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BROADCAST WAS MADE UTILIZING A SPANISH OFFICER WHO FLEW WITH VOLANT SLOL BETWEEN MORON AB AND GATEFE AB. A STATIC DISPLAY AND BRIEFING WAS GIVEN TO THE AFSOB AT MORON AB.

B. ~~48~~ HIGHLIGHTS/PROBLEM AREAS:

THE MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT WAS THAT VOLANT SOLO PARTICIPATED IN ALL SCHEDULED EVENTS EXCEPT OESLING. ALL TAKEOFFS/STATION TIMES WERE ON TIME AND THE AIRCRAFT REMAINED FULLY MISSION CAPABLE THROUGHOUT THE DEPLOYMENT. VOLANT SOLO CAPABILITIES WERE DEMONSTRATED FOR THE FIRST TIME TO THE GENERAL STAFF OF DENMARK, ITALY, AND SPAIN. IT WAS ALSO THE FIRST TIME FOR SHAPE AND GERMAN PSYOPS PLANNERS TO LEARN THE UNITED STATES PSYOPS CAPABILITIES. OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE WAS THE BRIEFING WITH THE PRESIDENT OF RADIO FREE EUROPE/RADIO LIBERTY AND GENERAL OTIS.

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SUBJ: 193 SOG AFTER ACTION REPORT ON JCRX FLINTLOCK 86 (U)

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

THE 193 SPECIAL OPERATIONS GROUP WAS DEPLOYED TO RHEIN-MAIN AIR BASE, GERMANY FROM 26 APRIL TO 11 MAY 1986 IN SUPPORT OF JCRX FLINTLOCK 86.

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THE 45 PARTICIPANTS FROM THE 193 SOG INCLUDED EIGHT OFFICERS AND 37 ENLISTED; 16 WERE AIRCREW. AIR ASSETS EMPLOYED WERE ONE EC-130E VOLANT SOLO AND ONE EC-130E ENROUTE SUPPORT AIRCRAFT. PSYCHOLOGICAL BROADCAST MISSIONS WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF SUB-EXERCISES SCHWARZES PFERD AND TRABUCCO, KEY NATO AND U.S. PERSONNEL WERE BRIEFED ON PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS AND ON VOLANT SOLO, INCLUDING A TOUR OF THE MISSION AIRCRAFT. THESE BRIEFINGS AND STATIC DISPLAYS WERE HELD IN ITALY, BELGIUM, DENMARK, SPAIN AND TWO LOCATIONS IN GERMANY. ALTHOUGH THIS WAS A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL DEPLOYMENT FOR THE 193 SOG, TWO PROBLEM AREAS MUST BE HIGHLIGHTED. FIRST, THERE WAS DIFFICULTY COMPLYING WITH THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF SOCEURSUP TO JCS PUB 20. IN SOME CASES, TASKING MESSAGES FROM COMSOCEUR WERE RECEIVED MINUTES BEFORE TAKEOFF OR AFTER MISSIONS WERE COMPLETE. THUS, IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE 193 SOG TO SEND A MISSION CONCEPT MESSAGE 72 HOURS PRIOR TO EACH EVENT OR A MISSION SUPPORT CONFIRMATION MESSAGE 48 HOURS PRIOR. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT CONCEPTS AND CONFIRMATIONS WERE EMBODIED IN THE 193 SOG EXERCISE SUPPLEMENT FOR FLINTLOCK 86, 1 APRIL 86, WHICH WAS FORWARDED TO HQ USAF/DOOS, USCINCEUR/EC J3-FE AND 10 OTHER ADDRESSEES. SENDING MESSAGES WHICH HAVE GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATIONS OMITTED FROM ADDRESSEES PROVED TO BE A PROBLEM FOR THE COMMUNICA-

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THE PROBLEM AREAS HAVE ALREADY BEEN DISCUSSED. COMMUNICATION PROBLEMS MAY HAVE BEEN ALLEVIATED IF THE 193 SOG HAD DEPLOYED PERSONNEL TO THE AFSOB AND COMSOCEUR. THIS WAS NOT POSSIBLE DURING FL86 DUE TO LACK OF GUARDMEN AND BUDGET CONSTRAINTS, BUT WILL BE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED NEXT YEAR.

OVERALL FLINTLOCK 86 WAS AN EXCELLENT DEMONSTRATION OF THE UNITED STATES PSYOPS CAPABILITIES AND MAY HAVE A LONG LASTING EFFECT ON PSYOPS PARTICIPATION IN FUTURE EXERCISES.

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TIONS CENTER AT RHEIN-MAIN, GE, SINCE THEY DID NOT HAVE USCINCEUR MSG 021515Z APR 86 WHICH LISTED THE ROUTING INDICATORS. SERIOUS TASKING PROBLEMS WOULD HAVE BEEN ENCOUNTERED IF 193 SOG PARTICIPATION HAD NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY FRAGGED BY CINCSAREUR-AEAGC-PS AND USCINCEUR-EC J2/SO. THE SECOND PROBLEM AREA OCCURRED ON 9 MAY 86 WHEN THE VOLANT SOLO MISSION IN SUPPORT OF SUB-EXERCISE OESLING WAS NOT FLOWN BECAUSE NECESSARY PSYOP PRODUCTS (AND 10 TAPES) WERE NOT DELIVERED TO 193 SOG PERSONNEL. THE DELIVERY OF THE TAPES WAS COORDINATED THE PREVIOUS DAY BY NOBODY ARRIVED AT RHEIN-MAIN WITH THE TAPES. THE AIRCRAFT WAS IN COMMISSION WITH THE CREW IN THEIR SEATS.

A. ~~18~~ GENERAL:

DURING SUB-EXERCISE SCHWARZES PFERD THE PURPOSE WAS TO CONDUCT LIMIT PSYOP ACTIVITIES UTILIZING ELEMENTS OF THE 4TH PSYOP GP AND AND EC-130 VOLANT SOLO AIRCRAFT. THE MAJOR PURPOSE WAS TO DEMONSTRATE VOLANT SOLO CAPABILITIES, VIA BRIEFING AND STATIC DISPLAYS, TO DIFFERENT NATO COUNTRIES. THE FIRST MISSION WAS DIRECTED TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT. THE VOLANT SOLO MISSION BRIEFING WAS GIVEN TO THE ITALIAN GENERAL STAFF. THREE GENERAL OFFICERS FLEW REAL TIME BROADCAST ON THE AIRCRAFT. THE SECOND MISSION WAS TO CHIEFVRES

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BELGIUM WHERE THE SHAPE PSYOP STAFF WERE BRIEFED AND THE AIRCRAFT DISPLAYED. MISSIONS THREE AND FOUR BRIEFED THE DANISH AND SPANISH STAFF (SUB-EXERCISE TRABUCCO) RESPECTIVELY. MISSION FIVE BRIEFED AND DISPLAYED VOLANT SOLO TO THE GERMAN PSYOPS BATTALION. MISSION SIX BRIEFED GENERAL OTIS AND THE DIRECTOR OF RADIO FREE EUROPE. DURING SCHWARZES PFERD FOUR REAL TIME BROADCASTS WERE MADE IN THE STUTTGART EXERCISE AREA. DURING THE SUB-EXERCISE TRABUCCO, ONE

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ADDITIONAL IN-THEATER COMBAT TALON (MC-130K) ASSETS UPGRADED TO MEET CENTRAL EUROPEAN ELECTRONIC ORDER OF BATTLE IS ESSENTIAL.

ADDITIONALLY, THIS THEATER REQUIRES LONG-RANGE VERTICAL LIFT CAPABILITY TO PROVIDE EXTRACTION/EXFILTRATION CAPABILITY. PRESENT ROTARY WING RANGE LIMITATIONS PRECLUDE THEIR SUPPORT TO MOST TEAM AREAS. ONGOING PROJECT TO DEVELOP JOINT VERTICAL LIFT AIRCRAFT (JVX) NEEDS CONTINUED FUNDING AND SUPPORT.

5. (U) EXERCISE FLINTLOCK 84 IDENTIFIED THE NEED FOR GREATER EMPHASIS ON JOINT SERVICES INTEROPERABILITY. DEFICIENCIES EXIST IN LEVEL OF JOINT SOF TRAINING STANDARDIZED JOINT SOF MANUALS AMONG THE SERVICES, AND EXPEDITIOUS AVENUES TO IDENTIFY NEW CAPABILITIES AND CONDUCT TESTS FOR SUBSEQUENT IMPLEMENTATION. TO EXPEDITE IMPROVING JOINT SOF INTEROPERABILITY RECOMMEND JSOA INITIATE EFFORTS TO INCREASE PERIODIC JOINT TRAINING AMONG CONUS BASED SOF UNITS, AND SPONSOR AN ANNUAL JOINT SOF MANUALS/TEST REVIEW.

6. (U) AS A RESULT OF CURRENT KNOWN WARTIME SOF AIRFRAME SHORTFALLS, SPECIAL FORCES TEAMS PARTICIPATING IN FRG SUBEXERCISE SCHWARZES PFERD WERE OPERATIONALLY INFILTRATED UPON THE PREMISE THAT PREPLANNED RESUPPLY MISSIONS WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE. THEREFORE, TEAMS WERE PARACHUTE INSERTED WITH EQUIPMENT, RATIONS AND PERSONAL GEAR NECESSARY FOR ENTIRE MISSION. SOME TEAMS ELECTED TO DISTRIBUTE ADDED ITEMS AMONG TEAM MEMBERS THEREBY INCREASING INDIVIDUAL LOADS CAUSING MUCH HEAVIER RUCKSACKS. COMBINATION OF THIS FACTOR AND SEVERAL TEAMS LANDING OFF DESIGNATED DROP ZONES CAUSED THE PERSONNEL INJURY RATE IN FL 84 TO BE HIGHER THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS. THE VARIABLES THAT CAUSED HIGHER PERSONNEL INJURIES HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED WITH ALL PARTICIPATING SOF COMMANDERS AND WILL BE ADDRESSED IN GREATER DETAIL IN FL 84 AFTER ACTION REPORT.

7. (U) THE EXERCISE ALSO IDENTIFIED A SIGNIFICANT LOGISTIC SHORTFALL IN POMCUS AND OPERATIONAL PROJECTS TO SUPPORT US ARMY RESERVE AND NATIONAL GUARD SO FORCES. LIMITED POMCUS STOCKS AND INSUFFICIENT INTRA-THEATER AIRLIFT ASSETS TO MOVE REQUIRED EQUIPMENT FROM OTHER LOCATIONS REDUCED BASING OPTIONS AND RESTRICTS EMPLOYMENT/OPERATIONAL FLEXIBILITY.

8. (U) RESOLUTION OF THESE IDENTIFIED EXERCISE PROBLEMS WILL GREATLY ENHANCE THEATER PREPARATION AND TRAINING FOR ITS WARTIME MISSION.

9. (U) IN RESPONSE TO REF A REQUIREMENT, SOF COMMUNICATIONS AND AIRCRAFT SHORTFALLS/LIMITATIONS MERIT ACTION BY JOINT CHIEFS OF

STAFF AND RECOMMEND INCLUSION IN JCS REMEDIAL ACTION PROGRAMS (RAP). DETAILED AFTER ACTION REPORT WILL FOLLOW WITHIN 90 DAYS. DECL OADR BT

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STAFF. DETAILED AFTER ACTION REPORT TO FOLLOW WITHIN 90 DAYS.
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REPLY TO ECJ3-FE

SUBJ: EXERCISE INITIAL IMPRESSIONS REPORT - FLINTLOCK 83 (U)
A. JCS SM - 234-81, 8 APR 81 (U) NOTAL (AS AMENDED 4 MAY 81)

1. (U) REFERENCE REQUESTS AFTER ACTION REPORT ON JCS
COORDINATED EXERCISES ON MATTERS OF DOCTRINE, TACTICS AND
PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED WHICH WARRANT FURTHER ATTENTION/EVALUATION.

9. ~~(S)~~ FLINTLOCK 83 AGAIN HIGHLIGHTED TWO CRITICAL COMMUNICATIONS
DEFICIENCIES WHICH SERIOUSLY DEGRADE EFFECTIVE COMMAND AND CONTROL
(C2) OF SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES (SOF). AT SERVICE COMPONENT LEVEL
LACK OF JOINTLY INTEROPERABLE, LIGHT WEIGHT, SUSTAINABLE HF BURST
RADIO SYSTEM IS MOST SERIOUS DEFICIENCY. AT JUMTF LEVEL LACK OF
DESIGNATED SOTF COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT ELEMENT MANNED, EQUIPPED AND
TRAINED TO ESTABLISH RAPIDLY MINIMUM ESSENTIAL C2 CONNECTIVITY IS
MOST SERIOUS DEFICIENCY. CONTINUED AND INCREASED EMPHASIS MUST BE
PLACED ON PROVIDING SOF FORCES AT ALL LEVELS OF OPERATION THE
EQUIPMENT TO RESPOND EFFECTIVELY TO THEIR TASKING.

3. ~~(S)~~ FLINTLOCK 83 AGAIN DEMONSTRATED SHORTFALLS IN AIR
ASSETS. TASKING MORE NEARLY SIMULATED WARTIME LEVELS THAN IN
PREVIOUS YEARS, TASKING AUGMENTED IN-THEATER AIR FORCE ASSETS TO
EXTENT THAT SOME MISSIONS HAD TO BE DELAYED IN ORDER TO HAVE
AIRFRAMES FOR SUPPORT. THEATER ASSIGNED SPECIAL OPERATIONS
AIRCRAFT ARE INSUFFICIENT TO MEET CONTINGENCY, GENERAL WAR, OR
EVEN EXERCISE TASKING. NEED FOR ADDITIONAL IN-THEATER COMBAT
TALON (MC-130) ASSETS IS ESSENTIAL. ADDITIONALLY, THIS THEATER
REQUIRES LONG-RANGE HELO OR SHORT TAKEOFF AND LANDING (STOL)
AIRCRAFT TO MEET TASKING IN MEDITERRANEAN LITTORAL AREAS.
AIRCRAFT WITH CAPABILITIES OF PROPOSED JOINT VERTICAL LIFT
AIRCRAFT (JVX) OR EVEN MASA'S QUIET SHORTHAUL RESEARCH AIRCRAFT
(QSRA) WOULD PROVIDE QUANTUM LEAP IN SPECIAL OPERATIONS CAPABILITY.

4. ~~(S)~~ FLINTLOCK 83 DEMONSTRATED SHORTCOMINGS IN MAC SPECIAL
OPERATIONS LOW LEVEL (SOLL) TRAINING REQUIREMENTS, LIMITING THEIR
EMPLOYMENT CAPABILITY.

A. ~~(S)~~ NIGHT FLYING ALTITUDE IN MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN PLACED
AIRCRAFT IN A VULNERABLE ELECTRONIC DETECTION POSITION.
EUROPEAN WEATHER ALONE REQUIRES LOWERING NIGHT SOLL TRAINING
ALTITUDES.

B. ~~(S)~~ CLANDESTINE DROP ZONE IDENTIFICATION IS CRITICAL TO
BOTH TEAM AND AIRCRAFT SAFETY. MAC SOLL AIRCREWS SHOULD BE
AUTHORIZED TO WEAR NIGHT VISION GOGGLES (NVG) FOR EN ROUTE
NAVIGATION, TURN POINT IDENTIFICATION, AND DROP ZONE
AUTHENTICATION. SOLL AIRCREWS MUST BE TRAINED IN, AND HAVE
AVAILABLE FOR USE, NVGS WHEN CONDUCTING SPECIAL OPERATIONS MISSIONS.

5. ~~(S)~~ LIMITED ON-BOARD SYSTEMS ALSO CONTRIBUTED TO MAC SOLL
AIRCRAFT VULNERABILITY. LACK OF SECURE COMMUNICATION, INERTIAL
NAVIGATION AND RADAR WARNING SYSTEMS SIGNIFICANTLY DEGRADES
AIRCRAFT SURVIVABILITY. ALL THREE OF THESE CAPABILITIES SHOULD
BE ADAPTED TO AIRLIFT AIRCRAFT IN "STRAP-DOWN" CONFIGURATIONS.
CONTINUED EMPHASIS ON OBTAINING SUCH EQUIPMENT IS NECESSARY FOR
SUSTAINABILITY OF THE FORCE.

6. ~~(S)~~ EXERCISE FLINTLOCK 83 DISCLOSED DEFICIENCIES IN USAF AND USA
SPECIAL FORCES JOINT SUPPORT ARENA. DUE TO LACK OF SPECIAL
OPERATIONS AIR ASSE(S), ALTERNATE PLATFORMS FOR SUPPORTING UW TEAMS
MUST BE AVAILABLE. CTU-2A RESUPPLY CONTAINERS ARE SPEED-LIMITED AND
AS SUCH SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE AIRCRAFT MANEUVERABILITY AND
SURVIVABILITY. NEED FOR CONTAINER COMPATIBLE WITH VARIETY OF
US AND ALLIED AIRCRAFT IS CRITICAL TO TEAM SURVIVABILITY.

7. (U) RESOLUTION OF THESE IDENTIFIED EXERCISE PROBLEMS WILL

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