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DEPARTMENT OF STATE, BUREAU FOR POLITICAL -
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JOINT STAFF PUBLIC AFFAIRS (ATTN: [REDACTED])
DIRECTOR, NEAR EAST SOUTH ASIA REGION, OASD(RSA)
(ATTN: [REDACTED])
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL (ATTN: [REDACTED])
DIRECTOR OF DEFENSE INFORMATION (ATTN: [REDACTED])

SUBJECT: Public Affairs Guidance: Exercise IRIS GOLD 94-3

Proposed public affairs guidance message for Exercise IRIS
GOLD 94-3 is attached for your review. Request your
concurrence/comments HLT April 7, 1994. Telephonic replies are
encouraged.

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

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A1. ~~SECRET~~ THE EXERCISE WILL BE CONDUCTED APRIL 18 - JUNE 24, 1994.
Q2. UJ WHAT TYPE OF EXERCISE IS IRIS GOLD 94-3?
A2. ~~SECRET~~ IRIS GOLD 94-3 IS A COMBINED SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCE EXERCISE DESIGNED TO ENHANCE COMBINED, U.S. AND KUWAITI DEFENSE CAPABILITIES.
Q3. UJ HOW MANY SPECIAL OPERATIONS EXERCISES HAS THE U.S. HAD WITH THE HOST NATION?
A3. ~~SECRET~~ THIS WILL BE THE SEVENTH SUCH EXERCISE WITH KUWAIT.
Q4. UJ WHAT U.S. FORCES ARE PARTICIPATING IN IRIS GOLD 94-3?
A4. ~~SECRET~~ 8TH SPECIAL FORCES GROUP AIRBORNE, FT CAMPBELL, KY.
Q5. UJ HOW MANY U.S. PERSONNEL ARE PARTICIPATING?
A5. ~~SECRET~~ APPROXIMATELY 45.
Q6. UJ WHAT HOST NATION FORCES WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE EXERCISE?
A6. ~~SECRET~~ KUWAITI FORCE PARTICIPATION WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE KUWAITI MILITARY COMMAND.
Q7. UJ WHY IS THIS EXERCISE BEING CONDUCTED?
A7. ~~SECRET~~ 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.
Q8. UJ IS THIS EXERCISE RELATED TO ANY REAL-WORLD TENSIONS THAT EXIST BETWEEN SOME COUNTRIES IN THE REGION?
A8. ~~SECRET~~ 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.
Q9. UJ WHO IS THE COMMANDER OF THE EXERCISE?
A9. UJ THE U.S. COMMANDER FOR THE EXERCISE IS COMMANDER, U.S. SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND CENTRAL (COMSOCCENT), BRIGADIER GENERAL WILLIAM P. TANNEN, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF USCINCENT.
Q10. UJ WHAT KIND OF TRAINING EVENTS WILL BE CONDUCTED?
A10. ~~SECRET~~ TRAINING WILL FOCUS ON SMALL UNIT TACTICS AND COMBINED TRAINING.
Q11. UJ 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.
A11. UJ MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION (NOT FOR PUBLIC RELEASE):
A. UJ MEDIA CENTER: NOT APPLICABLE.
B. UJ MEDIA COVERAGE: ENCOURAGED.
C. UJ DOD MEDIA POOL: NOT APPLICABLE.
D. UJ INTERNAL MEDIA COVERAGE: INTERNAL COVERAGE OF UNITS PARTICIPATING IN CONVENTIONAL TRAINING IS ENCOURAGED.
E. UJ MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES: TOO
F. UJ 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.
G. UJ COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS. USCINCENT/CCPA WILL COORDINATE ALL PUBLIC AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES. IN THE EVENT OF SERIOUS INCIDENT/ACCIDENT, COMSOCCENT, IN COORDINATION WITH AMEMBASSY, WILL PROVIDE ON-SCENE, PUBLIC AFFAIRS SUPPORT AND BT
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INFORM USCINCENT/CCPA.

9. UJ RELEASE AUTHORITY. WITHIN THE GUIDELINES OF REF D, ADDRESSEES ARE AUTHORIZED TO USE STATEMENT AND Q'S & A'S AFTER APPROVAL OF PAB AND INITIAL RELEASE BY ATED PAJ. MEDIA QUERIES OR REQUESTS BEYOND THE SCOPE OF THIS GUIDANCE WHICH ORIGINATE

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FROM HOST COUNTRY WILL BE REFERRED TO AMEMBASSY OR SOCCENT, 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 USCENCOM/CCPA.
10. ~~CHIEF-PA~~ REQUEST ATSD PAI FAX AMEMBASSY PAO 011-000-244-
2880 APPROVED MEMORANDUM FOR CORRESPONDENTS AND PROVIDE
DATE/TIME OF PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT FOR SIMULTANEOUS RELEASE.
AMEMBASSY PAO REQUIRES THREE FULL WORKING DAYS TO COORDINATE
RELEASE WITH HOST NATION.
11. UJ USCENCOM POC FOR PLANS, [REDACTED] USAF,
[REDACTED] DSN [REDACTED] COMUS [REDACTED] FOR MEDIA, [REDACTED]
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