION PREPARED TO RESPOND TO A 1 HOUR TASKING FOR A TF 1.4a MISSION AS FAR AS AL QAIM.
 - PROVIDE FARP CAPABILITY: INITIALLY 2 REFUEL POINTS AND 2500 GAL JP8; FARP EXPANSIBLE TO OBJECTIVE CAPABILITY TO SERVICE 6 X MH-60 AND 2 X MH-53 WITH 10000 GALLONS OF JP8
- Provide personnel (1 x Intel Collection Manager and 1 x Plans Officer) to the Operations and Intelligence Fusion Cell (O/I Cell) NLT 8 JUL
- Conduct operations in the Al Anbar and Ninawa Province to disrupt AQIZ cross border support.
- Establish COP RAWAH north of the Euphrates River
- Expand battle space to include AO SABER
- Establish an enduring ISF presence
- Receive one attack helicopter company and associated aviation maintenance from MND-B net 01JUL 05 NLT 10 NLT 05.
- Support deployment of 1/1 IIF
- Facilitate implementation of DBE within AO SABER
- Expand ISR operations in Al Anbar w/ focus on AQIZ leadership and cells.
- Be prepared to provide additional liaison officers to TF 1.4a and TF 1.4a as required.



Tasks to MSCs and Staff

MNF-W

- Continue current support TF 1.4a
- Conduct operations in the Al Anbar Province to disrupt AQIZ cross border support.
- Establish an enduring ISF Presence
- Support deployment of 1/1 IIF
- Facilitate DBE Implementation w/in AO
- BPT To block AIF Movement south across Euphrates River For limited periods
- Provide personnel (1 x Intel Collection Manager and 1 x Plans Officer) to the Operations and Intelligence Fusion Cell (O/I Cell) NLT 8 JUL
- Provide 1 x IO Plans Officer to Information Operations Task Force (IOTF) IAW paragraph 3.D Coordinating Instructions. IOC of the IOTF is NLT 10 JUL; FOC is NLT 31 JUL. Expected duration of IOTF is 120 days. All IOTF personnel will require indoctrination training at Balad prior to beginning operations
- Be prepared to provide additional liaison officers to TF 1.4a nd TF 1.4a as required.



Tasks to MSCs and Staff

MND-B

- Conduct shaping operations in Mosul and Baghdad to sustain previous successes and maintain pressure on AQIZ.
- OPCON One attack helicopter company (8 X AH64D) And associated aviation unit maintenance to MNF-NW ISO of 1-25 SBCT NET 01 JUL 05, NLT 10 JUL 05.
- Provide transportation of all necessary equipment from MND-B TO MNF-NW.

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Tasks to MSCs and Staff

1st COSCOM

- SYNCHRONIZE CONCEPT OF SUPPORT WITH MNF-NW
- DISTRIBUTE MISSION ESSENTIAL CLIV FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF COP RAWA 15- 30 JUL
- DISTRIBUTE MISSION ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES TO ESTABLISH 10 -15 DAY STOCK OF CLI & BW 15 -30 JUL
- DISTRIBUTE CLII (TENTAGE) FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF LIFE SUPPORT AREAS AT COP RAWA 15 – 30 JUL
- DISTRIBUTE CLIIB TO ESTABLISH 4 DAY STOCK OF JP8, DF2, MOGAS, & AVGAS 15 – 30 JUL
- UPON COMPLETION OF STOCK BUILD CONDUCT BATTLE HANDOVER OF THE SUPPORT MISSION TO MNF-NW NLT 30 JUL
- PROVIDE REINFORCING DS SUPPORT TO MNF-NW ISO SABER THRUST
- PROVIDE REINFORCING DS SUPPORT TO THE IA ISO SABER THRUST
- PROVIDE REINFORCING DS SUPPORT TO TF 1.4a ISO SABER THRUST
- INTEGRATE COSCOM CLPS WITH MNF-NW CONVOYS



Tasks to MSCs and Staff

C3

- Provide personnel to the MNF-I OPS/INTEL FUSION CELL Co-located w/ TF 1.4a at BALAD.

C2

- Provide personnel to the MNF-I OPS/INTEL FUSION CELL Co-located w/ TF 1.4a at BALAD.

IO

- Establish Information Operations TF (IOTF) Leader IAW MNF-I guidance NLT 10 JUL 05 w/ FOC NLT 31 JUL 05



Coordinating Instructions

- Definitions:
 - COP RAWAH IOC: QRF established IAW TF 1.4a minimum initial requirements and FARP available w/ minimum 2 X points and 2.5 gal JP8.
 - COP RAWAH FOC: COP capable of receiving 1800 Troops and ready to receive the IIF.
- The Operations and Intelligence Fusion Cell (O/I Cell) is a CG, MNF-I directed liaison to TF 1.4a JOC located in Balad. DCS STRATOPS is the executive agent for the establishment of the O/I Cell. The purpose of this cell is to ensure unity of effort in the collection and management of intelligence, and in the planning and execution of subsequent operations. The cell will be established NLT 8 JUL, and is expected to remain in operation for 120 days. Total manning requirement is 8 personnel
- The Information Operations Task Force (IOTF) is a CG, MNF-I directed element capable of planning, implementing, and assessing CNO, strategic communications, PSYOP, and public affairs in regards to Operation SAYAID (HUNTER). MNCI is the executive agent for the establishment of the IOTF. The IOTF will establish with an initial operating capability (IOC) NLT 10 JUL, and attain full operating capability (FOC) NLT 31 JUL. Total requested MNF-sourced manning requirements are 5 personnel. TF 1.4a will provide an additional 3 personnel.



Coordinating Instructions

- Planning and Coordination Timeline
 - 011300DJUL05 MNF-I Concept Brief to MNF-I CDR
 - 2 JULY 05 NLT Submit Nominations for IOTF and Ops / Intel Fusion Cell
 - 05 JULY 05 MNC-I Staff Assistance visit to MNF-W
 - 08 JULY 05 NLT Establish LNO at Ops / Intel Fusion Cell
 - 10 JULY 05 NLT IOC of IOTF
 - 15 JULY 05 NLT MNC-I Backbrief to MNF-I
IOC COP RAWAH
 - 31 JULY 05 NLT FOC COP RAWAH
FOC IOTF
 - 15 SEP 05 NLT MNF-I Operational Assessment



Joint Fires & Effects – Operation SAYAID

Objectives/Effects

1. OBJ: Neutralize AIF
Effect:
1. Enable TF 1.4a Freedom of maneuver
2. Disrupt AIF freedom of action
3. Iraqi populace supports ISF/GOI

Key Tasks

1. Provide lethal and non-lethal assets in support of CF/ISF operations
2. Neutralize AIF Rocket/Mortar threat
3. Disrupt C2 and logistics nodes
4. Identify and track facilitators
5. Provide Air Presence, CAS, NTISR, ISR, EW

Method

- Detect locate track and PID AIF with 1.4c

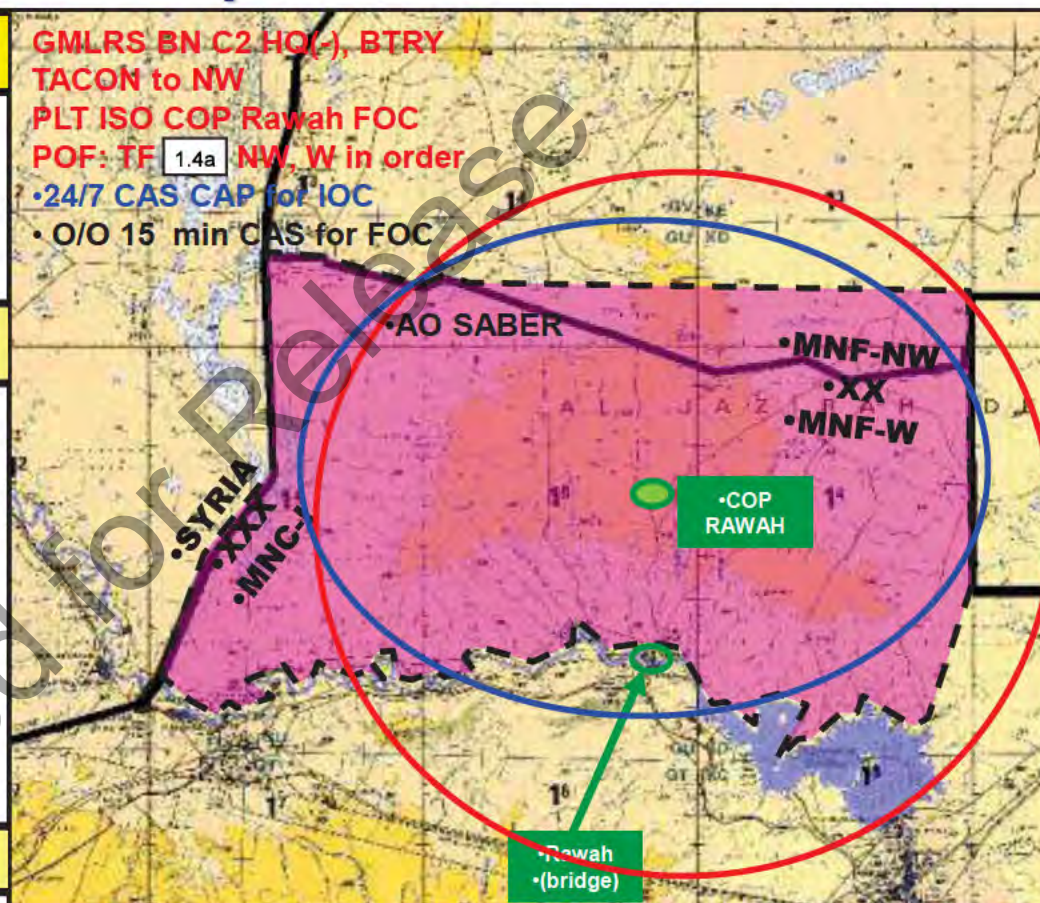
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•CFACC surge as required, o/o move Baghdad CAP west and or position XCAS to support AO Saber

•GMLRS to neutralize AIF C2, Logistics Nodes, Training Facilities (MLRS PLT in COP)

• CF using LCMR, UTAMS, QRF ,ASRs

GMLRS BN C2 HQ(-), BTRY
TACON to NW
PLT ISO COP Rawah FOC
POF: TF 1.4a NW, W in order
•24/7 CAS CAP for IOC
• O/O 15 min CAS for FOC



Endstate

- Euphrates River region is denied as an AIF sanctuary
- Enhanced stature of the Iraqi Security Forces in the minds of the Iraqi populace, and positive momentum maintain to support the ITG

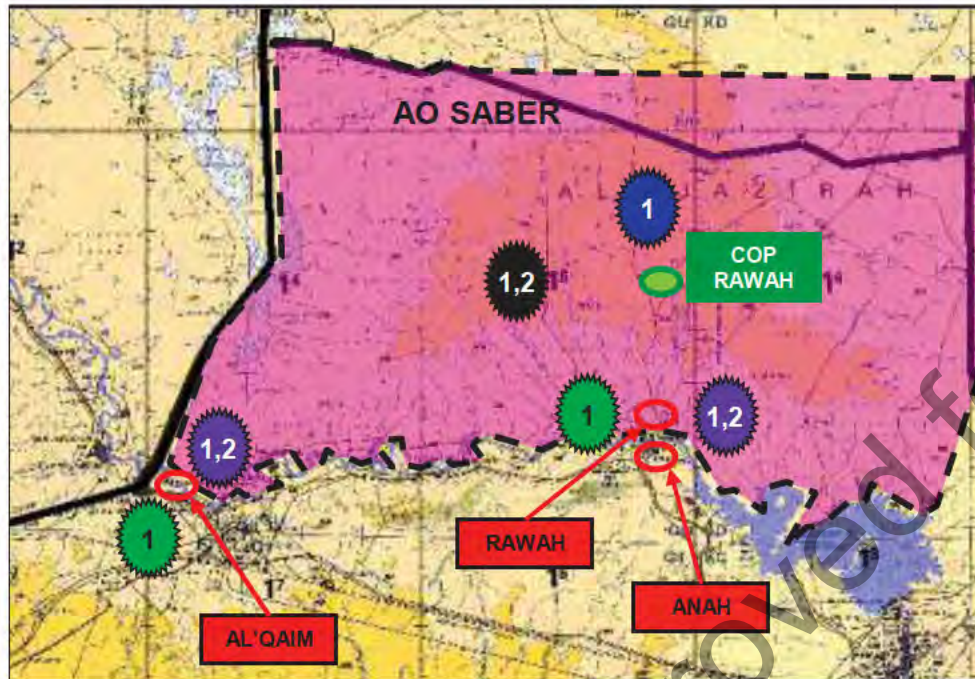


Concept of IO Support

- IO Mission: MNC-I IO influences local population, counters AIF propaganda, and disrupts AIF C2 in Al Anbar Province in the vicinity of AO SABER to disrupt AIF operations.
- IO Objectives:
 1. Disrupt AIF C2 to facilitate operations against enemy nodes and sanctuaries
 2. Influence the population along Euphrates River to deny support to the AIF
 3. Counter AIF propaganda effort to minimize interference with TF 1.4a and 1-25 SBCT operations
 4. Promote the legitimacy of the ISF to enhance the security situation in Al Anbar Province
 5. Protect information in regards to TF 1.4a staging from COP Rawah
- IO Endstate: AIF ability to support and conduct operations in the Euphrates River region and AO SABER are disrupted, with local popular support for the AIF degraded.



Concept of IO Support Sketch



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IO Element Tasks:

PSYOP:

1. Influence local populace
2. Counter AIF propaganda

EW:

1. Counter-RCIED
2. AIF Communications Jamming

COMCAM:

1. Promote ISF

PA:

1. Inform local/national/international media of HVI and Foreign Fighter captures

CA

1. Influence Key Leaders
2. Inform Iraqi population

Phase:	July	August	September	October
PSYOP	1,2			
EW	1,2			
COMCAM	1			
PA	1			
CA	1			

- COSCOM will support the build of COP RAWAH
- COSCOM can augment the sustainment of COP
- OPT today to prioritize delivery of supplies to COP
- Establishment of water point inside COP
- TFF will provide security for convoys.
- Capability of the road network

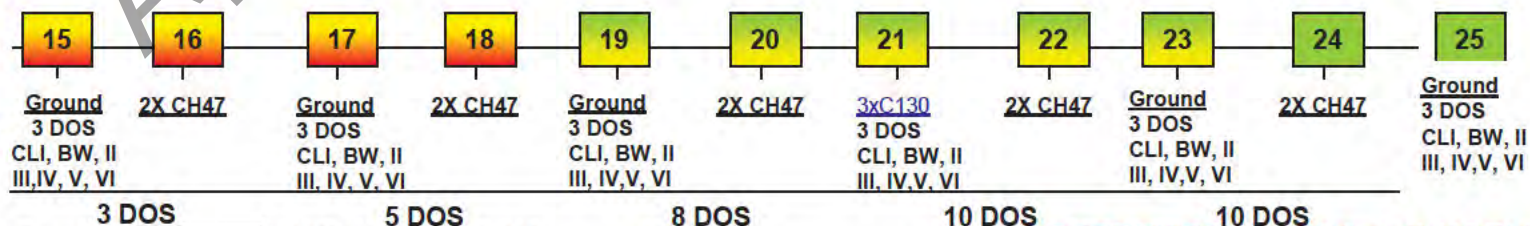
Operational Capability

- Tier 1 – Tents without A/C
- MREs → UGR 1 x Day
- Sponge Bath → Showers based on Well Operation

3/1/IIF

60 Vehicles

671 personnel



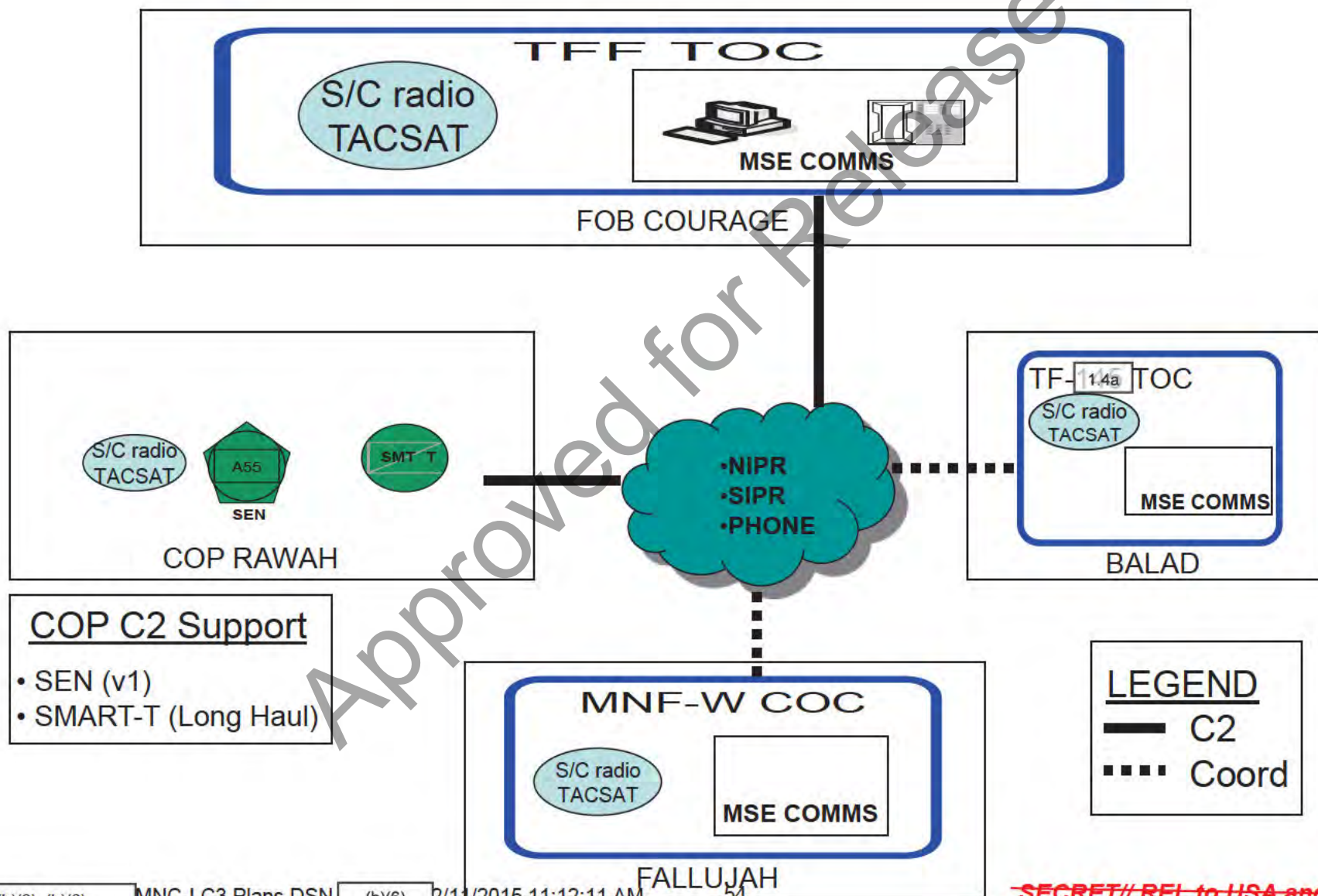


Command and Signal

- Supported and Supporting command relationship
 - Supported Command. TF 1.4a is designated the supported command for this operation. The supported command receives assistance from another command's forces or capabilities, and is responsible for ensuring that the supporting command understands the assistance required (JP 3-31).
 - 5.B. (~~S//REL~~) Supporting Command. MNC-I is the supporting command for this operation. The supporting command aids, protects, complements, or sustains the supported command; and, is responsible for providing the assistance required by the supported command (JP 3-31).
- MNF-NW has designated the commander, 1-25 SBCT as the ground commander in AO SABER and the mayor of COP RAWAH



Command and Signal Operation SAYAID Network Diagram





On-going Actions / Coordination

- **COP Location: Reconnaissance begins 01 JUL 05**
- **Incremental development of COP RAWAH**
- **Integration of 1/1 IIF HQs**
- **Tribal engagement in western Euphrates River Valley**

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- **Phase 1**
 - Rotary Wing Lift support; specifically CH-47/53
 - IA read in
 - MNF-NW reinforcement
- **Phase 2 planning**
 - Long term plan for ISF, including sustainment
 - Introduction of DBE



Guidance

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