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Initial Courses of Action: Joint Staff PLANORD for

Accelerated Force Drawdown in Iraq

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Directed COA

JS PLANORD (3 Dec 05) directed development of COAs to more rapidly reduce BCTs in Iraq if warranted by post-Election conditions; specifically:

- Directed COA: Increase by 2 BCTs shortly following the elections; reduce to 13 BCTs in Iraq NLT Mar 06; reduce to 10 BCTs in Iraq NLT Jun 06; reduce to 8 BCTs in Iraq NLT Sep 06
- SecDef expects other COAs for consideration as well

Agreed JS J3 / CC J3 suspense is 15 Jan 06

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Initial Planning Factors

- Goal: MNF Bde partnered with each Iraqi Army Div HQ
 - Min force: 8 x US BCT, 3 x CF Bdes (1 x Bde / each Iraqi Army Div HQ + 1.4b)
- Sustain the Coalition – requirement remains for 1 x UK Bde, 1 x IT Bde, 1 x PO Bde + 1.4b (at least two non-US Div HQs)
- Identify force reductions outside of BCTs – change the argument from pure BCT focus
- Match off-ramp to ISF assumption of battlespace wherever practical
- Maintain continuity between partnered MNF / IA units to the greatest extent possible
- Consider non-standard BCT structures where practical (redesigned Bdes with Bde HQ, Bn TF, MiTTs / PTTs, enablers)
 - Design plan to permit Bn-level off-ramp
- Fully identify what logistics support we must provide to ISF
- Validate Transition Team requirements; identify additional requirements as required (PTTs, PRTs)
- Build in flexibility; do not design a force structure that significantly limits future options
- Posture forces where their capabilities can best be employed (get Stryker BCT out of Mosul if possible)
- Maintain mix of forces (heavy/light/Stryker); preference to heavier force capability
- Space curtailments / redeployments to support conditions-based reduction strategy; permit time to assess conditions and meter the flow
- Curtailing / BOG out of in-place forces preferred over deploying forces for a short time and then curtailing
- Minimize double-RIPs
- Identify the missions that Force has assigned to Corps and that Corps has assigned to Divisions
 - Identify missions that we no longer need to do.
 - Identify missions Iraqis can assume
- Fully identify risk; project risk mitigation requirements

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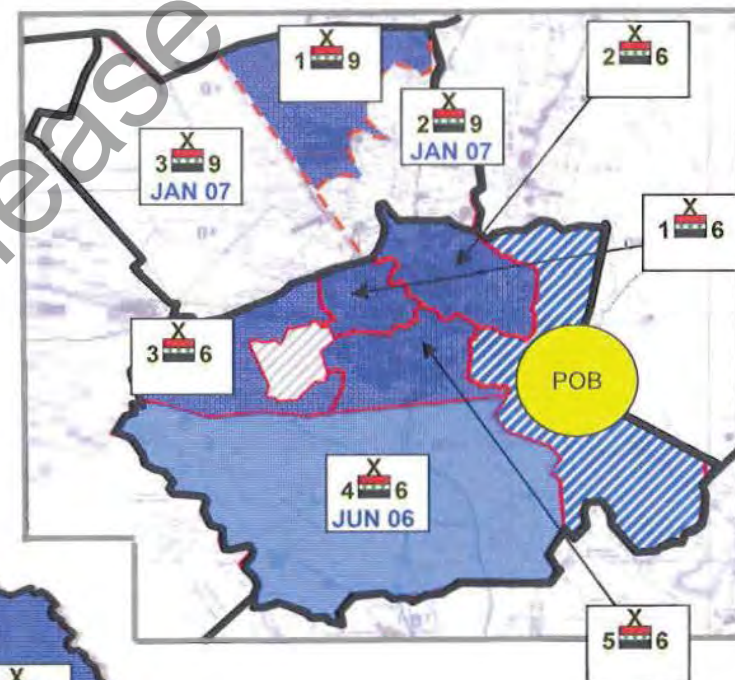
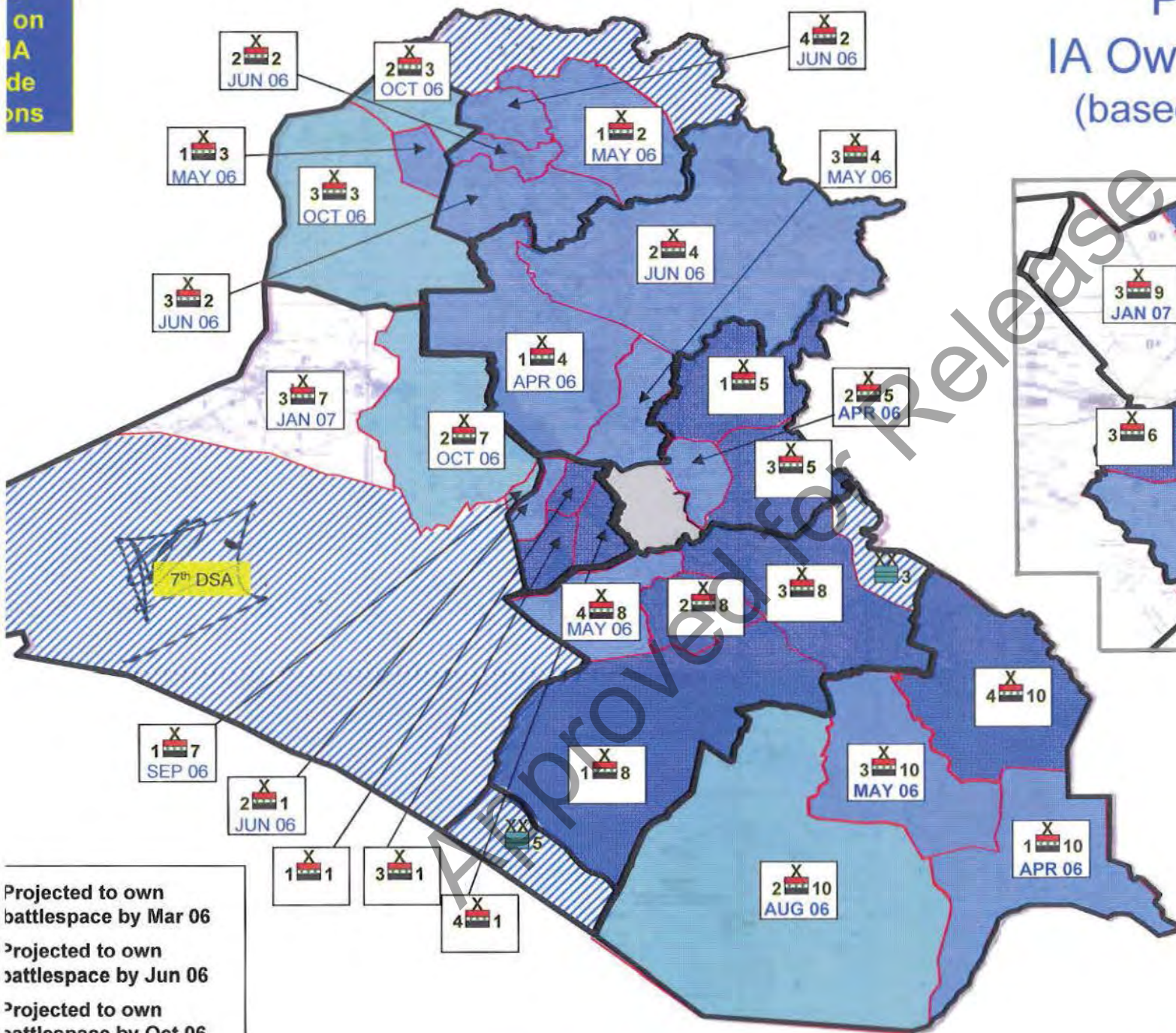
Initial Courses of Action

- Base Plan: 10 x US BCTs by Oct 06
- Stretch plan: 8 x US BCTs by Dec 06
- Accelerated Plan: 8 x US BCTs by Sep 06
- Intermediate steps of:
 - 13 BCTs in Mar 06
 - 10 x BCTs in Jun 06



Projection of IA Owned Battlespace (based on Dec 05 TRA)

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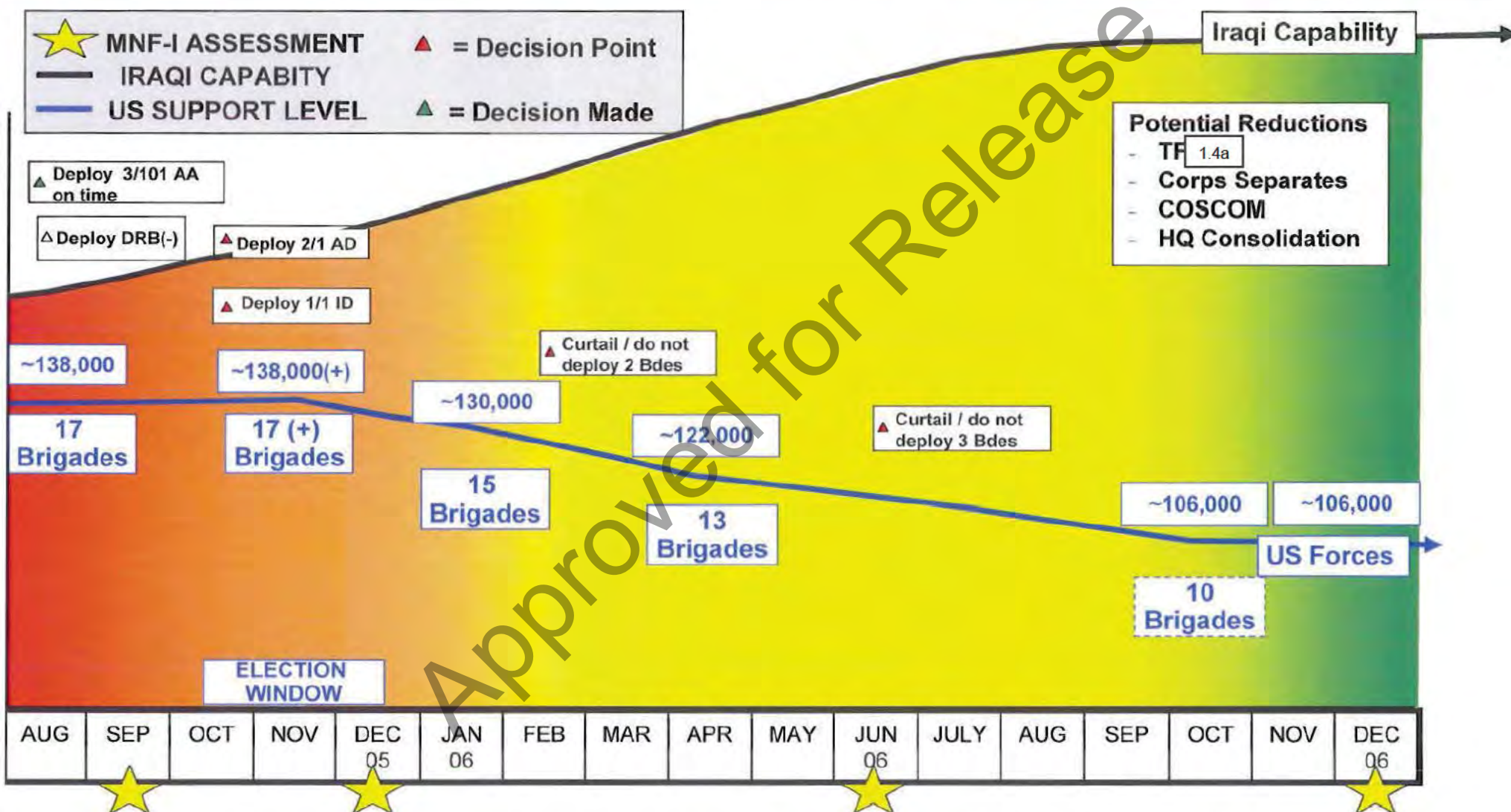
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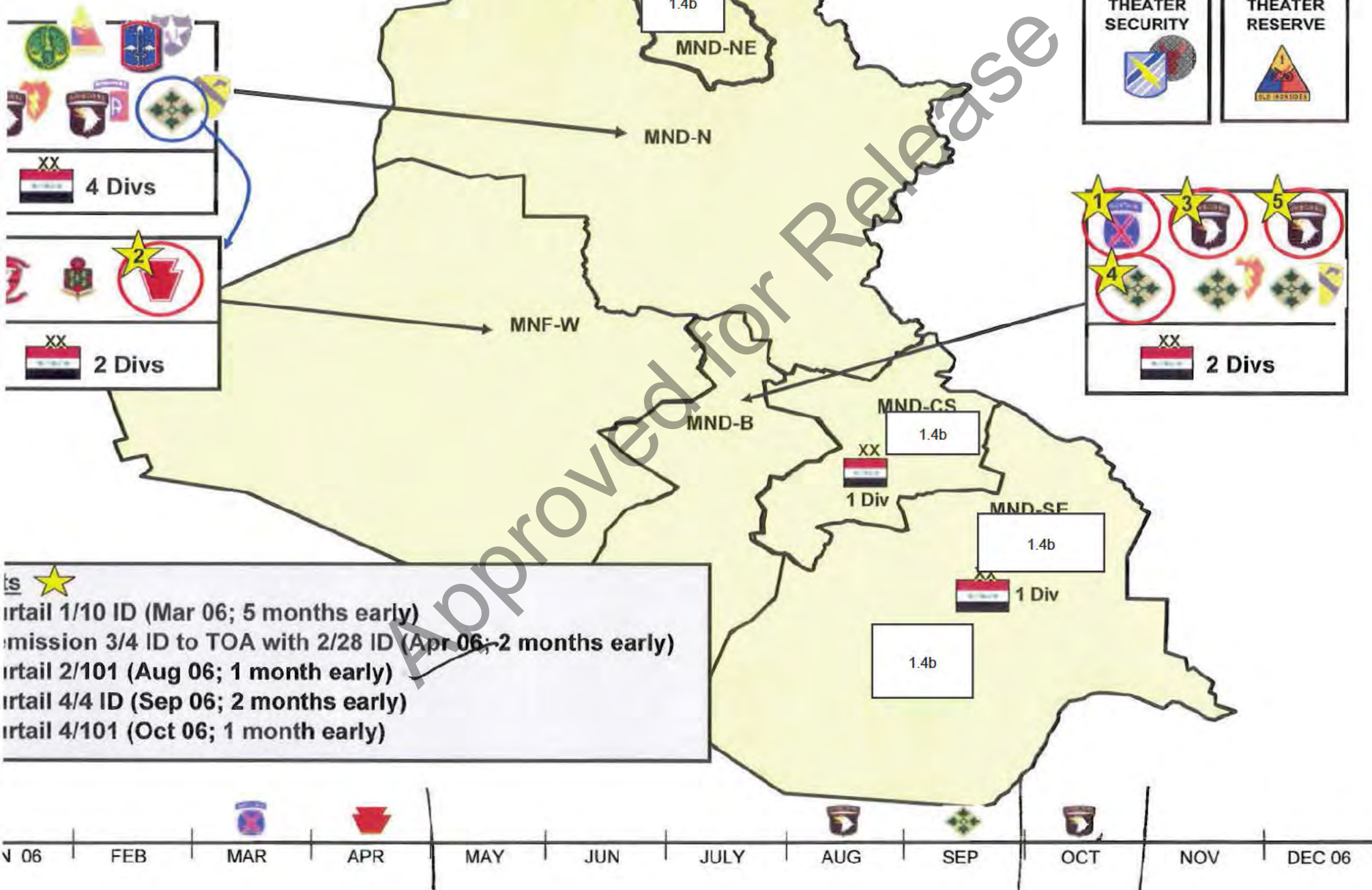


COA 1: Base Plan



US off-ramp strategy linked to development of capable ISF

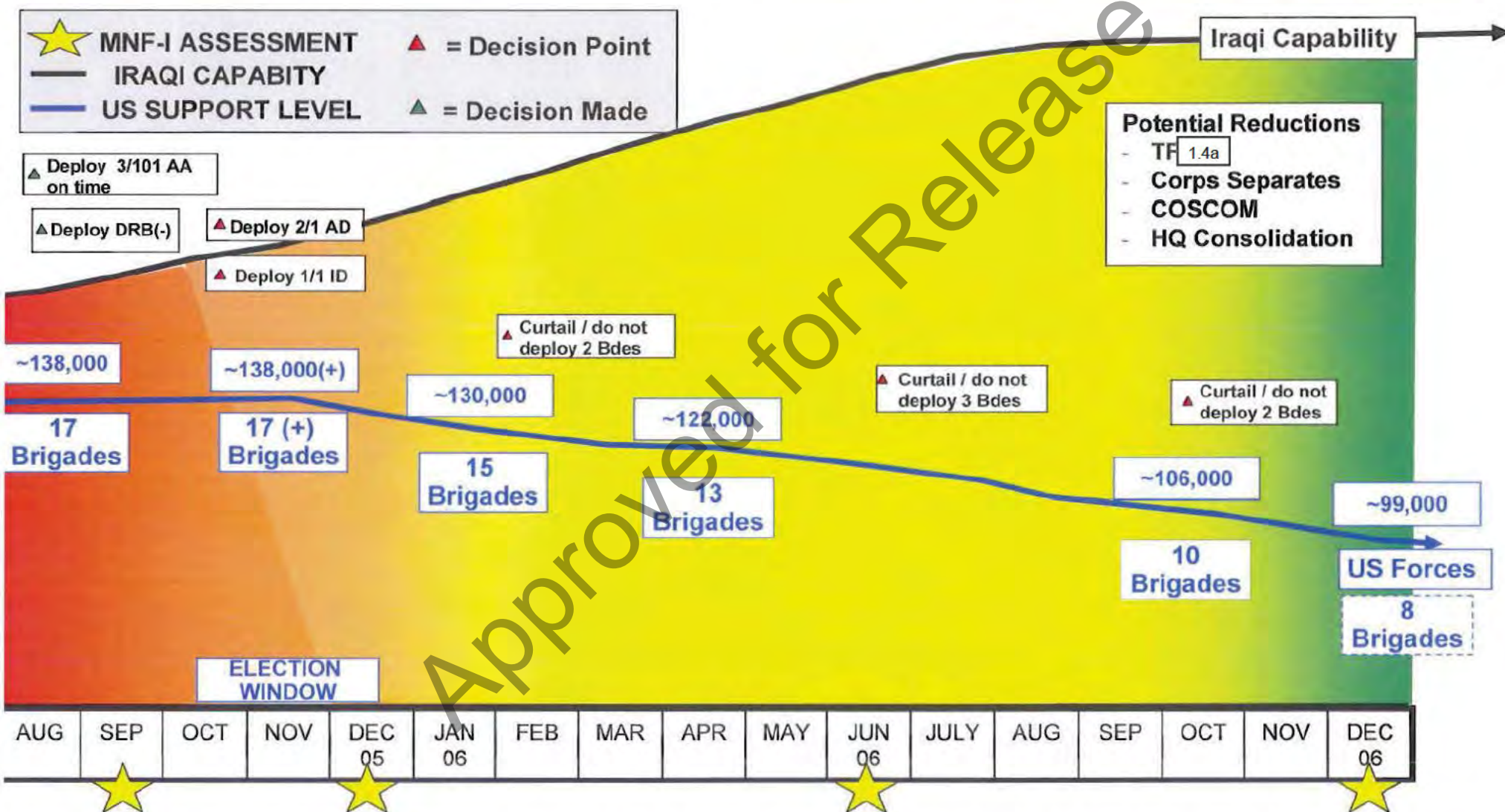
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COA 2: Stretch Plan



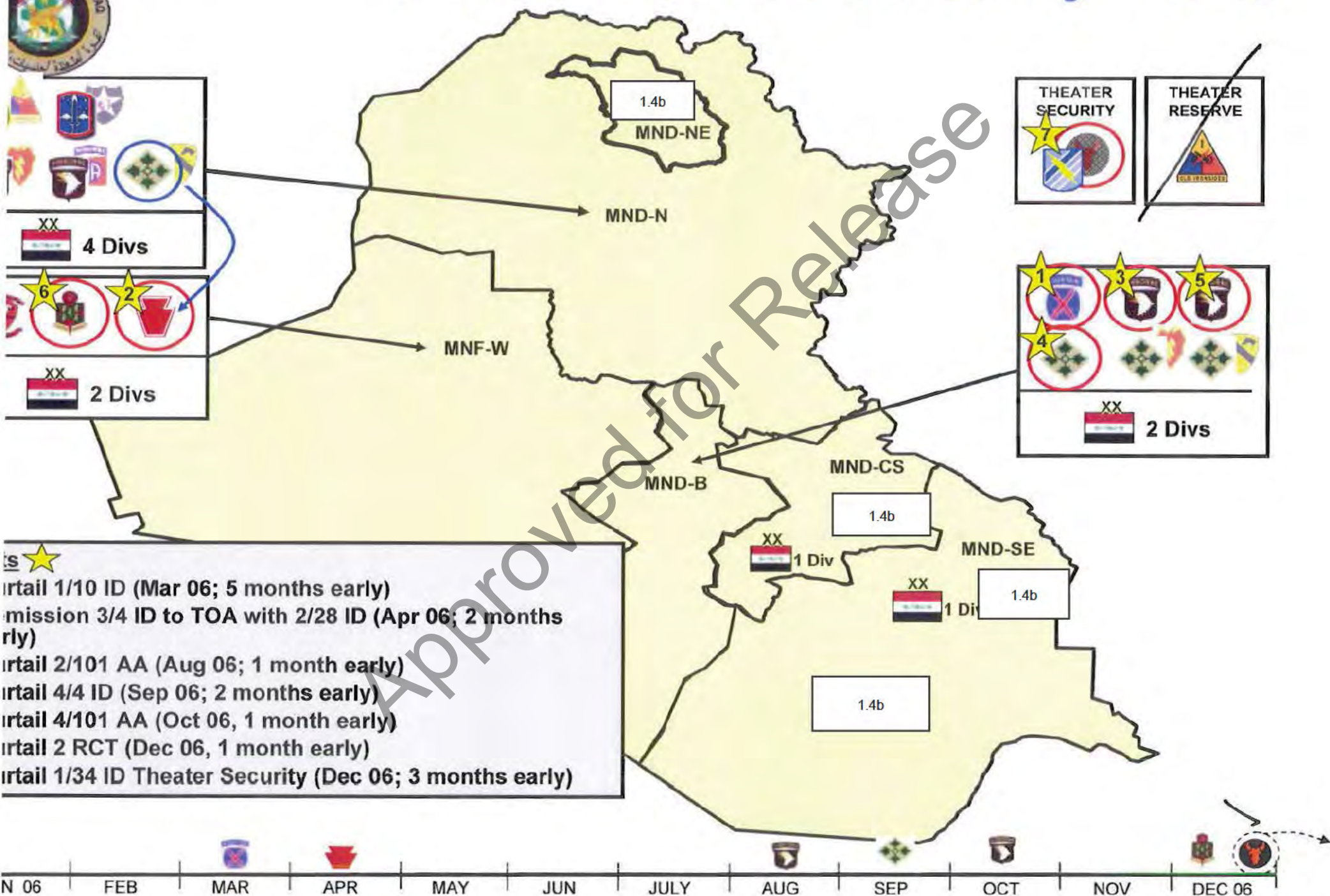
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Stretch Plan: 8 BCT Set by Dec 06

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 1/10 ID (Mar 06; 5 months early)
 3/4 ID to TOA with 2/28 ID (Apr 06; 2 months early)
 2/101 AA (Aug 06; 1 month early)
 4/4 ID (Sep 06; 2 months early)
 4/101 AA (Oct 06, 1 month early)
 2 RCT (Dec 06, 1 month early)
 1/34 ID Theater Security (Dec 06; 3 months early)

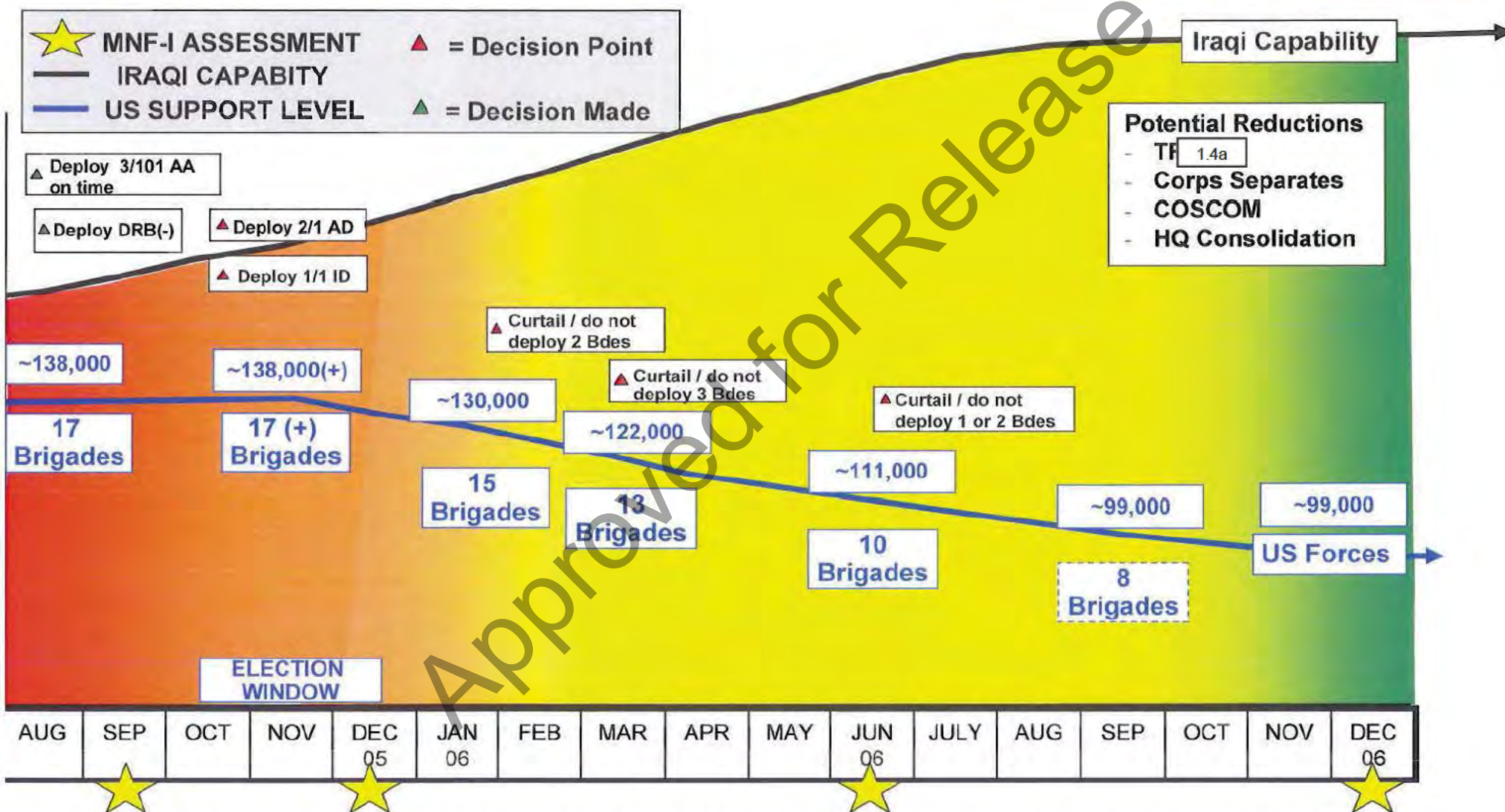


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COA 3: Accelerated Plan



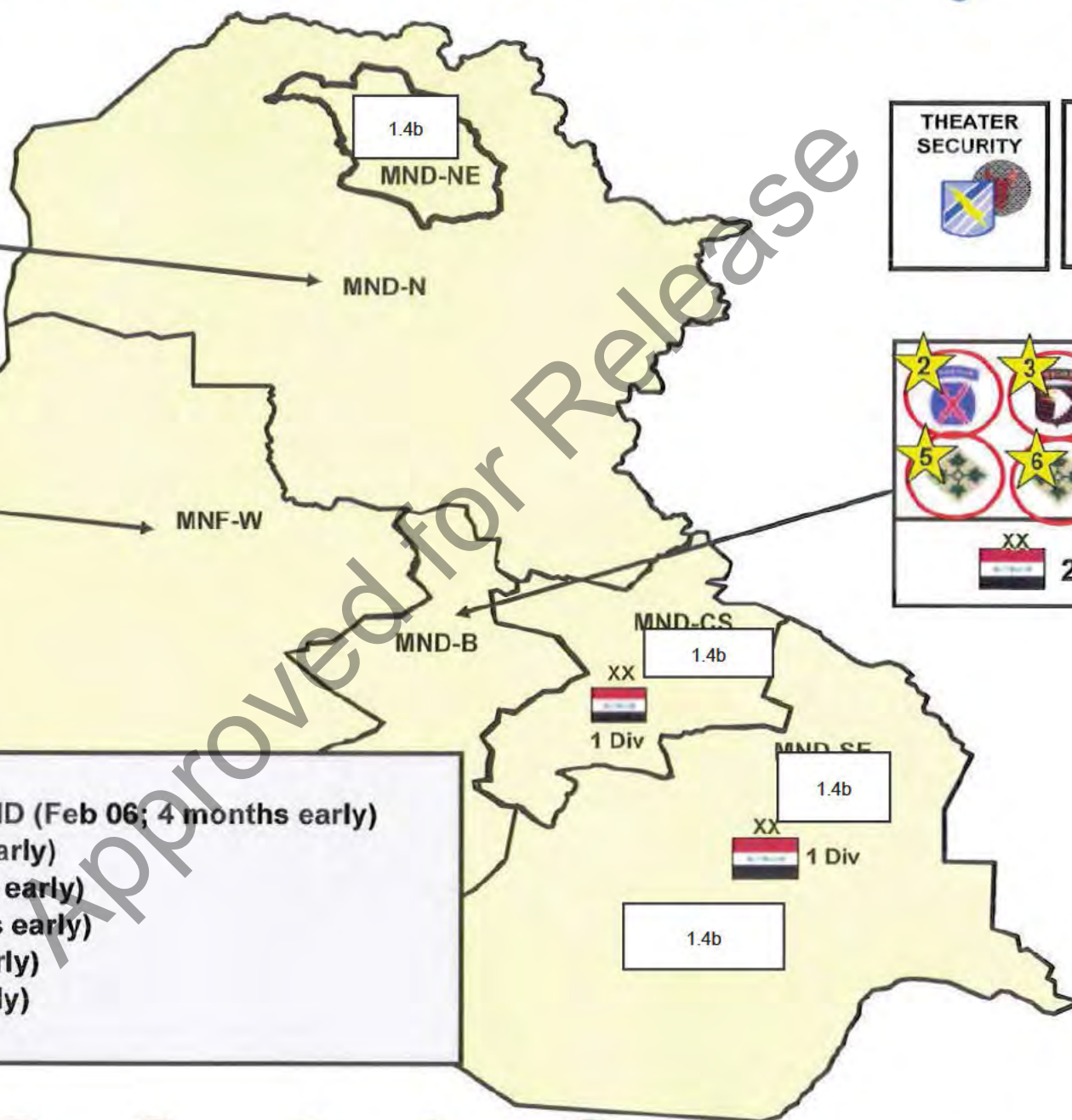
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Accelerated Plan: 8 BCT Set by Sep 06

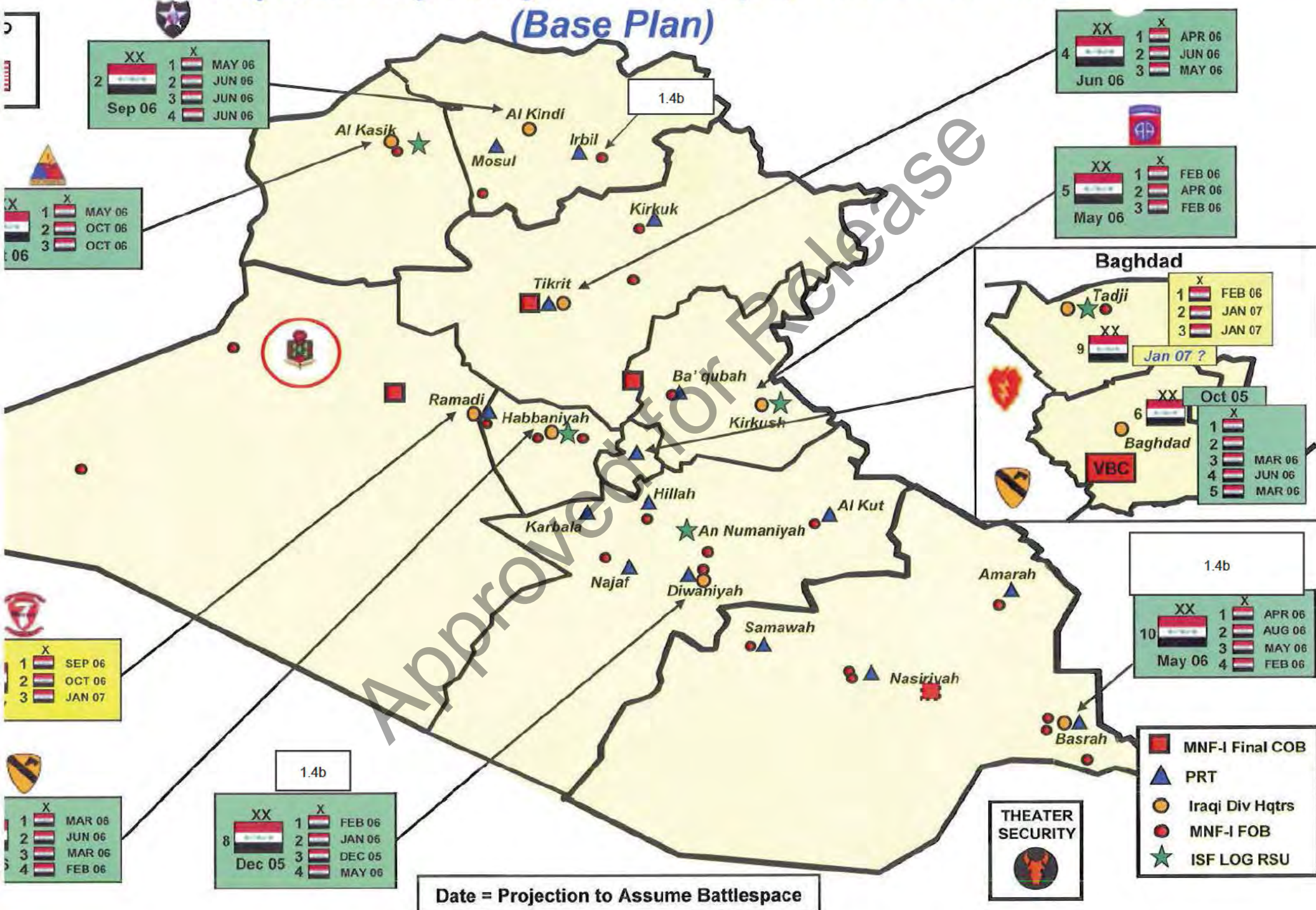


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Mission 3/4 ID to TOA with 2/28 ID (Feb 06; 4 months early)
Trail 1/10 ID (Mar 06; 5 months early)
Trail 4/101 AA (Apr 06; 7 months early)
Trail 1/101 AA (May 06; 4 months early)
Trail 2/4 ID (Jun 06; 5 months early)
Trail 4/4 ID (Jul 06; 4 months early)
not replace 3/101 AA (Aug 06)



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Conceptual Iraqi Army Partnerships, December 2006 (Base Plan)



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Way Ahead

- Refine COAs with MNC-I
 - Identify future HQ structure
 - Identify other potential force structure reductions
 - Identify requirement for Theater Security Brigade
- Build plan for CG's approval, presentation to CENTCOM / Joint Staff / SecDef

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