

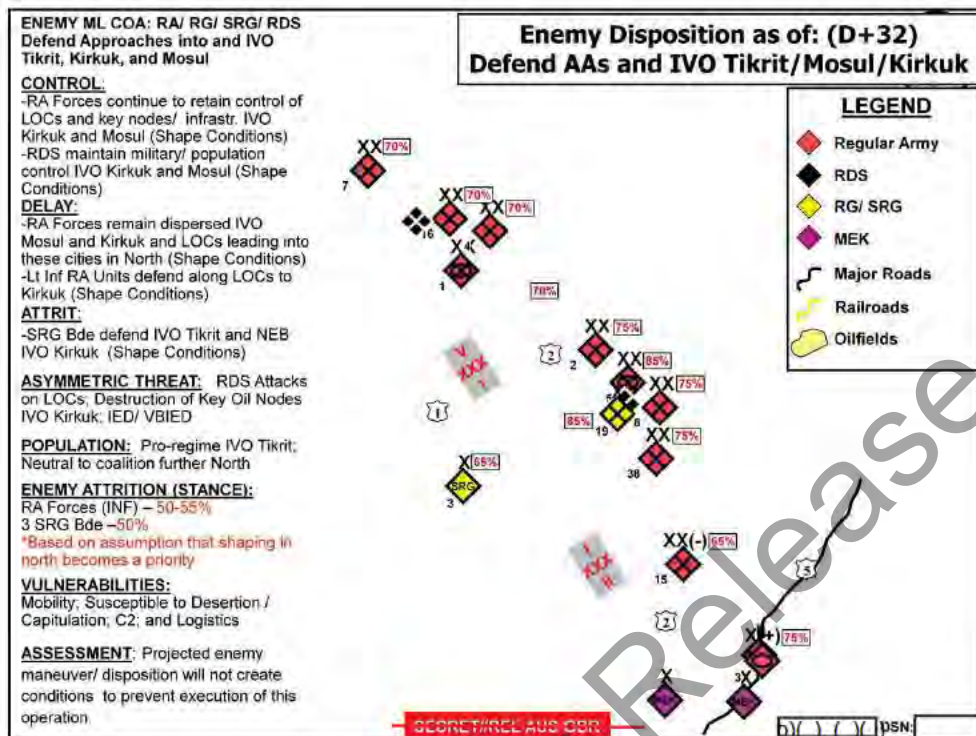


CFLCC MISSION ANALYSIS/ COA DEVELOPMENT BRIEF NORTH IRAQ OPERATIONS

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CFC Guidance



- Submit detailed Commander's estimate for accomplishing assigned tasks in North Iraq w/out 4ID entering through Turkey
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- Consider 3 courses of action.
- COA 1-Employ existing forces into North Iraq from South in response to emerging threats.
- COA 2-Employ forces into North Iraq from South based on current force flow projections.
- COA 3-Employ EUCOM forces via Airlift.
- All previous tasks remain the same.
- Include Comparative analysis of COAs to include projected Deployment/Employment Timelines.
- As Campaign unfolds in the South, requirement to Fix, Protect Critical Infrastructure, and separate Turkish and Kurdish forces increase in importance.

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Facts



- Center of gravity for operation Iraqi Freedom is Baghdad
- IO operations in the North are ongoing
- Fires are ongoing against Iraqi forces in the North (Lethal Shaping)
- Kurds have conducted limited movement forward
- APOD at Bashur is operational
- Regime Military and Non Military currently control Oil fields and Urban areas in Northern Iraq
- 21st TSC supports North to South
- Bridging assets available to support South to North
- DC flow has had minimal impact on movements

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Assumptions



- Following forces are available: SETAF, TF 1.4a(-), 173d AB, 26 MEU, 82d ABN DRB, 21 TSC (for COA 3)
- Diplomatic measures will discourage Turks from increasing their presence in N Iraq
- EUCOM/21st TSC will support forces in North until Ground LOC is established
- 2 Day Travel per Bde of 4 ID South to North (Kuwait to vic Baghdad via HET)
- GOT will allow resupply over flight rights and HA overland
- Utilize Emergency HA out of Germany
- Northern Oil Fields are rigged for destruction
- Kurds want to secure the Kirkuk Oil Fields
- Utilize CA brigade for echelons above division operations (Humanitarian Assistance Coordination Center) in the North

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Key Tasks



- Control Tikrit IOT Deny Regime Alternate Refuge Location
- Secure Key North Oil Nodes within Zone IOT Prevent Kurdish Control of Oil Resources
- Defeat Enemy Forces in Zone IOT Complete Regime Removal
- Secure Ground LOC IOT Facilitate Operations in the North
- BPT Control Mosul IOT Deter Turkish Adventurism

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CFLCC Specified Tasks (1 of 2)



- Develop and Submit COA 1 –Employ existing forces into Northern Iraq from the south in response to emerging threats. (Current CFLCC FRAGO 93 addresses I MEF forces moving North of Baghdad)
- Develop and Submit COA 2 – Employ forces into Northern Iraq from the South based on current force flow projections (4th ID/other Options)
- Develop and Submit COA 3 – Employ EUCOM forces into Northern Iraq via airlift (SETAF option)
- Develop and Submit to CDRUSCENTCOM detailed concept of operations and supporting analysis for:
 - Air or Land Employment
 - Detailed Timeline
 - Airlift Requirements
 - Movement Plan
 - Concept of Support and Employment

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CFLCC Specified Tasks (2 of 2)



- Plan for sustainment of EUCOM (Northern Forces) forces by Airlift only until GLOC est. from South
- On order receive OPCON of EUCOM forces
- Recommend Battlespace Apportionment
- On order Conduct L/U with North forces and est. Ground LOC from the South
- Plan for integration of North forces for PH IV operations
- Plan to provide CFLCC LNO team to EUCOM HQ
- Coordinate with EUCOM and supporting components for Identification of Key tasks to be accomplished for ea COA
- Develop Timeline for Key Actions to occur in support of ea COA
- Coordinate with EUCOM and Submit request for forces ISO COA 3 to CCJ3-PP HQ (Forces initially work for CFSOCC in their JSOA – CFSOCC does the RFF)
- Plan to assume logistical/personnel support of CFC forces in Northern Iraq once a secure GLOC is established from Kuwait to Northern Iraq

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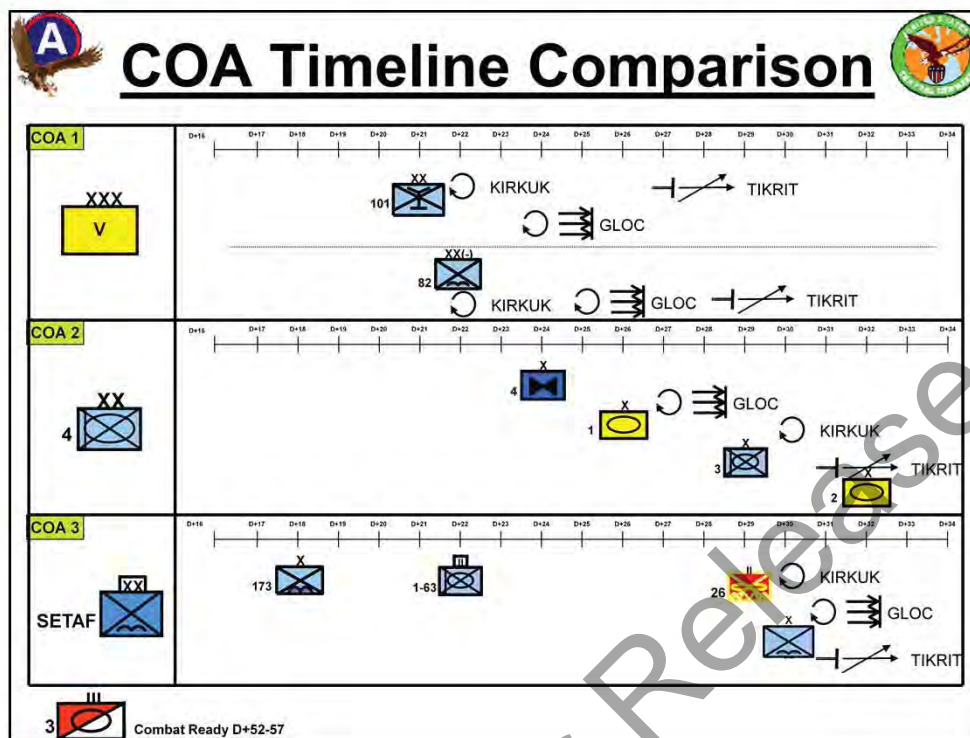
Implied Tasks

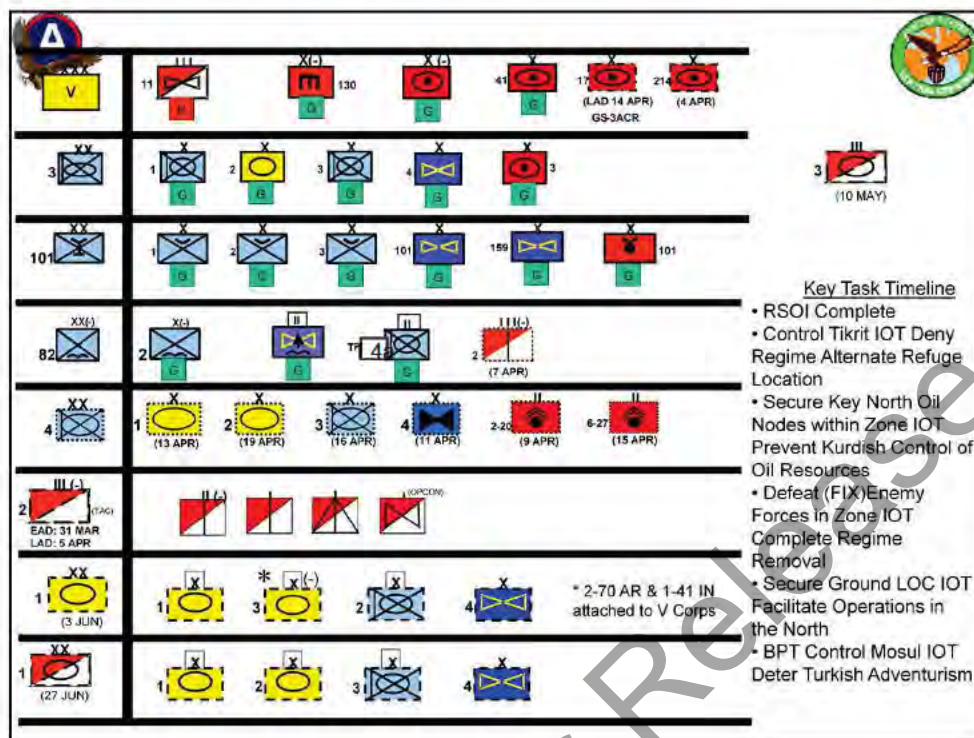


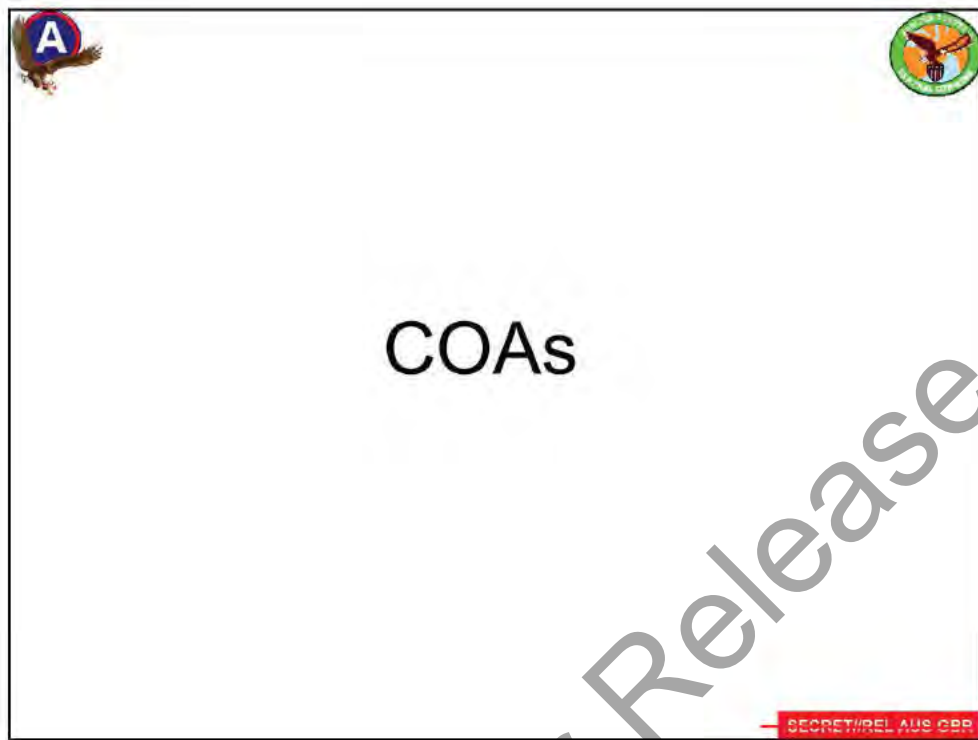
- Provide support to oil contractors in Northern Oil Fields
- Establish Northern LSA
- Assume control of EPW Collection Point/Holding Area
- Conduct LOC Security
- Establish HACC in North

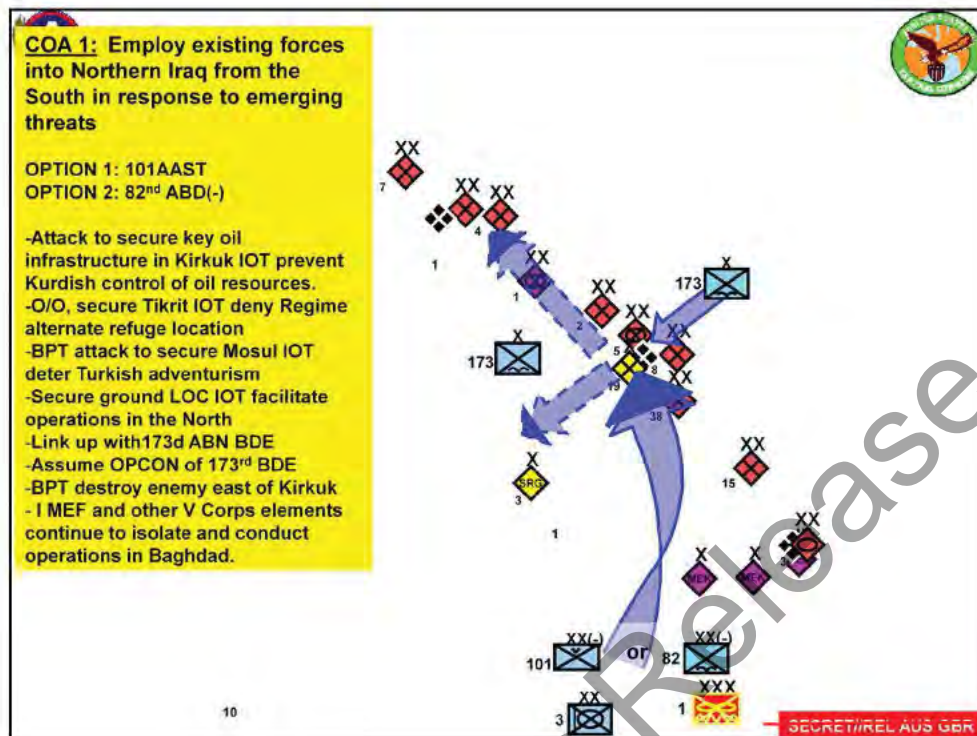
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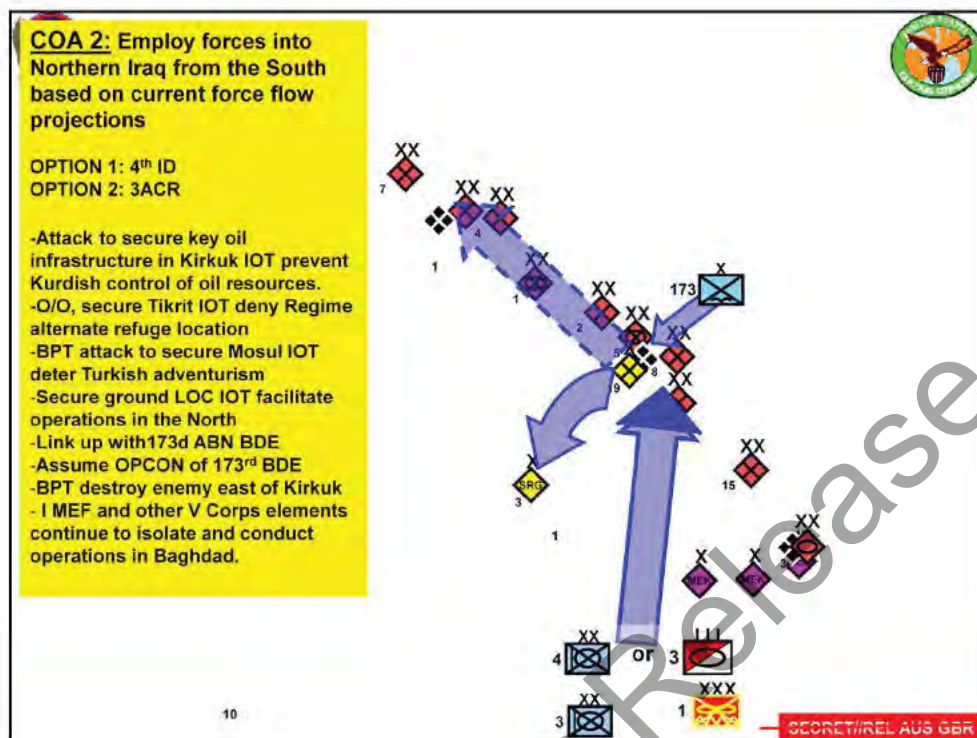
COA 1 Options





Employ existing forces into Northern Iraq from the South in response to emerging threats

- Likely choice is a heavy/light task-organized element
- Options:
 - 82nd ABD(-) with current force-structure in Iraq
 - 101st AASLT(-) Div C2 node, flag officer, 1 BDE with attack aviation capability
- In both cases, these Div level command and control elements would accept OPCON of 173rd once they are vic Kirkuk
- CFLCC will establish land LOC from South as soon as feasible
- Element will continue close coordination with JSOTF-N
- Sustainment from EUCOM is critical until land LOC is in place and secure

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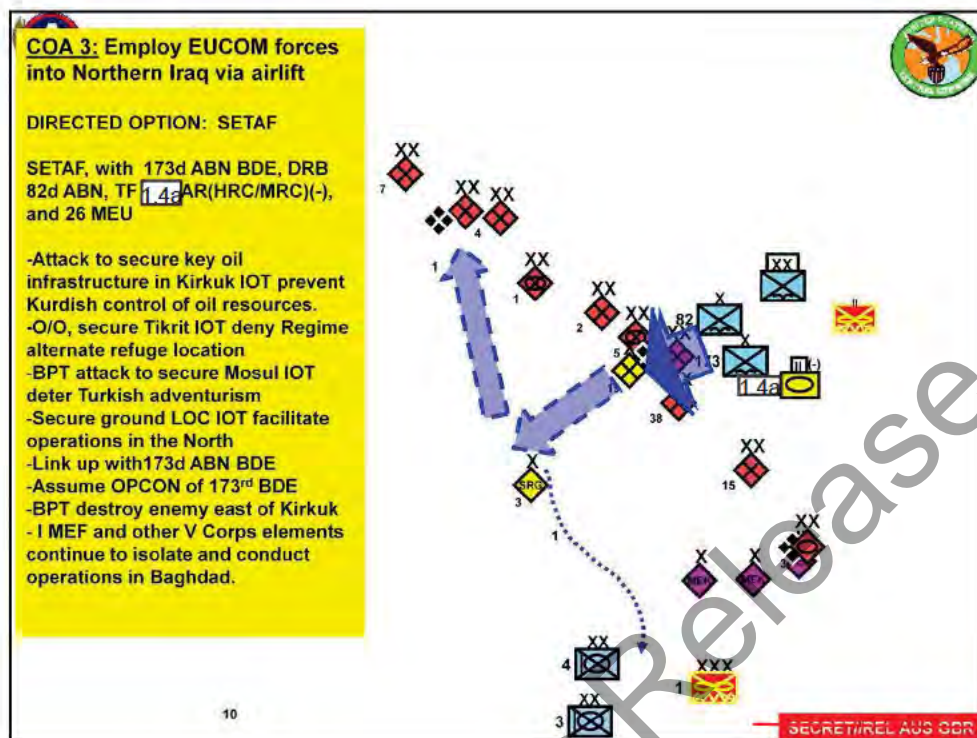
COA 2 Options


Employ forces into Northern Iraq from the South based on current force flow projections

- Likely choice is a heavy/light task-organized element
- Options:
 - 4th ID task organized dependant upon the Baghdad fight and other tasks/conditions within CFLCC
 - 101st AASLT(-) Div C2 node, flag officer, 1 BDE with attack aviation capability
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COA 3 Options


Employ EUCOM forces into Northern Iraq via airlift

- SETAF conducts operations with 173rd ABN, 26 MEU and TF 1.4a(-)
- EUCOM provides support via air/ground
- CFLCC establishes ground LOC from South to Link-up with this forces when feasible
- Subsequent command and control relationships established based on conditions (Phase III or Phase IV)


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COA CONSIDERATIONS						
	Key Task Timeline	Logistical Sustainability	Air Lift Demands	Phase IV Adjustments	Impact on Baghdad Fight	Command & Control
COA 1 Employ existing forces into Northern Iraq from the South in response to emerging threats 101 ST ABN 82d ABN	D+ 21 D+ 22	Supportable No RSOI Less reliance on GLOC Air Resupply	AASLT Intra-theater (54 C-130)	Requires adjustments to set Phase IV	Takes CBT PWR from Baghdad	V Corps controls OPCON
COA 2 Employ forces into Northern Iraq from the South based on current force flow projections 4ID 3 ACR	D+30 D+57	Supportable LOG Intensive GLOC dependant New LSA	No Air Lift Required HET (2 Days to Baghdad per Bde)	Supports Phase IV Operations	Minimal impact	V Corps controls OPCON
COA 3 Employ EUCOM forces into Northern Iraq via airlift	D+30	Supportable by EUCOM Air Resupply	Requires inter and intra-theater assets	Provides additional force	No Impact	EUCOM is in DS OPCON to CFLCC



Issues



- How much/how long can we expect EUCOM logistical support for forces in the North?
- COA 3: X-band satellite connectivity only supportable at expense of current CFLCC bandwidth (V Corps, I MEF and CFLCC lose bandwidth)

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Required Support from CENTCOM



- Coordination with EUCOM for logistical support (ground and air sustainment)
- Priority of airlift as required to support operations in the North
- Coordination with EUCOM for MEU availability
- Coordination with EUCOM for SETAF employment (COA 3)
- Coordinate with EUCOM for Request for Forces (COA 3)

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Concept of Support



- COA 1 and 2: Theater LSA Adder continues operations and 377th TSC task organizes to shorten V Corps LOC's. 377th establishes a convoy support center vic Ad Diwaniyah to support MSR Tampa and ASR Jackson. V Corps secures OBJ Redskins and begins establishing LSA Copperhead. 377th prepares to conduct RIP with V Corps and assumes operation of LSA Copperhead. V Corps echelons internal logistics forward and eventually closes LSA Bushmaster. Reduction of V Corps LOC's will allow for sustainment of operations North of Baghdad. 173rd continues to receive support through EUCOM. After link-up with 173rd, EUCOM continues to support via ground and air means.
- COA 3: Current CFLCC theater log structure continues to develop and transition as stated above. SETAF is sustained through air LOC from EUCOM. After link-up with ground forces from the South, EUCOM continues to support via ground and air means.

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