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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: "Stair Step" Operations in the Vicinity of Libya ~~(S)~~

~~(S)~~ At an interagency meeting in December 1982, it was agreed that we would give prior notification of "Stair Step" operations for steps 1-5. The attached USCINCEUR message provides notification of our intent to conduct "Stair Steps" 3 and 4 on 26 July.

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REPLY TO ECJ3

SUBJ: OPERATIONS IN VICINITY OF LIBYA ~~000~~

A. ~~00000~~ JCS F02215Z JUN 84 ~~000~~

1. ~~00000~~ PURSUANT REF, THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES PLAN TO CONDUCT  
STAIR STEPS THREE (AIR OPERATIONS IN TRIPOLI FIR NORTH OF 32-30N  
WITH NOI ISSUED) AND FOUR (NIGHT AIR TRANSITS SOUTH OF 32-30N WITH  
NOI ISSUED) OF SUBJECT OPS ON 26 JUL 84.

2. (U) CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

A. ~~00000~~ NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI): NOI TO FLY IN TRIPOLI FIR  
WILL BE ISSUED ON 23 JUL 84 FOR PERIOD 24-27 JUL 84. OPERATIONS  
ARE PLANNED FOR 26 JULY.

B. ~~00000~~ AIR OPERATIONS: ROUTINE CYCLIC AIR OPS WILL BE  
CONDUCTED FROM 200000Z - 261200Z JUL 84. AIR OPS WITHIN TRIPOLI  
FIR NORTH OF 32-30N WILL CONSIST OF ARMED SSNC/SUCAP MISSIONS  
SUPPORTED BY AIRBORNE CAP/ESM/AEW AIRCRAFT. WITH SARATOGA CVBG  
OPERATING IN VIC 35-40N/21-40E, TWO NIGHT EXCURSIONS SOUTH OF  
32-30N WILL BE CONDUCTED BY SECTIONS OF TWO F-14 AIRCRAFT FLYING  
ROUTE SPECIFIED IN PARA 6 BELOW.

C. ~~00000~~ SURFACE OPERATIONS: SURFACE OPS BEGUN 0400Z  
WILL COMMENCE ABOUT 252200Z JUL 84 AND CONTINUE THROUGH APPROX-

MATELY 261200Z JUL 84.

D. ~~00000~~ SSN WILL BE TASKED TO CONDUCT ASW, ASW, AND EARLY  
WARNING NO CLOSER THAN 12 NM TO LIBYA. SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR) IS  
CONTINGENCY TASK AND WILL NOT BE ASSIGNED EXCEPT FOR EMERGENCY  
SAR. SSN WILL CONDUCT ACTIVE TRACKING AND PROSECUTION OF LIBYAN  
DIESEL SUBS AS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT TASKING.

3. ~~00000~~ PARTICIPANTS:

SARATOGA (CV 60)/COMCRUDESGRU 12 EMBARKED (CTB 60.0)  
RIDDLE (CG 34)  
SEMMES (DDG 10)  
DALE (CG 19)  
PETERSON (DD 968)

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AYLWIN (FF 1081)

VREELAND (FF 1058)

SSN TO BE DETERMINED

4. (S/NP) BATTLE GROUP DISPOSITION:

SHIP

SARATOGA/BIDDLE/SEMMES

DALE/PETERSON

AYLWIN

VREELAND

STATION

WITHIN 25 NM OF 35°50'N/21°00'E

33°50'N/19°00'E

BETWEEN 34°30'N/020°40'E AND

35°00'N/020°00'E

BETWEEN 34°20'N/021°20'E AND

35°00'N/022°00'E

5. (U) SUPPORT FORCES:

A. (S/NP) AN EP-3E AIRCRAFT WILL BE ON STATION 260000Z -  
261000Z.

B. (S/NP) TWO E-2C AIRCRAFT WILL BE AIRBORNE DURING CYCLIC  
AIR OPS TO PROVIDE AEW/SSOC CONTROL AND SIGINT RELAY.

C. (S/NP) FON AIRCRAFT. DURING NIGHT OPS, TWO SEPARATE SECTIONS  
OF TWO F-14 AIRCRAFT WILL PROCEED THROUGH FOLLOWING POINTS:

PTS POSITS

TIME

A. 34°28'N/020°00'E2

260100Z/260200Z

B. 32°30'N/019°20'E2

260110Z/260240Z

C. 31°30'N/019°00'E0

260120Z/260250Z

D. 31°40'N/018°10'E0

260130Z/260300Z

E. 32°30'N/018°20'E3

260140Z/260310Z

F. 33°00'N/018°30'E2

260144Z/260314Z

G. 34°28'N/020°00'E2

260200Z/260330Z

H. (S/NP) TOTAL TIME SOUTH OF 32°30'N ON EACH EXCURSION WILL BE  
22 MINS. CPA TO LIBYAN COAST IS 35 NM.  
~~DO NOT GO SOUTH OF~~

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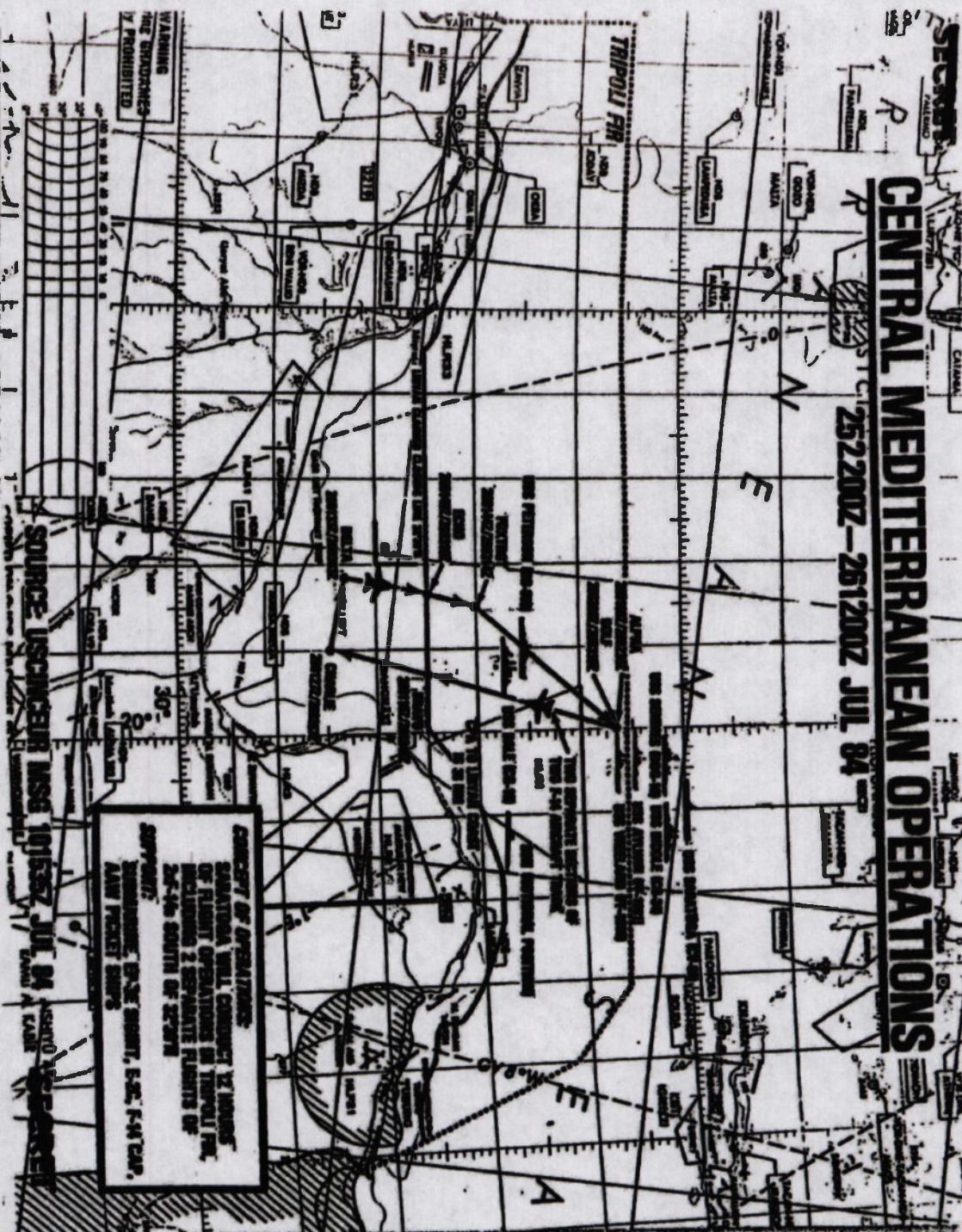
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