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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPARTMENT OF STATE, BUREAU FOR NEAR EASTERN AND SOUTH ASIAN  
AFFAIRS (ATTN: [REDACTED])  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE, BUREAU FOR POLITICAL-MILITARY AFFAIRS  
(ATTN: [REDACTED])  
JOINT STAFF PUBLIC AFFAIRS (ATTN: [REDACTED])  
DIRECTOR, NEAR EAST SOUTH ASIA REGION, OASD(RSA) (ATTN: [REDACTED])  
DIRECTOR OF DEFENSE INFORMATION (ATTN: LCDR GRADISHER)  
WHITE HOUSE SITROOM (ATTN: [REDACTED])  
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL (ATTN: [REDACTED])

SUBJECT: Public Affairs Guidance: Exercise IRIS GOLD 94-1

Proposed public affairs guidance message for Exercise IRIS GOLD 94-1 is enclosed for your review. Request your concurrence/comments upon receipt of this message. This exercise starts on October 1st. Telephonic replies are encouraged.

The OASD(PA) point of contact is [REDACTED] USA, Room 2D757, telephone [REDACTED]

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For [redacted]  
 Per your request [redacted]

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 MSGID/OSNAOMIN/CCPA  
 SUBJ/PROPOSED PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE (PAG) -- EXERCISE IRIS  
 GOLD 94-1 (U)  
 REF/A/DOC/DODINST 5404 3/5 APR 91  
 REF/B/TEL 3 SEP 93  
 REF/C/TEL 8 SEP 93  
 NARR: REF A IS DOD INSTRUCTION ON DEVELOPMENT OF PROPOSED  
 PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE. REF B IS TELECON BETWEEN  
 CENTCOM/PA-P AND [redacted] SOCCENT, AND PROVIDES  
 CENTCOM/PA-P AND [redacted] SOCCENT COMMAND COORDINATION. REF C IS TELECON BETWEEN  
 CENTCOM/PA-P AND [redacted] USIA KUWAIT, AND PROVIDES  
 AMEMBASSY COORDINATION.  
 PAR 1. (U) IRIS GOLD 94-1 IS AN NSC-APPROVED USCENTCOM-  
 DIRECTED, JOINT, COMBINED-SPECIAL OPERATIONS EXERCISE TO BE  
 CONDUCTED BY SOCCENT WITH KUWAITI FORCES IN KUWAIT, OCT 1- DEC  
 14, 1993. AN ACTIVE PUBLIC AFFAIRS POLICY IS RECOMMENDED FOR  
 THIS EXERCISE.  
 2. (U) THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE (PAG) HAS  
 BEEN COORDINATED WITH THE AMEMBASSY AND SOCCENT AND IS FORWARDED  
 TO ODO PAI FOR WASHINGTON-LEVEL COORDINATION AND APPROVAL. A  
 CONTINGENCY STATEMENT FOR USE IN RESPONSE TO QUERY PRIOR TO  
 APPROVAL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE IS PROPOSED AT PARAGRAPH 6.  
 MEDIA QUERIES ORIGINATING IN HOST COUNTRY PRIOR TO APPROVAL OF  
 PAG WILL BE REFERRED TO AMEMBASSY. MEDIA QUERIES ORIGINATING  
 FROM AREAS OTHER THAN HOST COUNTRY INCLUDING THE U.S. WILL BE  
 REFERRED TO USCENTCOM/CCPA.  
 3. (U) THIS EXERCISE WILL HAVE AN ACTIVE PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
 APPROACH.  
 4. (U) THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IS PROPOSED FOR PUBLIC RELEASE.  
 QUOTE: WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE DEFENSIVE COOPERATION  
 AGREEMENT BETWEEN KUWAIT AND THE UNITED STATES, MEMBERS OF THE  
 U.S. CENTRAL COMMAND'S SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMPONENT WILL CONDUCT  
 JOINT COMBINED, U.S.-KUWAITI EXERCISES OCT 1-DEC 14 1993. IRIS  
 GOLD 94-1 WILL EXERCISE U.S. SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCE  
 CAPABILITIES AND DEMONSTRATE THE CONTINUING U.S. COMMITMENT TO  
 THE SECURITY AND STABILITY OF THE ARABIAN GULF REGION. IT WILL  
 ALSO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR U.S. AND KUWAITI FORCES TO SHARE  
 MILITARY EXPERTISE AND TO IMPROVE INTEROPERABILITY. UNQUOTE  
 5. (U) THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ARE FORWARDED FOR  
 USE IN RESPONSE TO QUERY.  
 01. WHEN IS IRIS GOLD 94-1 SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE?  
 A1. THE EXERCISE WILL BE CONDUCTED OCT 1 - DEC 14 1993.  
 02. WHAT TYPE OF EXERCISE IS IRIS GOLD 94-1?  
 A2. IRIS GOLD 94-1 IS A JOINT COMBINED SPECIAL OPERATIONS

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FORCE FIELD TRAINING EXERCISE DESIGNED TO ENHANCE COMBINED U.S. AND KUWAITI DEFENSE CAPABILITIES.

Q1. HOW MANY SPECIAL OPERATIONS EXERCISES HAS THE U.S. HAD WITH KUWAIT?

A1. THIS WILL BE THE FIFTH.  
 Q2. WHAT U.S. FORCES ARE PARTICIPATING IN THIS GOLD 24-1?  
 A2. 8TH SPECIAL FORCES GROUP AIRBORNE FT CAMPBELL KY  
 Q3. HOW MANY U.S. PERSONNEL ARE PARTICIPATING?  
 A3. APPROXIMATELY 35  
 Q4. WHAT KUWAITI FORCES WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE EXERCISE?  
 A4. KUWAITI FORCE PARTICIPATION WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE KUWAITI MILITARY COMMAND.

Q5. WHY IS THIS EXERCISE BEING CONDUCTED?  
 A5. THIS EXERCISE IS PART OF AN ONGOING EXERCISE PROGRAM BETWEEN KUWAIT AND THE UNITED STATES DESIGNED TO ENHANCE INTEROPERABILITY BETWEEN THE FORCES OF BOTH COUNTRIES.  
 Q6. WASN'T THERE AN IRIS GOLD EARLIER THIS YEAR?  
 A6. YES IRIS GOLD 93 2 WAS CONDUCTED JULY 5 - AUG 31, 1993.  
 Q7. IS THIS EXERCISE RELATED TO ANY REAL WORLD TENSIONS THAT EXIST WITHIN SOME COUNTRIES OF THE REGION?  
 A7. NO. THESE EXERCISES HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED FOR SOME TIME THE U.S. AND KUWAIT CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN COMBINED EXERCISES. SUCH EXERCISES DEMONSTRATE OUR CONTINUING RESOLVE AND ABILITY TO WORK TOGETHER.

Q8. WHO IS THE COMMANDER OF THE EXERCISE?  
 A8. THE U.S. COMMANDER FOR THE EXERCISE IS COMMANDER, U.S. SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND CENTRAL (COMSOCCENT) BRIGADIER GENERAL WILLIAM P. TANGNEY, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF USCINCCENT.

Q9. WHAT KIND OF TRAINING EVENTS WILL BE CONDUCTED?  
 A9. TRAINING WILL FOCUS ON SMALL UNIT TACTICS, MOVEMENT TECHNIQUES, SURVIVAL TRAINING AND LIVE-FIRE DRILLS.  
 Q10. CONTINGENCY STATEMENT. QUOTE. AS A MATTER OF LONG-STANDING POLICY, WE DO NOT DISCUSS FUTURE EXERCISES. HOWEVER, AS PART OF THE DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH KUWAIT, PLANNING CONTINUES FOR REGULAR, MILITARY TRAINING EXERCISES WITH KUWAITI FORCES IN KUWAIT. UNQUOTE.

- A. (U) MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION (NOT FOR PUBLIC RELEASE);
- B. (U) MEDIA CENTER: NOT APPLICABLE.
- C. (U) MEDIA COVERAGE: ENCOURAGED.
- D. (U) DOD MEDIA POOL: NOT APPLICABLE.
- E. (U) INTERNAL MEDIA COVERAGE: INTERNAL COVERAGE OF UNITS PARTICIPATING IN CONVENTIONAL TRAINING IS ENCOURAGED.
- F. (U) MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES: TBD.
- G. (U) COMMANDERS GUIDANCE: ALL PARTICIPATING FORCES SHOULD BE PREPARED TO COOPERATE WITH AND ADDRESS THE NEWS MEDIA. HOWEVER, PARTICIPANTS SHOULD NOT DISCUSS POLITICAL/FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS OR FUTURE OPERATIONS/EXERCISES.
- H. (U) COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS: USCINCCOM CCPA WILL COORDINATE ALL PUBLIC AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES. IN THE EVENT OF SERIOUS INCIDENT/ACCIDENT COMSOCCENT, IN COORDINATION WITH AMEMBASSY, WILL PROVIDE ON-SITE PUBLIC AFFAIRS SUPPORT AND INFORM USCINCCOM CCPA.
- I. (U) RELEASE AUTHORITY: ADDRESSEES ARE AUTHORIZED TO USE STATEMENT AND O.S. A.S. AFTER APPROVAL OF PAG AND INITIAL RELEASE BY OSD PAI. MEDIA QUERIES OR REQUESTS BEYOND THE SCOPE OF THIS GUIDANCE WHICH ORIGINATE FROM HOST COUNTRY WILL BE

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 REFERRED TO AMEMBASSY OR SOLCENT AS APPROPRIATE. MEDIA QUERIES OR REQUESTS BEYOND THE SCOPE OF THIS GUIDANCE WHICH ORIGINATE FROM AREAS OTHER THAN THE HOST COUNTRY INCLUDING THE U.S. WILL BE REFERRED TO USCINCCOM CCPA  
 TO: (U) REQUEST (S) (U) (U) PROVIDE APPROPRIATE DATE TO THEIR

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 APPROVAL MESSAGE TO ALLOW AMEMBASSY TO COORDINATE SIMULTANEOUS  
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