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OPAR 2 VIS –Targeting Presentation – Pre D2

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D2 Weather Report

- D2.1: Day, Overcast FL130-FL170, calm winds, wind from the south (Mission time at event start: 0700G)
 - (NB – cloud base likely within SA-9/SA-13 envelope)
- D2.2: Night, Overcast, calm winds, winds from the south (Mission time at event start: 2200G)

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D2 Enemy Situation/BDA - Ground

- See Combatflight Summary

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D2 Enemy Situation/BDA - Air

- 4 of 12 x MiG-21 at Abu al-Duhur believed destroyed
- 5 (est) of 12 x MiG-29 at Jirah believed destroyed

- QRA seen from both these airfields. CAP operating out of Jirah.
- Further squadrons located further south could relocate if northern squadrons lose effectiveness due to attrition. Several air-bases exist that are not currently in use by the air-force but could be used.

- VID assesses even chance that Russia will agree to sell MiG-29s to Syria within the next month.

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D2 Enemy Situation/BDA - IADS

- In Sector West:
 - 1 x SA-3 Bn believed not operational IVO Abu al-Duhur: potential low-level vulnerability of SA-2 site.
 - 1 x SA-6 Bn believed not operational IVO Aleppo.
 - All other IADS nodes believed fully operational
- In other sectors no change to IADS situation.
- NB Apache picked up SA-6 dirt in direction of Aleppo from the west *after* the SA-6 there was believed destroyed. This could be:
 - SA-6 at Aleppo not destroyed
 - SA-6 from Sector East detected
 - Remaining SA-6 Bn from Sector West relocated to Aleppo.

Recommend on call SEAD as a minimum (or SEAD organic to package) for future strike missions into Syrian territory due to the mobility of SA-6 and SA-11 systems (approx. 30 mins to pack up, a few hours drive within sector, 30 mins to set up – able to reposition within sector between our events).

VID assesses Syrian officials will likely try to increase their effort to produce S2A missiles, esp. for SA-15, due to large numbers used.

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D2 Enemy Situation/BDA - WMDs

- No intel on WMDs.
- Recommend activity of SCUDs and associated infrastructure is made a Priority Intelligence Requirement (exact wording TBC) to monitor disposition and permit timely strikes if needed. Potential use of SOF.
- VIS plan to provide INTREP on Syrian SCUDs during D2 to facilitate planning.

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D2 Enemy COA

- ML COA – 24 to 72 hrs:
 - 12th DIV continues attack on Attaturk Dam, supported by air attacks on Turkish formations to the east. Use of rocket arty and arty to shape for attack.
 - 11th DIV prepares to defend against attack from 56th Armour to the north. Uses heavy rocket arty and rocket arty to attack staging areas.
 - 10th DIV adopts defensive posture. Uses heavy rocket arty and rocket arty to attack 56th Armour or to disrupt 55th Mech DIV at Hatay. Offensive manoeuvres considered unlikely during this timescale due to destruction of Corps HQ.
 - 2nd Corps continue to defend around Hatay plain, with 21st DIV extending to cover 10th Armour flank/rear.
 - 5th Corps prepare to advance from Palmyra to support 1st and 2nd Corps.

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D2 Enemy COA

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 - 10th DIV begins shaping for counterattack on 56th Armour. Uses heavy rocket arty and rocket arty to attack 56th Armour or to disrupt 55th Mech DIV at Hatay.
 - 2nd Corps starts shaping for attack on 55th Mech at Hatay with use of rocket arty and arty.
 - 5th Corps advance from Palmyra to support 1st and 2nd Corps (Palmyra approx. 120NM from Aleppo)
 - SCUDs escape to the desert before Syria announce increase in alert level.

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D2 Current TST List

- VIS recommend that only SCUDs stay on the TST list at this point. No other target would be worth deviating from the planned mission to engage.

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D2 Intelligence Requirements

- See list for legacy IRs.
- Candidate PIRs:
 - Status and disposition of Syrian SCUDs and readiness for conducting WMD attacks.
- Candidate IRs
 - Location and disposition of Syrian 5th Corps

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D2 Targeting Recommendations

- Heavy rocket arty and rocket arty from 1st and 2nd Corps units. Note SA-15 still present at Minakh and Gaziantep.
- 12th DIV main effort offensive units, particularly rocket arty (NB only 1 x SA-8 left: recommend
- Continue to degrade IADS to allow strategic targets to be hit more easily. Destruction of Sector West SCC at Abu al-Duhur would reduce effectiveness of IADS *and* air-force in the sector.

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