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AFR 110-14 AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

1. AUTHORITY AND PURPOSE.

a. Authority: On 14 April 1994, the Secretary of Defense directed the United States Commander in Chief, Europe (USCINCEUR) to conduct an investigation into the facts and circumstances of the 14 April 1994 crash of two United States Army UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters in northern Iraq, and the possible involvement of United States Air Force F-15C aircraft. Accordingly, USCINCEUR directed the Commander in Chief, United States Air Forces in Europe (CINCUSAFE) to order the investigation. Under this delegated authority, and in accordance with Air Force Regulation 110-14, CINCUSAFE appointed Major General James G. Andrus and other accident board members to conduct the investigation. The appointments were made by HQ USAFE memorandum dated 15 April 1994 and HQ USAFE special order M-02 dated 20 May 94. The individuals appointed were:

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- b. Purpose: This was an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the 14 April 1994 accidental shoot-down of two United States Army Black Hawk helicopters in northern Iraq, by two United States Air Force F-15 fighter aircraft, participating in Operation PROVIDE COMFORT (OPC). The accident occurred at approximately 0730Z hours while the aircraft were engaged in missions to protect the Kurdish population in the area of Iraq designated as a security zone (SZ). The purpose of the investigation was to determine the relevant facts and circumstances of the accident and, if possible, to determine the cause or causes. The investigation obtained and preserved evidence for claims, litigation, disciplinary and administrative action, and for all other purposes deemed appropriate by competent authority.
- c. Circumstances: Since the beginning of Operation PROVIDE COMFORT, coalition aircrews have flown daily missions over active Iraqi air defenses to guard the 500,000 Kurdish refugees within the United Nations-designated security zone. Iraqi forces have tested coalition resolve by probing the no-fly zone with Iraqi aircraft, illuminating coalition aircraft with "fire control" radars, and firing on friendly forces. Coalition forces have responded by shooting down an Iraqi Mig-23 and bombing of Iraqi anti-aircraft artillery and surface-to-air-missile sites. Kurdish refugees within the security zone have been harassed and UN relief trucks have been sabotaged by Iraqis. On 21 December 1993, a small contingent of coalition personnel were attacked within the security zone. Coalition liaison personnel were fired upon as they left their support base in Zakhu, Iraq. In March 1994, Saddam Hussein publicly stated that he would be "forced to take other means" in response to renewed United Nations sanctions. Non-government organization personnel have had bounties placed on their heads.² On 3 April 1994, a female civilian journalist employed by a French news agency was murdered in northern Iraq by unknown assailants.3 Iraqi forces have maintained a capability to attack coalition personnel and the local Kurdish population. Tensions have remained strong in the area and coalition aircrews and ground personnel have operated at a high state of readiness.4

On 14 April 1994, the Turkish and US co-commanders of the Military Coordination Center (MCC), a component of the Operation PROVIDE COMFORT Combined Task Forces (CTF) and

other staff officers were scheduled to meet with UN representatives and officials of the Kurdish Democratic Party. Two Black Hawk helicopters transporting the group from MCC (Forward) headquarters in Zakhu, to Irbil and Salah ad Din, Iraq, were shot down by US F-15C fighter aircraft patrolling the no-fly zone. All individuals on board the two helicopters were killed. The individuals who died in the accident are listed below:⁵

| RANK/NAME | NATIONALITY | _POSITION/REASON |
|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| COL HIKMET ALP | TURKISH | MCC CO-COMMANDER |
| MR ABDULSATUR ARAB | KURDISH | MISSION SECURITY |
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| MR AHMAD MOHAMMAD | KURDISH | MISSION SECURITY |
| W01 ERIK S. MOUNSEY | US | UH-60 PILOT |
| COL RICHARD A. MULHERN | US | NEW MCC CO-COMMANDER |
| ILT LAURA A. PIPER | US | IRAQI AIR ANALYST C2 |
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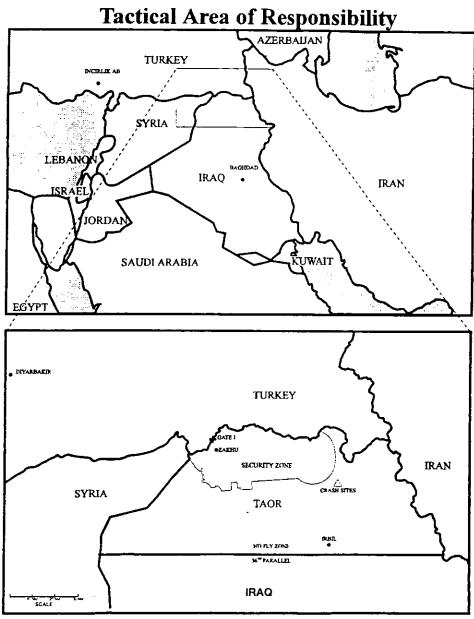
2. SUMMARY OF FACTS.

a. Mission: In April 1991, the US National Command Authority directed US forces to conduct Operation PROVIDE COMFORT. Under his authority, the USCINCEUR directed the creation of a Combined Task Forces to conduct operations in northern Iraq. Coalition air forces from Turkey, France, the United Kingdom and the United States were assembled to conduct frequent air operations, including reconnaissance and surveillance, in the Tactical Area of Responsibility (TAOR) north of 36 degrees north latitude in Iraq. These air operations served as a symbol of coalition resolve and as a deterrent to Iraqi military encroachment into the United Nations-established security zone (SZ) in northern Iraq. CTF ground forces included a Battalion Task Force consisting of a reinforced coalition infantry battalion, a lift helicopter task force, an

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attack helicopter battalion, and a Military Coordination Center. The coalition ground forces were tasked to monitor Iraqi compliance with the United Nations Security Council Resolution 688 that established the SZ and to maintain contact and coordination with Kurdish civil and military authorities in the area.⁶

OPERATION PROVIDE COMFORT



(Figure 1 - Map)

In order to satisfy the requirements of the CTF mission, specific organizations and aircraft were tasked as follows:

(1) Command and Control Structure: USCINCEUR Operations Orders (OPORDs) 002 and 003 defined the command and control of the CTF forces, as exercised by USCINCEUR, through the Commanding General of the CTF (CTF CG). USCINCEUR delegated operational control (OPCON) of the assigned US Army ground and air units to the CTF CG.7 (OPCON is the authority to command subordinate forces, assign tasks, designate objectives and give authoritative direction necessary to accomplish the mission.)8 OPCON of other coalition nations' forces was retained by their respective parent commands. The CTF CG was given tactical control (TACON) of participating US Navy, Turkish, French and British forces.9 (TACON is the detailed, and usually local, direction and control of movements and maneuvers necessary to accomplish the assigned mission. TACON also provides the authority to direct military operations and control designated forces.)10 Tactical aircraft and US Joint Special Operations Task Force (JSOTF) helicopters were co-located with CTF Headquarters at Incirlik Air Base (AB), Turkey. Other US Army helicopters and coalition ground forces established operations at sites in eastern Turkey and northern Iraq.11 The CTF CG retained authority for all cross-border operations, both air and ground, into Iraq.12

USCINCEUR OPORD 003 directed the CTF CG to develop an operation plan (OPLAN) to govern the conduct of the OPC mission. 13 OPLAN 91-7, dated 20 July 1991, was developed and implemented to delineate the command relationships and organizational responsibilities within CTF PROVIDE COMFORT.14 USCINCEUR OPORD 004, 14 September 1991, directed the withdrawal of the OPC Battalion Task Force. OPORD 004 further directed an increase in the size of CTF air forces and the retention of the JSOTF at Incirlik AB. The MCC and its supporting helicopter assets remained under the OPCON of the CTF and consolidated operations at Diyarbakir, Turkey. 15 The MCC later established a forward operating location at Zakhu, in the extreme northwestern corner of Iraq. OPLAN 91-7 provided comprehensive guidance for the OPC mission as it existed in July 1991. With the redeployment of the Battalion Task Force beginning in September 1991, the MCC and its supporting helicopter detachment were all that remained of the original CTF ground component. 16 OPORD 004 requested the CTF provide a supporting plan to implement provisions of OPORD 004.17 However, although an effort was begun in 1991 to revise OPLAN 91-7, no evidence could be found to indicate that OPLAN 91-7 was actually updated to reflect the change in command and control relationships and responsibilities that resulted from the departure of the previously designated CTF Ground Component Commander and his forces. 18 OPLAN 91-7 remained in effect at the time of the accident. 19

Under OPLAN 91-7, CTF PROVIDE COMFORT was organized using a modified joint task force (JTF) structure. (A CTF is a JTF which incorporates forces of other nations).²⁰ The OPC CTF organizational structure consists of a command element (US and Turkish co-commanders), a staff, a Combined Forces Air Component (CFAC), the JSOTF, and the MCC.²¹ The CTF Chief of Staff serves as the CTF CGs' deputy and is responsible for supervising the functions of the staff. The CTF staff includes personnel (C1), intelligence (C2), operations (C3), logistics (C4), and communications (C6).²² (The planning responsibilities normally executed by the plans staff

officer (C5) had been absorbed by the CTF C3.)²³ JSOTF forces provide special operations support and search and rescue.²⁴ The CFAC Commander (CFACC) is responsible for coordinating the employment of air forces to accomplish the OPC mission. He is delegated OPCON of the Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS), USAF airlift, and fighter forces, and has TACON of the MCC, JSOTF, and US Navy, Turkish, French, and British fixedwing and helicopter assets.²⁵

CFAC responsibilities are assigned to personnel in the 39th Wing (USAF) at Incirlik AB, augmented with temporary duty personnel. The 39th Wing Commander also functions as both the Commander, 7440th Composite Wing (Provisional) and as the CFACC.²⁶ As the Commander of the 7440th Composite Wing, he exercises OPCON of US forces deployed to Incirlik AB, through the individual units' detachment commanders (DETCOs).²⁷ As the CFACC, he exercises TACON over forces participating in the daily OPC flying operation through a ground-based mission director, positioned in the command post at Incirlik AB and an airborne command element (ACE) on board the AWACS.²⁸

The 39th Wing Operations Group Commander serves as the 7440th Composite Wing Deputy Commander for Operations (DO) and as the CFAC DO.²⁹ The CFAC DO is responsible for ensuring aircrews are informed of all unique aspects of the OPC mission upon their arrival in theater.³⁰ He is also responsible for publishing an Aircrew Read File (ARF).³¹ The ARF includes the Rules of Engagement (ROE) for OPC and is mandatory reading for each assigned aircrew member.³²

ROE are policies and procedures developed by National Command Authority (NCA) and subordinate military commanders, governing actions of US military forces to protect themselves, the United States, its possessions, bases and other property and personnel, against attack or hostile incursion. They are based upon legal, political and military considerations and are intended to provide for adequate self defense and to ensure that military activities are consistent with current national objectives. Unified combatant commanders establish ROE for their areas of responsibilities that are consistent with Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) guidelines. These may be modified for specified operations and for changing conditions. ROE are not designed to be specific operational orders; they are intended to describe clear circumstances and limitations under which US forces--from senior commanders to individual airman--may take necessary actions, consistent with legal, political and military requirements.³³ The OPC ROE are the peacetime ROE for the United States European Command, with modifications approved by National Command Authority for OPC.³⁴

In addition to his responsibilities to incoming crew members, the CFAC DO is also responsible for publishing an Airspace Control Order (ACO), a daily Air Tasking Order (ATO) and mission-related special instructions (SPINS).³⁵ The ACO provides general guidance regarding the conduct of OPC missions, and is directive to all OPC aircrews. It provides rules and procedures that govern OPC flight operations.³⁶

The ATO includes the daily flight schedule and provides authority for over-flight of northern Iraq.³⁷ All flights, both rotary and fixed-wing, will be in accordance with the CTF Air Component

Commander's ATO, as approved and promulgated by Headquarters, 2d Turkish Air Force.³⁸ The ATO lists radio frequencies, Identification Friend or Foe (IFF) codes, and other information pertinent to each day's mission.³⁹ Both the ACO and ATO are developed with consideration given to inputs from other CTF organizations. The CTF C2 is responsible for providing reconnaissance targeting information. Individual flying units input data such as aircraft availability and special training requests.⁴⁰ OPLAN 91-7 directs that the Combined Forces Ground Component Commander will coordinate rotary wing sorties in Iraq within the fighter flying window.⁴¹ With the departure of the Combined Forces Ground Component Commander, no individual was assigned to coordinate rotary wing sorties.⁴² OPLAN 91-7 specifies that the CTF C3, through the CFAC scheduling office, is the focal point for coordination of Army rotary wing flights with available fighter assets.⁴³

The Joint Operations and Intelligence Center (JOIC), responsible to the C3, provides a 24 hour point of contact for communications within the CTF. When tasked, the JOIC receives, delivers, and transmits communications up, down, and across the CTF command and control structure. An Army Liaison Officer is available to provide liaison between the MCC helicopter detachment and its parent unit. He is not assigned to the JOIC, but is available to provide liaison between the MCC helicopter detachment and the CTF staff, on request.⁴⁴

OPC daily flight operations are scheduled as mission packages. A typical package consists of a wide variety of aircraft with specific mission capabilities. When combined, these aircraft form a complex package capable of meeting OPC tactical objectives. A mission AWACS aircraft provides the airborne force with flight following, to and from the TAOR, as well as threat warning and fighter control within the TAOR. Six to seven air refueling aircraft [KC-135, F-135 (French Air Force), VC-10 (Royal Air Force)] provide inflight refueling for the AWACS and fighter aircraft. As many as 30 to 40 fighter aircraft [F-15, F-16, F-4G, F-15E, EF-111, Jaguar (FAF), Harrier (RAF)], flying two-ship and four-ship formations, provide visual and sensor reconnaissance of military targets, defensive counter air (DCA) capability, suppression of enemy air defense (SEAD) capability, and an on-call precision-guided munitions (PGM) capability. In addition, MCC Black Hawk helicopters maintain a visible presence in the security zone through air patrols and visits to Kurdish villages, and conduct transport and search and rescue (SAR) missions.⁴⁵

The OPC aircraft normally remain on station in the TAOR 6 to 8 hours daily.⁴⁶ The flying "window" is randomly selected to avoid predictability.⁴⁷ The AWACS typically takes off from Incirlik AB approximately 2 hours before the first air-refueling and fighter aircraft.⁴⁸ Once the AWACS is airborne, the AWACS' systems are brought on-line and a Joint Tactical Information Distribution System (JTIDS) link is established with a Turkish Sector Operations Center (radar site). After the JTIDS link is confirmed, the CFAC airborne command element (ACE) initiates the planned launch sequence for the rest of the force.⁴⁹ Normally, within a one hour period, tanker and fighter aircraft takeoff and proceed to the TAOR in a carefully orchestrated flow.⁵⁰ Fighters may not cross the political border into Iraq without AWACS coverage.⁵¹ No aircraft may enter the TAOR until fighters with airborne intercept (AI) radars have searched the TAOR for Iraqi aircraft.⁵² Once the AI radar equipped fighters have "sanitized" the TAOR, they establish an orbit and continue their search for Iraqi aircraft.⁵³

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Additional fighters and tankers flow to and from the TAOR throughout the flying period. Airto-air fighters fly combat air patrol. "Wild Weasels" and EF-111 electronic jamming aircraft maintain a watch for Iraqi surface-to-air missile activity, and the remaining aircraft conduct aerial reconnaissance of Iraqi military activity and provide a visible presence in the area. The MCC Black Hawk helicopters fly between their main base at Diyarbakir, Turkey, and Zakhu, Iraq, to resupply the MCC (Forward) operating location and to stage for missions into the TAOR. At the end of the flying window, the OPC aircraft return to their home bases, as scheduled. Air-to-air fighter aircraft equipped with AI radars leave the TAOR last to protect the package from Iraqi fighters. 54

(2) E-3B AWACS Mission. The AWACS OPC mission is to control aircraft enroute to the TAOR, coordinate air refueling, and provide airborne threat warning and control for all OPC aircraft operating inside the TAOR. The AWACS also provides surveillance, detection and identification of all unknown aircraft.⁵⁵

In order to fulfill its mission, the AWACS carries a large component consisting of a flight crew and a mission crew. The flight crew (a pilot, copilot, navigator and flight engineer) is responsible for the safe ground and flight operation of the aircraft. The mission crew has overall responsibility for command, control, surveillance, communications and sensor systems of the AWACS. The mission crew is made up of approximately 19 personnel and is divided into weapons and surveillance sections. The mission crew commander has overall responsibility for the AWACS mission. He is responsible for the management, supervision and training of the mission crew. The senior director (SD) supervises and directs the activities of the assigned weapons directors (WDs) and conducts the air battle.⁵⁶

The WDs are responsible for locating, identifying, tracking and controlling all friendly aircraft, and regulating air traffic in the AWACS' area of responsibility. In addition to their normal duties, each WD has specific responsibilities for OPC aircraft. One WD acts as an enroute controller, responsible for controlling the flow of aircraft to and from the TAOR. This person also conducts IFF and radio checks on all OPC aircraft.⁵⁷ A second WD, the tanker controller, is responsible for controlling air-refueling operations.⁵⁸ A third WD, the TAOR controller, is assigned to provide threat warning, and tactical control for all OPC aircraft operating in the TAOR.⁵⁹ The Air Surveillance Officer (ASO) and up to four technicians are responsible for the detection, tracking, and identification of non-OPC aircraft.⁶⁰

The airborne command element (ACE) is also on board. He is the CFACC's representative and works directly with the mission crew commander and SD. CTF PROVIDE COMFORT OPLAN 91-7 provides that, "An airborne command element (ACE) will be aboard [AWACS] to serve as the representative of the CFACC for time critical decisions." CFAC operating instructions for the ACE provide that the ACE will act as the "eyes and ears" of the CFAC DO in the execution of the combat operations. They provide that the ACE has primary responsibility for the mission outside of a 50 NM circle of Incirlik, but emphasize that reference should be made to the CFAC DO. They imply that actions required for emergency or unsafe conditions can be taken by the ACE, who would then contact the CFAC DO as soon as possible. The CFACC, in his testimony, stated that the ACE had no decision-making authority.

E-3B AWACS

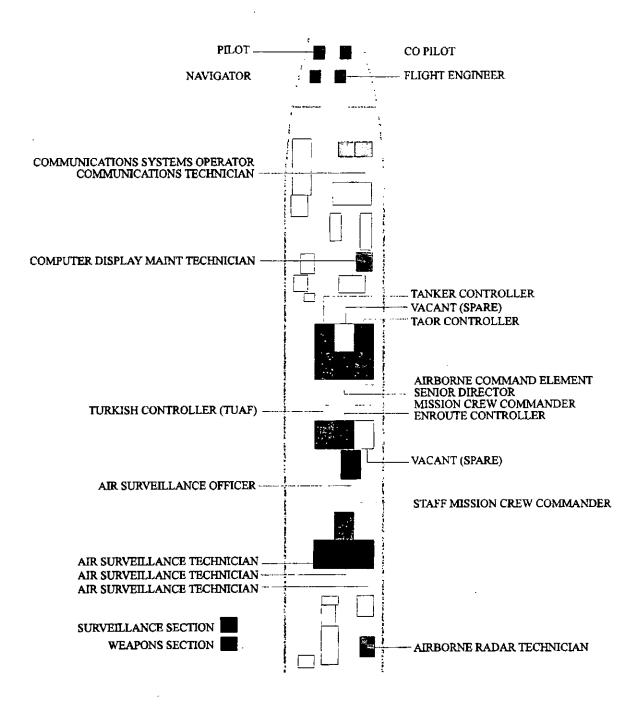


Figure 2 (AWACS Layout)

On 14 April 1994, an AWACS aircraft was tasked to provide airborne threat warning, command, control and communication in the TAOR from 0730Z to 1330Z for a mission package of 52 OPC aircraft, of which 28 were to be airborne by 0800Z.⁶⁴ After takeoff from Incirlik AB, the AWACS proceeded to an orbit area located 50 miles north of Incirlik, in order to allow its systems to "warm up" before beginning its task. After completion of system checks (radar, IFF and data link), AWACS proceeded to its assigned orbit area in a restricted operating area north of the TAOR.⁶⁵

- (3) F-15C Mission. As a part of the OPC coalition air forces, USAF F-15C fighter aircraft operating from Incirlik AB conduct missions in the TAOR in accordance with the standing ACO, SPINS and daily ATO.66 The F-15s are tasked to protect friendly forces from enemy attack.67 When the F-15s first enter the TAOR, they conduct a thorough radar search of the area to ensure the TAOR is clear of hostile aircraft ("sanitize" the airspace.)68 After "sanitizing" the airspace, the F-15Cs fly an orbit, designed to provide Defensive Counter Air (DCA) cover. When necessary, they intercept, identify, and take appropriate action, as prescribed by the ROE.69 On 14 April 1994, the two F-15Cs involved in the accident were tasked to depart from Incirlik AB at 0635Z to conduct a DCA combat air patrol (CAP) mission in the TAOR.70
- (4) UH-60 Black Hawk Mission. US Army Black Hawk helicopters provide air transportation for the MCC liaison team and conduct resupply missions as required. The helicopters also have a secondary search and rescue (SAR) mission.⁷¹ On 14 April 1994, the two accident helicopters were tasked to support the MCC by transporting passengers and cargo from the Turkish Air Base at Diyarbakir to the MCC Headquarters at Zakhu. From Zakhu, their mission was to transport the co-commanders of the MCC and other staff officers to the Kurdish towns of Irbil and Salah ad Din, Iraq, and return.⁷²

b. Summary of Events:

(1) Command and Control.

Aircrew Preparation. Aircrews flying OPC missions are responsible for understanding the directives governing the air operations. These directives include the ACO, ATO, SPINS, and ARF. The CFAC DO is responsible for ensuring arriving aircrews are briefed on all aspects of the OPC flying mission. Prior to the time of the accident, the CFAC DO provided ROE briefings for change-outs of complete flying units. However, there was no arrangement to ensure that individual replacement pilots coming to OPC were centrally briefed. Briefings for these personnel were left as an individual squadron responsibility. The two F-15 accident pilots came to OPC on temporary duty assignment rotations. They had both read the ARF and had received a squadron briefing on the ROE. The two F-15 accident pilots came to OPC on temporary duty assignment rotations.

The ROE as provided by USEUCOM were reduced, in briefings and in individual crew members' understandings, to a simplified form.⁷⁵ This simplification of the ROE resulted in some crew members not being aware of specific considerations required prior to engagement. These considerations included identification difficulties, the need to give defectors safe conduct, and the possibility of an aircraft being in distress and the crew being unaware of their position.⁷⁶

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Directives. Contents of the ACO, dated 12 December 1993, largely reflect the guidance given in the OPC Operations Orders and OPLAN 91-7. However, key CTF personnel at the time of the 14 April 1994 accident were either unaware of the existence of OPLAN 91-7 or considered it too outdated to be applicable.⁷⁹ No updated supporting plan or comprehensive alternative guidance regarding component responsibilities was issued by CTF.80 Most key personnel within the CFAC and the CTF staff did not consider coordination of MCC helicopter activities to be part of their respective CFAC/CTF responsibilities.⁸¹ The last CTF staff member who appears to have actively coordinated rotary-wing flying activities with the CFAC organization departed in January 1994.82 No representative of the MCC was specifically assigned to the CFAC for coordination purposes. 83 Since December 1993, no MCC helicopter detachment representative had attended the CFAC weekly DETCO scheduling meetings.⁸⁴ The Army Liaison Officer (LNO), attached to the MCC helicopter detachment at Zakhu and assigned to Incirlik AB, was new on station (arrived April 1994) and was not fully aware of the relationship of the MCC to the OPC mission.85 The CFACC, through the CFAC DO, did not, in fact, exercise TACON of MCC helicopter operations with respect to planning and scheduling.86 Specific helicopter flight information was not included in the daily ATO, and no helicopter data was provided to OPC aircrews on the scheduling flow sheet, their principal planning tool.⁸⁷ Although the ACE had primary responsibility for the OPC mission outside of a 50 NM circle of Incirlik, 88 his knowledge of MCC helicopter flight activity was dependent on AWACS radar, IFF, and radio contacts, as the helicopters entered and worked within the TAOR.89

CTF CG policy letter (Subject: UH-60 Flight Policy), September 1993, implemented the following policy for UH-60 helicopter flights supporting the MCC: "All UH-60 flights into Iraq outside of the security zone require AWACS coverage." Helicopter flights had routinely been flown within the TAOR security zone without AWACS or fighter coverage and CTF personnel at various levels were aware of this. MCC personnel were aware of the requirement to have AWACS coverage for flights outside the security zone and complied with that requirement. However, the accident F-15C pilots, relying on the written guidance in the ACO, believed that no OPC aircraft, fixed or rotary wing, were allowed to enter the TAOR prior to a fighter sweep. 93

Scheduling. Since the MCC daily mission requirements were generally based on the events of the previous day, the MCC exercised flexibility in scheduling supporting helicopter flights. A weekly flight schedule was developed and provided to CTF C3, but a firm itinerary was usually not available until after the next day's ATO was published.⁹⁴ The weekly schedule was briefed in both the C3 and CTF CG staff meetings on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays; however, the information was neither detailed nor firm enough for effective rotary-wing and fixed-wing coordination and scheduling purposes.⁹⁵

The MCC provided a SITREP to the JOIC each evening that listed the helicopter flights for the following day, but the information was usually general in nature. Information in the SITREP was received too late to be included in the daily ATO.⁹⁶ Each daily ATO was published showing several Black Hawk helicopter lines. Of these, two helicopter lines (two flights of two helicopters each) were listed with call signs (Eagle 01/02, and Eagle 03/04), mission numbers, IFF Mode II codes, and a route of flight described only as LLTC (the identifier for Diyarbakir) to TAOR to LLTC. No information regarding route or duration of flight within the TAOR was given on the ATO. Information concerning takeoff time and entry time into the TAOR was listed as "A/R" (as required).⁹⁷ The MCC would call the JOIC the night prior to the scheduled mission to "activate" the ATO line.⁹⁸ The takeoff times and the times the helicopters would enter northern Iraq ("gate" times) were passed by the JOIC duty officer to the Turkish C3 for approval. No procedures existed for passing this information from the JOIC to the CFAC who had TACON responsibility for the helicopters.⁹⁹

A CTF C2 representative obtained available MCC helicopter information from the JOIC. This information, consisting of the MCC weekly schedule and the daily MCC SITREP, was passed from the C2 to individual units at Incirlik AB through a mail pickup point in the command post. 100

On 8 April 1994, the MCC weekly schedule was provided to CTF C3 through the JOIC. That schedule showed a two-ship, MCC helicopter "administrative flight" on 14 April. 101 On 12 April, the MCC Commander requested approval for a 14 April flight outside the SZ. The requested flight of two helicopters was to proceed from Zakhu to the towns of Irbil and Salah ad Din, Iraq. The CTF CG approved the written request on 13 April, and the JOIC transmitted the approval to the MCC 102 The 13 April MCC SITREP listed the 14 April flight as "mission support", but contained no other details. The MCC weekly schedule update, received by the JOIC on the evening of 13 April with the MCC SITREP, gave the destinations for the mission as Salah ad Din and Irbil. 103 This information was not passed to the CFAC. 104 At 1538Z on 13 April, the MCC contacted the JOIC duty officer and activated the ATO line for the accident mission. A takeoff time from Divarbakir of 0520Z and a "gate" time of 0635Z were requested. No takeoff time or route of flight beyond Zakhu was specified. The 13 April SITREP, weekly flying schedule update, and ATO line-activation request were received by the JOIC too late to be briefed during the Wednesday (13 April) C3 and CTF CG staff meetings. None of the information was passed to the CFAC scheduling shop, the ground-based mission director, or the ACE on board the AWACS. 105

An MCC schedule giving some information regarding the MCC helicopter flight, received through the C2 channels, was posted on the intelligence briefing board at the F-15 squadron operation center, but the information was not briefed to the air crews. When the F-15 pilots departed Incirlik AB at 0635Z on 14 April, they were unaware that the MCC helicopters would be operating east of Zakhu in the TAOR. 107

Control. When the F-15s arrived on station in the TAOR at 0720Z, they were not informed that the Black Hawk helicopters had already entered the TAOR, by either the AWACS controllers or the ACE on board the AWACS. The ACE did not consider it his responsibility to monitor the helicopters. Neither the ACE nor the AWACS controllers gave any direction to either the helicopters or the fighters throughout the intercept and engagement. 109

(2) E-3B AWACS

AWACS Flight Authorization: The AWACS detachment at Incirlik AB was tasked by the CFAC DO through the ATO (ATO, PC1103, 14 April 1994) to provide airborne warning and control in the TAOR on 14 April 1994. The accident flight was the AWACS crew's first OPC mission as a crew. The AWACS DETCO authorized the crew to fly the tasked mission in accordance with appropriate directives. The AWACS DETCO authorized the crew to fly the tasked mission in accordance with appropriate directives.

AWACS Flight Plan. The OPC ACO, the ATO for 14 April 1994, and one change to the daily ATO, Battle Staff Directive (BSD) #1, provided direction and guidance for the flight. 113 The planned route of flight was from Incirlik AB to an orbit in Restricted Operations Zone 1 (ROZ 1) near the northern border of Iraq. The aircraft was to remain in orbit from 0730Z to 1330Z in support of aircraft operations in the TAOR, and return to Incirlik AB. 114 In accordance with established Air Force procedures, each crew member initialed the flight authorization form, accepting responsibility for executing the ATO-tasked mission. 115

AWACS Communications. The crew did not encounter any communication equipment malfunctions during the flight.¹¹⁶ The only communication limitation which may have been experienced by the crew was a problem in maintaining line-of-sight with the helicopters. ¹¹⁷ The effect may have been intermittent loss of radio contact with the helicopters. This was a regularly encountered situation with low flying aircraft. ¹¹⁸ The AWACS crew monitored the prebriefed aircraft radio control frequencies. These included VHF and UHF guard, enroute control, TAOR "Have Quick II" (jamming resistant radio), and TAOR clear (non-secure tactical radio) frequencies. ¹¹⁹ The enroute controller received check-in calls on the enroute frequency. ¹²⁰ The ACO required aircraft in the TAOR to monitor the TAOR tactical frequency; ¹²¹ however, the normal practice by the OPC helicopter crews was to remain on the enroute frequency and report to the enroute controller, unless directed to change frequencies by the enroute controller. ¹²² The last radio transmission received from the UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters was at 0654Z when they reported departing Zakhu for Irbil. This transmission was made on the enroute controller's frequency. There is no indication that communications equipment serviceability was related to the accident. ¹²³

AWACS Navigation. No navigational difficulties were encountered by the aircrew during the flight. There is no indication that navigation was a factor in the accident. The weather was clear. 124

AWACS Briefing and Preflight: The crew conducted the required briefings and premission planning on 12 April 1994 in preparation for the mission on 14 April 1994. Don the afternoon of 13 April 1994, the mission crew commander, and the surveillance section and weapons section personnel conducted additional specialized mission planning. Pre-mission and specialized mission planning items required by regulations and directives were covered.

The crew members went to bed on 13 April between approximately 1700Z and 2000Z and awoke between approximately 0100Z and 0230Z on 14 April 1994. All crew-rest requirements

as specified by Air Force regulations were met. 129 The flight and mission crews arrived at the AWACS squadron operations building at approximately 0310Z. 130

The aircrew, including the ACE and a Turkish controller, attended a preflight briefing at AWACS operations at approximately 0330Z.¹³¹ The aircraft commander and mission crew commander conducted the briefing, addressing their respective mission areas.¹³² The detachment staff mission crew commander and the staff weapons director attended the entire briefing.¹³³ The Detachment Commander attended the portion of the briefing covering flight operations.¹³⁴ The briefing was conducted using the standard squadron briefing guide for the OPC theater of operations.¹³⁵

The aircraft commander briefed the forecast weather, crew manifest, aircraft status, mission timing, safety considerations, emergency procedures, elements of basic airmanship, and the wing operations security policy. 136

The AWACS staff intelligence representative briefed escape and evasion procedures, the previous day's Iraqi air activity, and threat capabilities. He also briefed a United Nations support mission scheduled to take place on 14 April. 137 There is no evidence that the briefing included any mention of the UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter mission. AWACS technician topics were briefed which included the JTIDS and maintenance debriefing requirements. 138

After the aircraft commander, intelligence, and technician briefings were completed, the AWACS technicians and flight engineer departed for the aircraft to begin preflight inspections. ¹³⁹ The mission crew commander then briefed mission crew topics which included the weapons plan for the mission and the activity flow sheet provided by the CTF. ¹⁴⁰ The activity flow sheet, which is derived from the ATO, listed the F-15C flight (call sign Tiger). The MCC helicopter flight (call sign Eagle) was not listed on the flow sheet. The preflight briefing did not address the OPC Air Tasking Order. ¹⁴¹ The mission crew commander also covered lessons learned from previous missions and special notes for the mission. ¹⁴²

Technician and flight engineer preflight checks were accomplished and indicated no previously undocumented equipment discrepancies.¹⁴³

AWACS Sequence of Flight Events. At 0436Z, the AWACS took off from Incirlik AB, Turkey. 144 The AWACS established an initial orbit approximately 50 miles north of Incirlik AB. 145 While holding in the initial orbit, the mission crew began conducting mission systems (communications, computers, radar, IFF) "power-up" checks and establishing the required JTIDS communication and data link with the Turkish ground radar sites. 146

At 0545Z, the mission crew commander declared "on station," indicating the AWACS' mission systems were powered up, required checks with ground stations had been accomplished, and the AWACS was ready and prepared to accomplish its assigned missions. At this time, the AWACS departed the initial orbit and proceeded to its operational orbit in ROZ 1, at 32,000 feet pressure altitude. The AWACS scheduled time for arrival at the operational orbit in ROZ 1 was 0730Z. 150

Shortly after 0545Z, the AWACS surveillance section began tracking aircraft in southeast Turkey and northern Iraq. ¹⁵¹ (The AWACS tracks aircraft by radar returns and/or Identification Friend or Foe (IFF) transponder returns.)

NOTE: The IFF system is an electronic means of identifying friendly aircraft. Each friendly aircraft is equipped with an electronic device (transponder) that transmits a coded reply when the transponder is electronically "queried" by an aircraft or ground-based interrogator. Specific codes are listed in the ATO to be set into each OPC aircraft's transponder. AWACS and F-15 aircraft have the capability to electronically interrogate transponder systems of other aircraft to detect correct, friendly codes. Mode I codes are used tactically to confirm the friendly status of aircraft. Different Mode I codes are listed for OPC fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircraft operating outside the TAOR. A single Mode I code is listed in the ATO for all OPC aircraft flying inside the TAOR. Mode II codes are used to determine the identity of a known friendly aircraft. Each OPC aircraft is assigned its own distinct Mode II code for each mission. Mode II is used by AWACS to identify and flight follow individual, friendly aircraft, but is not practical for tactical use by F-15s to differentiate between "friend and foe." Mode III is an air traffic control mode that is turned off when entering the TAOR, in order to avoid detection by Iraqi radar. Mode IV is used to differentiate between friend and foe. Mode IV uses an encrypted code that is changed daily and requires special equipment, encrypting codes, and loading procedures for both the IFF transponders and the AWACS and F-15 interrogation systems. IFF signals are not continuously transmitted by aircraft transponders. Each mode/code must be specifically interrogated to activate and identify the signal. 152

The MCC Black Hawk helicopters, which were enroute from Diyarbakir, Turkey, to Zakhu, Iraq, were detected by the AWACS shortly after the AWACS onboard systems reached operational status. The surveillance section assigned the Black Hawk flight a "friendly general" track symbology and a track designator of "TY06." At 0613Z, the senior director requested display of a track tabular display (TD) on track "TY06." The track TD included IFF Mode II, and III codes. At 0616Z, an "H" character was programmed to appear at the Black Hawk flight's location on the senior director's radar scope whenever any IFF Mode I, Code 42 reply (squawk) from the helicopters was detected by the AWACS. 156

At 0621Z, AWACS received a "check-in" radio call on the enroute UHF radio frequency from the MCC Black Hawk helicopters. This call was made just prior to the helicopters entering the TAOR entry point (Gate 1). The enroute controller acknowledged the helicopters' entry into the TAOR, and observed their Mode I and Mode II IFF codes. The senior director changed the Black Hawk helicopter "friendly general" symbology to a "friendly helicopter" symbology. The enroute controller changed the helicopter track designator from "TY06" to "EE01" (call sign Eagle 01). There is no evidence to indicate that the enroute controller attempted to perform a Mode IV check on the Black Hawk helicopters. The AWACS Mode IV interrogator was functioning correctly. The ACO implies that the AWACS

crew will conduct a Mode IV check on each aircraft but does not direct that it be accomplished. The ACO states that, "On initial check-in with AWACS, ...Mode IV is 'sweet' (operational) unless AWACS tells you otherwise." The enroute controller monitored the Black Hawk helicopters until the IFF returns faded from AWACS coverage at approximately 0624Z. The helicopters landed at Zakhu shortly thereafter. The helicopters' symbology was then suspended, an action that maintained the symbology in the vicinity of Zakhu. The land of Zakhu. The helicopters' symbology was then suspended, an action that maintained the symbology in the vicinity of Zakhu.

At 0635Z, the F-15Cs launched from Incirlik AB. The AWACS enroute controller identified the F-15Cs and maintained radar contact with them as they proceeded to the TAOR. 169

The Black Hawk helicopters contacted AWACS at 0654Z and reported that they were enroute from "Whiskey to Lima" (Whiskey was a codeword for Zakhu and Lima was a codeword for Irbil). The AWACS enroute controller received their call.¹⁷⁰ He was not familiar with the location of "Lima" and did not look it up, although materials to do so were available.¹⁷¹ At that time, the AWACS enroute controller reinitiated the helicopter track designator (EE01).¹⁷²

The enroute controller was responsible for controlling OPC aircraft in Turkish airspace west of Gate 1.¹⁷³ The TAOR controller was responsible for controlling aircraft inside the TAOR, east of Gate 1.¹⁷⁴ Neither the enroute controller nor the senior director instructed the Black Hawk helicopters to change from the enroute radio frequency to the TAOR clear frequency that was being monitored by the TAOR controller.¹⁷⁵ However, the TAOR controller had the capability to monitor the enroute frequency.¹⁷⁶ The Black Hawks were squawking the wrong Mode I code; there is no evidence that either the enroute controller or the senior director told the helicopters that they were still "squawking" the Mode I code for outside the TAOR.¹⁷⁷

From 0655Z until 0711Z, the "H" character assigned to the Black Hawk flight was regularly displayed on the senior director's radar scope. At 0711Z, the F-15Cs were heading east, approximately 100 NM west of the Black Hawk helicopters. At that same time, the helicopter flight entered mountainous terrain at low altitude and faded from AWACS radar and IFF coverage. After losing IFF and radar contact with the Black Hawk helicopters at 0712Z, no AWACS controller suspended (stopped at one location) the helicopters' track symbology. As a result, the AWACS computer continued to move the symbology based on the last available heading and airspeed information from the helicopters. The enroute controller, who had not transferred control of the Black Hawk flight to the TAOR controller, did not note the heading and speed the helicopters were flying to get to point Lima, nor did he identify the flight path the helicopters reported they would follow.

At 0713Z, the air surveillance officer designated the Black Hawk flight's last known location on the senior director's radar scope, by placing a computer-generated "attention arrow" (used to point out an area of interest.) The attention arrow is accompanied by a blinking alert light. The senior director did not acknowledge the arrow or the blinking alert light on his console. The arrow and light were automatically dropped after 60 seconds. At 0715Z, the air surveillance officer directed that the AWACS radar be adjusted to low velocity detection settings which improved the capability of the radar to detect slow-moving targets.

approximately the same time, the F-15s checked in with the ACE and received "...negative words," (indicating no changes in previously briefed information). 188

At 0720Z, the F-15C flight arrived at Gate 1 and entered the TAOR to "sanitize" the area. They contacted the AWACS TAOR controller on the "Have Quick II" TAOR frequency. The TAOR controller did not pass a "picture" call (situation update giving air activity) to the F-15C flight when they entered the TAOR. The AWACS mission crew did not have radar or IFF contact with the Black Hawk helicopters, although the Black Hawk track symbology continued to appear on the AWACS radar scopes moving on a computer-generated southeasterly path. No one on board the AWACS informed the F-15 pilots of the friendly Black Hawk helicopters in the TAOR, their last known position, or their route of flight.

At 0721Z, the enroute controller dropped the symbology for the Black Hawk helicopters from the radar scopes.¹⁹⁴ The track symbology was the only visual reminder to the AWACS crew that the helicopters were inside the TAOR, after the radar contact and IFF signals had faded.¹⁹⁵

At approximately 0722Z, the F-15 flight lead reported to the TAOR controller that he had a radar contact approximately 40 NM to the southeast, in the TAOR. ¹⁹⁶ The TAOR controller reported, "Clean there," meaning AWACS had no radar returns or IFF replies from that location. (AWACS magnetic tapes indicate there were none at that time.) ¹⁹⁷ When the F-15C flight lead made his first "contact" call, the mission crew commander and senior director did not take any action to direct the weapons or surveillance sections to locate and identify the F-15C's reported contact. ¹⁹⁸

At approximately 0723Z, intermittent IFF signals were received by the AWACS from the helicopters, in the area where the F-15 pilot had called his contact. ¹⁹⁹ These IFF signals would have appeared on every AWACS radar scope that had the "IFF feature select switch" turned on, except seat 10, which was inoperative and not manned. ²⁰⁰ All six radar and IFF/SIF switches at each weapons section's manned positions should have been on, in accordance with AWACS training guides. ²⁰¹ Testimony by the senior director, the enroute controller, the air surveillance officer and technicians, and the tanker controller indicates that they had both radar and IFF switches on. ²⁰² The TAOR controller and the mission crew commander declined to testify, through counsel, and the position of their switches could not be confirmed by other means.

The "H" character also reappeared on the senior director's radar scope at approximately 0723Z.²⁰³ The Black Hawk helicopters were squawking the same IFF Mode I and II codes that they were squawking before the AWACS lost IFF and radar contact at 0712Z.²⁰⁴ No radio calls regarding the IFF returns were made from AWACS to the fighters.²⁰⁵ The intermittent IFF returns, which had begun at 0723Z, increased in frequency until 0726Z.²⁰⁶ They then remained on display, without interruption, from 0726Z to just before 0728Z.²⁰⁷

At approximately 0725Z, the F-15 flight lead made another "contact" call at about 20 NM range from the helicopters. The TAOR controller acknowledged the radio call and responded that he had "Hits there," which implied that he had radar returns on his radar scope corresponding to the F-15Cs' contact.²⁰⁸ However, the AWACS magnetic tape recordings (replayed through a

radar console with a "IFF feature select switch" in the on position), clearly show "IFF paints" at the reported location. (A "hit" is a term to describe a radar return. A "paint" is a term to describe an IFF reply.)²⁰⁹

At 0726Z, the Black Hawk helicopters' IFF returns were clearly visible, along with intermittent radar returns, on the AWACS radar scopes. The returns were at the same location as the radar contact identified by the F-15 flight.²¹⁰ The AWACS crew did not advise the F-15C flight of the presence of IFF data in the target area.²¹¹

NOTE: The AWACS crew had some confusion regarding tracking responsibilities of unknown aircraft in the TAOR. The air surveillance technicians believed their tracking responsibility was south of the 36th parallel and the weapons section was responsible for tracking all aircraft north of the 36th parallel. In contrast, the weapons section believed the surveillance section was responsible for tracking and identifying all unknown aircraft, regardless of location. The applicable Air Force regulations state the surveillance section had tracking responsibility for unknown and unidentified tracks throughout the TAOR. The mission crew commander is tasked with coordinating and directing the activities of both the surveillance and the weapons sections. The Black Hawk helicopters were initially identified and tracked by the enroute controller, a member of the weapons section. At approximately 0642Z, a member of the surveillance section asked the identity of the Eagle Flight track, and the senior director said it was Eagle Flight; a member of the weapons section said they were tracking it. The State of the surveillance section asked the identity of the Eagle Flight track, and the senior director said it was Eagle Flight; a member of the weapons section said they were tracking it.

At 0727Z, the enroute controller initiated an "Unknown, Pending, Unevaluated" track symbology in the area of the helicopters' radar and IFF returns and attempted an IFF identification. During the F-15 flight's intercept of the helicopters, no one else on board the AWACS attempted to determine specific IFF aircraft identification, or to do a Mode IV check on the helicopters. The "H" character previously attached to the helicopters' IFF return was still present on the senior director's radar scope. 219

At approximately 0728Z, the F-15 flight lead transmitted to the TAOR controller that he saw "...a Hind" (NATO designation) followed by "no, Hip" (NATO designation). He then made a correction and reported a Hind helicopter.²²⁰ At this time, the AWACS track symbology for the F-15s and the Black Hawk helicopters' radar and IFF data were too close together for the AWACS crew to identify the Black Hawk helicopters.²²¹ (Analysis of an AWACS audio tape indicates that, at approximately this time (0728Z), the ACE said, "Eagle One," on internal AWACS intercom; but, there is no further information available because of a blocking radio transmission.)²²² The F-15 flight lead again reported "...two Hinds" and the TAOR controller responded, "Copy Hinds."²²³ The F-15 flight lead reported that he was "Engaged".²²⁴ At 0730Z the F-15 flight lead reported they had "splashed" (shot down) two Hind helicopters.²²⁵ There is no indication that the AWACS senior director, the mission crew commander, and/or the ACE made any radio calls throughout the intercept, or that they issued any guidance to either the AWACS crew or the F-15 pilots.²²⁶

AWACS flight activity following the accident: At approximately 0831Z, the CFAC ground-based mission director called the ACE and indicated that the Black Hawk helicopters were unaccounted for.²²⁷ At 0914Z, the CFAC ground-based mission director instructed the ACE to find the Black Hawk helicopters and confirm good radar contact with them.²²⁸ Attempts by AWACS crew members and the ACE to locate the Black Hawk helicopters by radar and/or radio, to include calls on UHF and VHF "guard" were unsuccessful. At 0926Z, AWACS placed its radar and IFF sensors to stand-by in preparation for air refueling.²²⁹ At approximately 1010Z, the AWACS resumed actions to locate the Black Hawk helicopters.²³⁰ The AWACS continued to support search and rescue/crash-response activities until reaching fuel minimums. The aircraft departed the TAOR at 1520Z and landed at Incirlik AB at 1615Z.²³¹ A second AWACS supported the remainder of the search and rescue activity.²³²

(3) F-15C

- F-15C Flight Authorization: On 14 April 1994, the F-15C fighter squadron was tasked to provide a flight of two F-15Cs to fly a DCA mission in the TAOR.²³³ The squadron commander authorized the F-15 pilots to fly the tasked mission.²³⁴
- F-15C Flight Plan: The ACO, the ATO for 14 Apr 94 and one change to the daily ATO, (Battle Staff Directive #1), provided the operating instructions and procedures for the F-15C flight (call signs Tiger 1 and Tiger 2).²³⁵ The F-15s were the first OPC aircraft scheduled into the TAOR by the ATO.²³⁶ Their planned route of flight was to proceed from Incirlik AB to the TAOR, and return.²³⁷ In accordance with established Air Force procedures, the F-15 pilots signed a flight authorization form accepting responsibility for executing the ATO-tasked mission.²³⁸
- F-15C Communications: The main and auxiliary radios, "Have Quick II" and the secure voice communications systems in the aircraft flown by the two F-15 pilots operated normally throughout the flight. No communications equipment serviceability difficulties with any ground or airborne agencies were experienced by either aircraft.²³⁹
- F-15C Navigation: No navigation difficulties were experienced by either F-15C aircraft during the flight.²⁴⁰
- F-15C Briefing and Preflight: The two F-15 pilots involved in the accident, call signs Tiger 1 (flight lead) and Tiger 2 (wingman), left the Squadron Operations Building (SOC I) before 1230Z on 13 April and went to bed at approximately 2030Z.²⁴¹ They awoke at approximately 0330Z on 14 April,²⁴² departed their quarters at 0420Z and arrived at SOC I at approximately 0430Z.²⁴³ All crew rest requirements specified by Air Force regulations, were met.
- The F-15 flight lead prepared the flight briefing materials while the wingman checked the forecast weather and Notices to Airmen (NOTAMS). The squadron duty supervisor and the flight lead then reviewed the flight's tasking in the ATO. They modified the mission flow sheet and the flight's line-up cards to reflect a change to the ATO made by BSD #1.²⁴⁵ (The BSD

changed the number of KC-135 air-refueling tanker aircraft available for the day's mission). Both pilots completed the flight authorization form and received a briefing from the squadron intelligence officer. The briefing included a summary of the previous day's Iraqi air activity, information concerning the movement of an Iraqi surface-to-air missile site, search and rescue procedures, and current intelligence regarding the situation in Rwanda. The intelligence officer made no reference to either friendly or Iraqi helicopter activity in or near the TAOR. The intelligence officer had posted the limited available information about Eagle 01 and 02 on the intelligence situation map in SOC I. Based on the MCC (Forward) SITREP he received from CTF C-2, the intelligence officer had posted the Black Hawk helicopters' mission as "two-ship admin" which was understood to mean the helicopters would fly from Diyarbakir to Zakhu and return. The intelligence of the intelligence of the mean the helicopters would fly from Diyarbakir to Zakhu and return.

The F-15 flight lead started the mission briefing at 0445Z using the standard squadron briefing guide. ²⁵⁰ All briefing items required by regulations and directives were covered. ²⁵¹ During the tactical portion of the mission briefing, the flight lead discussed the OPC ROE, radar search responsibilities, intercept and visual identification procedures. ²⁵² The flight lead briefed electronic identification (EID) procedures that could be used on the mission. This included a discussion on the use of the Air-to-Air Interrogation (AAI) systems to attempt to identify any unknown aircraft. The flight lead specified that IFF Modes I and IV codes would both be interrogated in the identification process. ²⁵³ He also briefed that the aircraft video tape recorder (VTR) would be turned on when the decision was made to "commit" (to engage or intercept.)²⁵⁴

Following the mission briefing, the F-15 pilots picked up their required flying equipment and inflight publications. At 0540Z, the pilots signed for their weapons, ammunition, and other controlled combat equipment and departed SOC I for their assigned aircraft.²⁵⁵ Both pilots conducted standard aircraft preflights of their respective aircraft, which included a review of the aircraft's maintenance history forms.²⁵⁶ The aircraft forms reflected that the correct Mode IV codes had been loaded into the aircraft transponders.²⁵⁷ No discrepancies were recorded in the aircraft maintenance forms that would have apparently affected either aircraft's capability to perform the tasked mission.²⁵⁸ During the preflight inspections, the pilots confirmed that the AAI system switches in the nose of each aircraft (inaccessible in flight) were set to allow continuous Mode IV interrogation when the cockpit AAI switches were activated in the Auto position.²⁵⁹ No aircraft discrepancies were noted during the preflights.²⁶⁰

F-15C Sequence of Flight Events: At 0600Z the F-15 pilots started their aircraft engines. After engine start, the flight lead called the ground-based CFAC mission director to get any additional information pertaining to the mission. The mission director informed the F-15 flight lead that there were no changes to the tasking, or to the ATO. The mission director made no mention of any helicopter flight activity. The pilots completed their normal ground checks as prescribed in the F-15 preflight checklist. This included accomplishing built-in-tests (BIT) of the AAI system and the IFF system. The AAI and IFF systems on both aircraft were checked and determined to be operational. The F-15s took off at 0635Z. 263

Both pilots reported conducting successful weapons systems checks after takeoff. These included checks of each aircraft's capability to respond to Mode I, II and Mode IV IFF

interrogations, and each aircraft's AAI system's ability to detect correct responses from other aircraft.²⁶⁴

The F-15s checked in with the AWACS enroute controller on the enroute frequency at the first checkpoint (K-Town) and proceeded toward the second checkpoint (Derik) at Flight Level (FL) 270 (27,000 feet above mean sea level). While enroute to Derik, the F-15 pilots checked their "Have Quick II" and the secure voice radio systems (KY-58) with AWACS. At the third enroute checkpoint (Jump), the F-15 flight checked in with the ACE on board the AWACS aircraft who did not report any changes to their tasking or to the ATO. The ACE made no mention of any helicopter flights, friendly traffic, or Iraqi threats in the TAOR. At 0720Z, the F-15 pilots checked in with the TAOR controller on the TAOR "Have Quick II" frequency, as they entered the TAOR. The TAOR controller acknowledged the radio call from the F-15s and made no mention of any other aircraft in the TAOR.

The F-15s remained at FL 270 and headed southeast. The flight lead used his radar to search the airspace from ground elevation to 25,000 feet. The wingman set his radar to search the airspace above 20,000 feet. Shortly after entering the TAOR, the flight lead detected a radar contact in the TAOR approximately 52 NM north of the 36th degree latitude. The contact was 40 NM to the southeast of his position. The flight lead relayed this information to his wingman on the auxiliary radio. The flight lead then selected a radar mode that electronically captured ("locked on") and evaluated the radar contact to provide detailed flight information. The radar contact was heading approximately east (100 degrees) at 130 knots, very close to the ground. After "locking-on" to the radar contact, the flight lead attempted an electronic identification of the aircraft. He used the AAI system to interrogate IFF Mode I, code 52, (the correct Mode I code for OPC aircraft operating in the TAOR) and Mode IV. The flight lead received no response to the Mode I interrogate the contact's IFF Mode IV for another 4 to 5 seconds, but received no further responses. The flight lead believed the momentary Mode IV positive response was due to a possible anomaly in the F-15 AAI system. 269

At approximately 0722Z, the F-15 flight lead relayed to the TAOR controller the contact's position in relation to a predetermined, common point.²⁷⁰ The TAOR controller acknowledged the call, transmitting, "Clean there," meaning AWACS had no radar returns or IFF replies from that location.²⁷¹ The F-15 flight lead then switched his radar to a search mode and began looking for additional aircraft. The flight lead thought his radar might have detected road vehicle traffic due to the proximity of the radar contact to a road. Using his AAI system, with his radar in the search mode, the flight lead again interrogated the radar contact for IFF Mode I and Mode IV codes. No response was received.²⁷² Simultaneously, the wingman lowered his radar search pattern to locate the radar contact that his flight lead had reported. The wingman detected the contact at the reported location and initiated a radar lock-on. He then interrogated the radar contact for IFF Mode I and Mode IV codes, with no response. The wingman informed the flight lead that the contact he had locked-on to was traveling at 130 knots. The wingman returned his radar to a search mode and began looking for other aircraft in the TAOR.²⁷³

At a range of approximately 20 NM from the radar contact, the flight lead began to descend from FL 270, locked-on to the radar contact, and reported the contact to AWACS on the TAOR "Have Quick II" frequency (not being used by the Black Hawk helicopter flight).²⁷⁴ At approximately 0725Z, the TAOR controller acknowledged the call and transmitted, "Hits there", indicating that AWACS had a radar contact at the same location.²⁷⁵ During the descent, the F-15 wingman maneuvered to a position approximately 3 NM behind the flight lead. The wingman at this time observed two radar contacts displayed on his radar scope. The contacts were his flight lead and an unidentified radar contact in front of the lead F-15. The wingman again initiated an AAI Mode I interrogation and received a reply from his flight lead, indicating the flight lead's IFF Mode I was set to Code 52 and that his IFF transponder was replying correctly. The wingman received no Mode I reply from the unidentified radar contact. (The Black Hawks' Mode I code was set on 42 - the code for OPC aircraft operating outside of the TAOR).²⁷⁶ Because the flight lead had not been able to get an IFF Mode I or a Mode IV reply from the radar contact, he closed to conduct a visual identification (VID) pass.²⁷⁷

At approximately 0727Z, as the flight lead approached within 5 NM of the unidentified aircraft, he saw a single helicopter flying at a very low altitude. The flight lead began his VID pass at approximately 450 knots indicated airspeed. The helicopter was flying down the middle of a valley, approximately 120 to 200 feet above the ground. The valley was oriented northwestsoutheast and was approximately 2.5 NM wide at the elevation and position where the flight lead approached the helicopter.²⁷⁹ The hills on either side of the valley were between 1,500 and 3,000 feet above the valley floor. Additionally, the valley narrowed from approximately 2.5 NM wide where the VID pass was made to approximately 1 NM at the eastern end (4 to 5 NM to the east). 280 In an attempt to make a visual identification, the flight lead descended below the tops of the hills and flew to a position reported by the pilot to be 1000 feet left and 500 feet above the helicopter's flight path. At approximately 0728Z, the flight lead observed what he thought was a helicopter with a sloped vertical tail, sponsons (wings) on the fuselage, ordnance, and a dark green camouflage paint scheme.²⁸¹ He transmitted on the "Have Quick II" radio frequency that he saw a "Hind" (NATO designation). He then changed the call to "No, Hip" (NATO designation).²⁸² As the flight lead started a right hand climbing turn to set up an oval racetrack pattern behind the helicopter, he saw a second helicopter in trail. As the flight lead passed above the helicopter in the climbing right turn, he referred to his inflight visual recognition guide and determined that the helicopters were "Hinds," as he had first reported. He transmitted "VID Hind, Tally Two, lead-trail."283 The flight lead then transmitted, "Tiger 2, confirm Hinds?" The F-15 wingman replied, "Standby."284 The wingman conducted a VID pass (approximately 2000 ft right) of the trailing helicopter, but did not confirm the identification. In response to the flight lead's radio call, the wingman responded "Tally 2." The wingman testified that he intended this call to indicate he saw two helicopters.²⁸⁵ The F-15 flight lead understood his wingman's transmission to mean that he confirmed the identification.²⁸⁶ The AWACS TAOR controller said, "Copy Hinds."287

The F-15 flight lead flew to a position approximately 5-10 NM behind the helicopters and called, "Engaged" to AWACS, indicating he intended to attack the helicopters. He also told his wingman to "Arm hot" (arm the missiles in preparation for launch). The F-15 flight lead advised his wingman that he, the flight lead, would shoot the trailing helicopter and that the wingman was

to shoot the lead helicopter.²⁸⁸ At approximately 0730Z, the flight lead turned to the southeast, locked his radar on to the trailing helicopter, and attempted a final Mode I interrogation of the helicopter's transponder and received no reply. When the flight lead had closed to approximately 4 NM behind the trailing helicopter, he fired an AIM-120, radar-guided missile.²⁸⁹ Fragments from the missile's warhead hit the helicopter approximately 7 seconds later. The helicopter burst into flames and crashed.²⁹⁰ Moments later, the F-15 wingman, having flown to a position approximately 2 NM behind the flight lead, locked-on to the remaining helicopter, selected an AIM-9 heat-seeking missile, and fired at a range of approximately 9,000 feet. The missile hit the helicopter and detonated. The helicopter burst into flames and crashed.²⁹¹

Although the flight lead had briefed that the flight would turn on the aircraft VTR system at the "commit" point, he testified that he forgot to turn on his VTR system.²⁹² The wingman turned his VTR system on as he turned to engage the helicopters after the VID pass.²⁹³

The F-15 pilots flew two visual reconnaissance passes over the helicopter crash sites. One pass was flown from west to east, and one pass was flown from east to west.²⁹⁴ The pilots could not identify anything other than burning debris.²⁹⁵ The F-15 flight then climbed back to altitude and began searching the TAOR airspace for Iraqi aircraft. The F-15 flight refueled with a KC-135 tanker aircraft and resumed the tasked defensive counter air mission for approximately another 1.5 hours.²⁹⁶ During this time, both the F-15 flight lead and the wingman had numerous radar contacts that they interrogated with their AAI systems. Both reported receiving Mode I and Mode IV responses from those contacts.²⁹⁷ The F-15 pilots completed their mission and landed at Incirlik AB at 1000Z.²⁹⁸

(4) UH-60 Black Hawk

UH-60 Flight Authorization: On 13 April 1994, the Military Coordination Center Commander tasked the Black Hawk helicopter detachment at Diyarbakir AB to provide two UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters to fly a support mission in the TAOR on 14 April 1994.²⁹⁹ This mission had been specifically authorized by the CTF CG, since the mission involved flight outside the security zone to the Kurdish cities of Irbil and Salah ad Din, Iraq.³⁰⁰

UH-60 Flight Plans: A flight plan for the flight of two UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters, (call signs Eagle 1 and Eagle 2) was completed using a joint, preprinted Turkish/US form. The flight plan was filed with Diyarbakir AB Base Operations Section. From Base Operations, the flight plan was sent to Diyarbakir AB Sector Operations (equivalent to US departure control). Sector Operations relayed the flight plan information to Turkish air defense radar installations. The flight plan listed the published Low Level Transit Routes from Diyarbakir AB to Zakhu, Iraq, continuing on into the TAOR. Departure and return times at Zakhu and route of flight and destinations within the TAOR were not listed. The return leg of the flight from Zakhu listed the Low Level Transit Route to Diyarbakir AB. The flight plan was signed by the pilot in command and filed in accordance with Turkish regulations, flight information publications, and the OPC Airspace Control Order (ACO). The state of the flight plan was signed by the pilot in the OPC Airspace Control Order (ACO).

UH-60 Communications: The Black Hawk helicopter crews reported no radio communications discrepancies to helicopter maintenance personnel, prior to takeoff from Diyarbakir AB.³⁰⁵ All required radio transmissions to Eagle Operations, AWACS, and the MCC (Forward) were accomplished. No indications of any radio malfunctions were noted.³⁰⁶ All helicopter radios received extensive damage from the crash and post-crash fires, precluding conclusive analysis of their operational status.³⁰⁷

NOTE: One Black Hawk helicopter was equipped with a "Have Quick I" (HQI), UHF radio; the other was equipped with a "Have Quick II" radio. The radios provide UHF air-to-air and air-to-ground radio communications capability. The "Have Quick" Mode provides anti-jam capabilities using a frequency hopping method which changes the frequency many times a second. The F-15C's are equipped with an ARC-164 "Have Quick II" UHF radio, and the AWACS is equipped with an ARC-204 "Have Quick II" UHF radio. The "Have Quick II" radios are an updated version of the "Have Quick I" radio. "Have Quick I" operation is not compatible with "Have Quick II" operation. "Have Quick II" radios can, with difficulty, be set up to communicate with "Have Quick I" radios. The Black Hawks therefore would be limited to flight operations on "Have Quick I," if they used it at all. There is no evidence that "Have Quick" was used by the unit, generally, or by this flight. The set of the provide that "Have Quick" was used by the unit, generally, or by this flight.

There is no indication that communication equipment serviceability was related to the accident.

UH-60 Navigation: Interviews with other pilots and maintenance personnel from the Black Hawk unit revealed no known problems or discrepancies with the navigation equipment on board the two accident Black Hawk helicopters.³¹¹ All navigation equipment received extensive damage from the crash and post-crash fires, precluding conclusive analysis of their operational status.³¹² There is no evidence that navigation was a factor in the accident. There is no evidence that weather hampered navigation or was a factor in the accident.³¹³

UH-60 Black Hawk Briefing and Preflight. On 13 April, the helicopter flight assistant operations officer confirmed the next day's mission with the operations officer at MCC (Forward) at Zakhu.³¹⁴ The helicopter flight assistant operations officer prepared the mission schedule, requested the weather briefing, and called the CTF Joint Operations Intelligence Center (JOIC) at Incirlik AB, activating the ATO line numbers. (Activating the ATO line number identified what type of mission would be conducted and started a process to notify Turkish controllers for the portions of the flight to occur in Turkey.)³¹⁵ The noncommissioned officer in charge also assembled required mission documents and survival gear for the crew members.³¹⁶

The helicopter aircrews, call signs Eagle 1 (flight lead) and Eagle 2 (wingman), completed their assigned duties at approximately 1430Z on 13 April and went to bed at approximately 1830Z.³¹⁷ On 14 April, the aircrews awoke at approximately 0215Z and departed their quarters at 0310Z, arriving at the Black Hawk helicopter flight operations building at 0315Z.³¹⁸ All crew rest requirements specified by Army regulations were met.³¹⁹

On 14 April, the air mission commander (the Black Hawk flight lead) conducted the flight mission briefing using the preprinted mission briefing form from Army regulations.³²⁰ All required briefing items were covered. The Eagle Flight Detachment Aircrew Mission Briefing form requires Identification Friend or Foe (IFF) to be briefed.³²¹ All published unencrypted IFF codes and radio frequencies were photocopied from the Air Tasking Order (ATO) and were provided to the Pilot in Command of each aircraft in accordance with the Black Hawk detachment procedures.³²² Encrypted IFF codes were loaded by operations personnel in the KYK 13 encoding device, which was then given to the helicopter crews to load each aircraft's IFF transponder.³²³

Helicopter pilots assigned to the Black Hawk unit were not aware that the ATO specified separate transponder Mode I codes for operating inside and outside of the TAOR. The unit had routinely flown in the TAOR using the Mode I code designated for use outside the TAOR. On previous missions, AWACS had not pointed out the incorrect Mode I code to the helicopter crews. There is nothing to indicate that the pilots who flew the 14 April mission were briefed on, or were aware of, the correct Mode I code specified for use in the TAOR.³²⁴ AWACS interrogation of the accident helicopters' Mode I IFF codes showed that the helicopters' transponders were transmitting on Mode I, Code 42 (the code for operations outside the TAOR.)³²⁵

After the mission briefing, the helicopter aircrews began their mission planning. They received intelligence and weather briefings, and completed their flight plan. The pilots signed for and were issued the ATO, night vision goggles, survival radios, authentication tables, and weapons.³²⁶

The helicopter crews departed Pirinclik AB, Turkey at approximately 0335Z, arrived at Diyarbakir base operations at approximately 0400Z, and passed their flight plan to the Turkish Air Traffic Control Section. ³²⁷ The aircrews then departed Diyarbakir base operations and drove to the US flight line area. ³²⁸

The helicopter crews conducted preflight checks of the Black Hawk helicopters. (Aircraft serial numbers 87-26000 and 87-26001). The helicopter detachment's standard practice was to conduct all aircraft preflight checks in accordance with the aircraft operator's manual, the aircraft checklist and Army regulations.³²⁹ When the lead aircrew performed their aircraft run-up checks on aircraft 87-26001, they discovered an electrical problem which required an aircraft change.³³⁰ The lead aircrew changed to aircraft 88-26060, and after a normal preflight and engine run-up, both Black Hawk helicopters departed as a flight of two at 0522Z for Zakhu, Iraq.³³¹ No maintenance discrepancies on the two accident aircraft were reported to maintenance personnel at Diyarbakir AB.³³² As they entered the TAOR, the helicopter flight contacted AWACS at 0621Z and landed at Zakhu shortly thereafter.³³³

NOTE: The initial plan for the next flight had been for the helicopters to fly to a village which was just within the security zone to wait until AWACS was on station, before proceeding outside the security zone.³³⁴ The US co-commander had requested permission from the CTF CG for an early departure from Zakhu. The proposed departure time would

have meant that the helicopters would have flown outside the SZ before the AWACS was scheduled to be on station. The CTF CG had denied the request.³³⁵ There is no indication that any of the MCC or helicopter personnel were aware of the ACO requirement for fighter aircraft to "sanitize" the TAOR before any OPC aircraft could enter the area.³³⁶

At 0536Z, the radio operator at MCC (Forward) received word that AWACS was flying and JTIDS was operational.³³⁷ When the helicopters arrived at Zakhu, the air mission commander confirmed AWACS was airborne and operational.³³⁸ The MCC (Forward) operations officer conducted a mission briefing for the helicopter aircrews, MCC co-commanders, and the accompanying staff officers. The briefing covered the passenger manifest, seating, and the route of flight from Zakhu to Irbil to Salah ad Din, and return to Zakhu.³³⁹ Army procedures require an aircraft thru-flight inspection (check that the aircraft is functioning properly) be performed prior to each takeoff.³⁴⁰ Although there is no evidence to indicate whether or not the required inspection was complied with on this flight, normal practice by the unit's helicopter pilots was to conduct a thorough thru-flight in accordance with the aircraft operator's checklist.³⁴¹ At 0650Z, following the briefing, the helicopters were loaded and prepared to depart from Zakhu.³⁴²

UH-60 Sequence of Flight Events: The Black Hawk helicopters departed Zakhu, and at 0654Z, the pilots contacted the AWACS enroute controller and reported that they had departed Zakhu and were enroute to Irbil, using code words for the locations.³⁴³ They proceeded at low altitude to the southeast through a valley between mountainous ridge lines.³⁴⁴ The Airspace Coordination Order requires helicopters to remain below 400 feet above ground level (AGL) to provide deconfliction from jet aircraft.³⁴⁵ An April 1993 helicopter detachment memorandum for flight crews states that flights in the TAOR will be straight line from point to point.³⁴⁶ However, helicopter routes of flight within the TAOR were selected to use the most favorable terrain to avoid Iraqi air defense locations.³⁴⁷ The route from Zakhu to Irbil which avoided the Iraqi air defenses took the helicopters on a dogleg approximately 26 NM to the northeast of the straight line route.³⁴⁸

The helicopters' transponders were operational and transmitting Mode I, code 42 after departing Zakhu, inside the TAOR. This was the Mode I code for operations outside the TAOR. Mode I, code 52 was specified in the ATO for all aircraft operating inside the TAOR. Additionally, the lead helicopter's transponder transmitted Mode II, code 5530 and the wingman's transponder transmitted Mode II, code 5531, both as specified in the ATO. A Mode III code was not required in the TAOR. There is no evidence to indicate that AWACS attempted to interrogate either of the helicopters' Mode IV codes on this flight either.

The Black Hawk helicopters were engaged by the F-15 flight at a location 71 NM southeast of Zakhu.³⁵⁴ They were between 120 feet and 200 feet above the ground in a staggered left trail formation.³⁵⁵

At approximately 0730Z, the trail Black Hawk, (serial number 87-26000) was flying approximately 120 feet above the ground on a heading between 100 and 120 degrees, when it was hit in the left rear fuselage by warhead fragments from the AIM-120, radar-guided missile.³⁵⁶

Kurdish witnesses reported fire behind the rotor mast and on top of the aircraft (in the area of the auxiliary power unit) following warhead detonation. Fire was also reported inside the cabin area.³⁵⁷ The Black Hawk began to break up in the air, with pieces of the aircraft landing approximately 1,320 feet short of the main impact point. The helicopter impacted on the valley floor. Impact was estimated to be at an angle of 8 degrees nose low at approximately 72 knots airspeed.³⁵⁸ The aircraft was destroyed by fire after impact with the ground.³⁵⁹

The lead Black Hawk, (serial number 88-26060) continued flying up the valley on a heading of approximately 100 degrees at an undetermined airspeed and at a low altitude. Just after the trailing Black Hawk crashed, the lead helicopter made a series of rapid left and right banking maneuvers, finally turning left and entering a narrow, steep valley running generally on a heading of 040 degrees. The lead Black Hawk was struck by the heat-seeking AIM 9 missile. Hawk began to break up in the air with pieces of wreckage landing 2,118 feet short of the main impact point. At least one main rotor blade and one tail rotor paddle landed 900 feet short of the main impact point. At approximately 0730Z, the helicopter impacted on a 45 degree mountain slope. Impact was estimated to be at an angle of 56 degrees nose low at an undetermined airspeed. The aircraft was destroyed by fire after impact with the ground.

c. Search and Rescue:

Each of the two cockpit doors on the Black Hawk helicopters was equipped with a jettison system for emergency release of the door assembly. The two windows on each helicopter cabin door (a total of four door windows per aircraft) were equipped with a jettison system.³⁶⁷ Aircraft emergency equipment consisted of two hand-held fire extinguishers, one crash axe, and three first aid kits.³⁶⁸ Black Hawk helicopters are not equipped with inflight emergency ejection/egress systems. No evidence was found to indicate that egress was attempted from either aircraft or that any emergency equipment was used.³⁶⁹

Each Black Hawk crew member had been issued and was wearing the approved flight uniform, combat boots, flight gear, and survival vest (SRU 21P) with standard issue survival gear.³⁷⁰ The US military passengers were all wearing the standard battle dress uniform (BDU) and combat boots. Civilian passengers wore appropriate civilian clothing. The civilian Kurdish guards wore civilian clothing and flak vests.³⁷¹ Minor discrepancies in aircrew member aviation and life support equipment were noted, but were not related to the accident.³⁷² There is no indication that any survival equipment was used.³⁷³

At 0806Z, the JSOTF operations office at Incirlik AB received initial notification from CTF C2 of an accident allegedly involving Hind helicopters and that the location of the Black Hawk helicopter flight was unknown.³⁷⁴ At 0915Z, the JSOTF directed their response force at the MCC (Forward), to prepare to dispatch a ground search and rescue (SAR) team.³⁷⁵

At 1015Z, Kurdish civilians notified MCC (Forward) that two US helicopters had been shot down and gave them the location of the crash sites.³⁷⁶ At 1052Z, the CTF gave authorization to launch the SAR force from Incirlik AB.³⁷⁷ The SAR team that was assembled included an

AWACS aircraft for command and control, fighters for air cover, MH-60G Pave Hawk helicopters to carry the SAR force, and HC-130 Hercules aircraft to provide inflight refueling for the helicopters.³⁷⁸ The MH-60 helicopter crews prepared the aircraft for the mission while the Turkish liaison officers were notified and clearance from the Turkish authorities was obtained.³⁷⁹ JSOTF SAR forces departed Incirlik AB in MH-60 Pave Hawk helicopters at approximately 1200Z, and the HC-130 departed Incirlik AB at 1302Z. The AWACS and supporting fighters were already airborne. At 1315Z, a team of Special Forces personnel and civilian interpreters departed MCC (Forward) at Zakhu, by ground transportation, enroute to the crash site.³⁸⁰

The Pave Hawk helicopters arrived at the two crash sites at approximately 1615Z.³⁸¹ At approximately 1650Z, the MCC (Forward) ground team arrived at the crash sites.³⁸² At 1715Z, the JSOTF on-scene commander reported to the CTF commander that the helicopter wreckage was from the two US Black Hawk helicopters. He confirmed that there were 26 casualties, and no survivors.³⁸³ Recovery and transport of the remains began immediately and continued throughout the night.

A medical/mortuary affairs team from Incirlik AB set up operations at Diyarbakir AB to receive and prepare the remains for transport to Rhein Main AB, Germany. Several helicopter flights were required to transport the remains and SAR personnel, first to Zakhu and then on to Diyarbakir AB. The last helicopter flight landed at Diyarbakir AB at approximately 0330Z, 15 April 1994.³⁸⁴ At 1831Z, on 15 April 1994, a C-141 carrying the remains departed Diyarbakir AB for Rhein Main AB.³⁸⁵

d. Maintenance:

(1) E-3B AWACS.

Maintenance Documentation. Aircraft maintenance records, airborne radar technician logs, sortie debrief reports, maintenance log books, and the equipment review report for aircraft 77-0351 were reviewed. There were no documented maintenance discrepancies which appeared to be related to the accident.

Maintenance Personnel and Supervision. The aircraft was serviced for flight in accordance with Air Force directives, and the appropriate documentation was accomplished. Squadron maintenance personnel were experienced, and were trained in accordance with Air Force standards to maintain the aircraft and mission systems. 387

Engine, Fuel, Hydraulic, and Oil Inspection Analysis. With the exception of minor engine discrepancies which were unrelated to the accident, all engine, flight control, and aircraft accessory systems functioned normally during the mission. Post-flight fuel, oil, and hydraulic samples and a post-flight engine inspection were not required.³⁸⁸

Airframe and Aircraft Systems. Aircraft airframe and systems, including hydraulic, electric, mechanical, avionics, and power plant, were reviewed. Two AWACS aircraft systems, the mission crew commander's console monitor and one Magnetic Tape Transport, had

discrepancies which were reviewed during the accident investigation. Additionally, the aircraft was equipped with a commercial VHS video camera to record video/audio from a specific scope display. The video camera recorded information related to the accident, and was the only device on board which had audio recording capability.

Video Camera. The onboard VHS video camera was installed to provide an additional record of any flight safety problems or significant events in flight.³⁸⁹ It recorded the scope display from a spare monitor during the F-15C intercept of the Black Hawk helicopters. According to crew members' testimony, the tape was rewound so a crew member could view the intercept. It was turned back on, after it was rewound, to record Iraqi air activity south of the nofly zone after the accident, and a portion of the tape was recorded over. Approximately four minutes were lost--from 0728Z to 0732Z.³⁹⁰ Extensive reconstruction efforts on the audio segment did not recover any of the lost data. However, expert analysis of the portions of the tape that were not recorded over disclosed audio material not otherwise available.³⁹¹

Magnetic Tape Transports. One of the three Magnetic Tape Transports (MTT) was inoperable. The unit is used to record mission data or load mission programs. With one Magnetic Tape Transport (MTT) inoperable, the onboard computer technician was required to manually rewind and reload the magnetic recording tapes. Although this caused three to five minute gaps in the recorded data, video recording capability during the F-15 intercept was not affected.³⁹²

Mission Crew Commander Radar Scope. The mission crew commander's radar scope experienced "ballooning" problems during the mission. Every five to ten minutes, displayed images would expand, then blank out for about 20 seconds. The inflight technician assessed the problem as not serious. A fully functional spare monitor was available; however, the mission crew commander did not deem it necessary to change monitors.³⁹³

(2) F-15C.

Maintenance Documentation. Aircrast maintenance records, maintenance forms, sortie debrief reports, and the equipment review report for 84-0025 (lead's aircrast) and 79-0025 (wingman's aircrast) were reviewed.

Serial number 84-0025. The aircraft (84-0025) had no grounding discrepancies or overdue Time Compliance Technical Orders (TCTO), (aircraft/engine modifications) or engine inspections in the aircraft status, maintenance and inspection records. Additionally, the aircraft had no abnormal trends in either engine's oil analysis records. The aircraft's historical flight records indicated no recurring maintenance problems with engine, airframe, or avionics systems (except as noted below.) Aircraft maintenance records showed that the aircraft had experienced four Air-to-Air Interrogation (AAI) system discrepancies in the 90 days prior to the accident. All four discrepancies had been documented as corrected by maintenance personnel.³⁹⁴ It cannot be determined if they were related to the accident.

Serial number 79-0025. The aircraft (79-0025) had no grounding discrepancies or overdue TCTOs (aircraft/engine modifications) or engine inspections in the aircraft status, maintenance and inspection records. Additionally, the aircraft had no abnormal trends in either engine's oil analysis records. The aircraft's historical flight records indicated no recurring maintenance problems with engine, airframe, or avionics systems. The aircraft had not experienced any AAI system discrepancies since 28 February 1994.³⁹⁵

Maintenance Personnel and Supervision. Both aircraft were serviced for flight on 13 April in accordance with applicable technical directives and the appropriate documentation was accomplished. On the morning of 14 April, a qualified squadron avionics technician loaded the Mode IV codes for 14 April (Mode IVA) and 15 April (Mode IVB) into both aircraft's IFF and AAI systems. Both accident aircraft's IFF systems were electronically checked prior to flight, by a second avionics technician using an IFF ground test set. Both aircraft passed this check confirming that valid Mode IV codes were loaded in each aircraft. The training records of the second avionics technician did not reflect that he had completed training on the use of the test set. He was subsequently tested and found qualified to perform the task. Other squadron maintenance personnel records were not reviewed.

Engine, Fuel, Hydraulic, and Oil Inspection Analysis. All engine, flight control, and aircraft accessory systems functioned normally during the accident sortie.³⁹⁷ Post-flight fuel and hydraulic samples and post-flight engine inspections were not required.

Airframe and Aircraft Systems. The status of aircraft airframe and aircraft systems, including hydraulic, electrical, mechanical, avionics and power plant, was reviewed. Aircraft canopy and windscreen condition and the AAI/IFF systems for both F-15C aircraft were identified as components/systems requiring detailed evaluation.

Canopy and windscreen. Both aircrafts' (79-0025 and 84-0025) canopies and windscreens were inspected and met all technical data requirements for optical clarity.³⁹⁸

Serial number 84-0025.

The aircraft's AAI system was reported to have been successfully checked against airborne targets by the accident pilot and by the pilots on the sorties immediately prior to and after the accident sortie. The aircraft had experienced no AAI malfunctions between 1 December 1993 and 9 March 1994. Since 9 March 1994, the aircraft had experienced four problems with its AAI/interference blanking systems. One of these problems involved an AAI Built In Test (BIT) light illuminating in flight. On another flight, the AAI was inoperative in all modes. The two other problems involved the interference blanking system. In addition, there was one interference blanking system discrepancy on the sortie following the accident flight.

NOTE: AAI/IFF System. When interrogated, the F-15 aircraft IFF system transmits a coded response to identify itself as a "friendly" aircraft. The F-15 aircraft AAI system transmits interrogation signals, evaluates coded IFF replies, and displays symbology in the cockpit to tell the pilot if the interrogated IFF signal

is from a friendly aircraft. The F-15 aircraft interference blanking system prevents interference between an aircraft's own internal systems that use radio frequency transmitters and receivers. For example, when an F-15 aircraft's AAI system interrogates a target, the interference blanker prevents that same interrogation from being received by the F-15's own IFF system. Without the interference blanker, the interrogating aircraft's own IFF system would reply. That reply would be picked up by the F-15's own AAI system and displayed as an erroneous target on the cockpit display. (See paragraph 2i of this report for a discussion of AAI/IFF anomalies, and Tab O4b for additional discussion of the interference blanker.)

The aircraft's AAI system was ground-tested on 21/22 April 1994 by an F-15 technical advisor using an AAI ground test set and the applicable F-15 technical data. The test indicated the aircraft's AAI system was capable of interrogating, receiving replies, evaluating, and displaying Mode I, II, III, and IV targets generated by the ground test set. However, the aircraft failed the Mode IV loop check, an internal self-test of the Mode IV system. In the loop test, the aircraft's interference blanking system is disabled, allowing the AAI transmitter to send a signal to the aircraft's own IFF transponder. The IFF transponder's reply to that interrogation is received by the AAI system's receiver. Failure of the loop test indicated that the continuity of the internal test circuit was not complete. The technical advisor suspected, but was unable to positively confirm, that the interference blanking system problems and the failure of the Mode IV loop check were related. Even though the AAI had been unable to interrogate the F-15's own IFF during the loop test, it had successfully interrogated the external AAI ground test set in the previously mentioned test. The wiring between the interference blanker, IFF system, and AAI system was tested for continuity with no defects noted. 401

The IFF reply evaluator and AAI receiver/transmitter from the aircraft's AAI system were then sent to Warner Robins Air Logistics Center at Robins AFB, Georgia, for tear-down analysis. The interrogator computer was also sent to the Air Force Cryptologic Support Center, Kelly AFB, Texas, for tear-down analysis. The tear-down analysis revealed no discrepancies in any of the components that would have adversely affected system performance on the aircraft. The interference blanker and AAI cockpit control panel from aircraft 84-0025 were sent to Warner Robins Air Logistics Center at Robins AFB, Georgia, for tear-down analysis. The analysis revealed each component passed all test requirements. The successful AAI interrogations by pilots on sorties before, during and after the accident, and the lack of deficiencies noted during the tear-down analysis indicate the AAI system was functioning normally. However, because the AAI failed the Mode IV loop check and had a history of AAI write ups, the possibility of intermittent failure of the AAI system could not be ruled out. A malfunction of the F-15 interference blanking system normally does not interfere with the receipt of another aircraft's IFF transponder reply. Aigust and the receipt of another aircraft's IFF transponder reply.

Serial number 79-0025.

The aircraft's AAI system was reported to have been successfully checked against airborne targets by the pilots on the sorties before, during, and after the accident sortie. The aircraft had experienced two AAI malfunctions in the last 90 days. Both malfunctions (December 1993 and

January 1994) involved the Mode IV portion of the AAI system. There were no pilot-reported AAI discrepancies in the 45 days prior to the accident.⁴⁰⁵

The aircraft's AAI system was ground-tested on 21/22 April 1994 by an F-15 technical advisor, using an AAI ground test set and the applicable F-15 technical data. The aircraft passed all of the test, except the Mode IV portion. When the aircraft's AAI system interrogated the test set, it failed to display Mode IV returns in the cockpit, indicating it had not successfully received/evaluated the reply from the test set. The test set indicated it had received an interrogation from the aircraft and had sent a reply. The test set had been used on aircraft 84-0025 just prior to being used on aircraft 79-0025 and the Mode IV portion of the test had worked correctly. The test set also passed a built-in self-test prior to the test on aircraft 79-0025.

The IFF reply evaluator and the AAI receiver/transmitter from the aircraft's AAI system were then sent to the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center at Robins AFB, Georgia, for tear-down analysis. The interrogator computer from the aircraft was sent to the Air Force Cryptologic Support Center, Kelly AFB, Texas, for tear-down analysis. The tear-down analysis revealed no discrepancies in any of the components that would have adversely affected system performance on the aircraft. The interference blanker and AAI cockpit control panel from 79-0025 were sent to the test facilities at Warner Robins Air Logistics Center at Robins AFB, Georgia, for tear-down analysis. Each of these components passed all test requirements. 407 The lack of a history of AAI write ups, the reported successful AAI interrogations by the pilots on the sorties before, during, and after the accident sortie, and the lack of deficiencies noted during the tear-down analysis indicate the AAI system was functioning normally. However, because the AAI failed the Mode IV portion of the ground test, the possibility of an intermittent failure of the AAI system in flight could not be ruled out.

(3) UH-60 Black Hawks.

Maintenance Documentation. Historical aircraft maintenance records and forms for helicopters 88-26060 and 87-26000 were reviewed. Available documentation indicates that maintenance procedures and practices were in accordance with applicable directives. Daily maintenance forms carried on board the accident helicopters in accordance with Army directives, could not be reviewed. The documents were destroyed when the helicopters crashed and burned. There were no known, uncorrected maintenance discrepancies on either helicopter that appear to have been related to the accident.⁴⁰⁸

Serial number 88-26060. Historical maintenance records revealed that all aircraft modification work orders had been completed. There were no abnormal trends in the oil analysis records. No oil samples were overdue. The records showed that the aircraft had 17 non-grounding discrepancies that would have been carried forward in the aircraft forms that were destroyed in the crash. It

Aircraft maintenance records for 88-26060 showed that there were six IFF system (transponder and KIT 1C) discrepancies in the 210 days prior to the accident. These included a failed Mode IV check, two transponder self-test failures, an incorrect knob installation, an IFF

caution light illuminated in flight, and a Mode II button stuck. All writeups had been documented as repaired or checked and found to be functioning properly.⁴¹² It cannot be determined whether these corrected discrepancies were related to the accident.

Serial number 87-26000. Historical maintenance records revealed that all modification work orders had been completed. There were no abnormal trends in the oil analysis records. No oil samples were overdue. The records showed that the aircraft had seven non-grounding discrepancies that would have been carried forward to the aircraft forms that were destroyed in the crash. None of these discrepancies appear to have been related to the accident.

Aircraft maintenance records for 87-26000 showed that there was one IFF system (transponder and KIT 1C) discrepancy in the 210 days prior to the accident. The records indicated that the transponder would not hold the Mode IV code. The corrective action taken was to replace the KIT 1C battery. 416 It cannot be determined whether this corrected discrepancy was related to the accident.

Maintenance Personnel and Supervision. The aircraft were serviced for flight in accordance with Army directives. Preflight servicing of the aircraft was conducted by the accident flight crew chiefs. All Servicing records, including refueling, replenishing component fluid levels, and the completion of daily scheduled inspections for the 14 April 1994 flight, were carried in the logbooks. The logbooks were destroyed in the accident. Training records revealed that the servicing personnel (crew chiefs) were experienced and qualified. Contractor maintenance personnel were also experienced and qualified.

The servicing personnel (crew chiefs) were responsible for loading (keying) the encrypted Mode IV code into the aircraft transponders.⁴²¹ The Army has no requirement to document the keying process. A representative of the US Army Aviation Electronic Combat Project Manager's Office evaluated all Black Hawk crew chiefs at Diyarbakir on 28 April 94 and determined that keying of Mode IV of the transponders was being accomplished in accordance with applicable technical manuals.⁴²²

Engine, Fuel, Hydraulic, and Oil Inspection Analysis. Available information indicates that the engine, fuel, hydraulic, and lubrication systems were functioning properly prior to the accident. Post-crash fuel, hydraulic fluid, and oil samples were not taken from either Black Hawk helicopter due to the extensive destruction of the components caused by impact forces and post-crash fires.⁴²³

Airframe and Aircraft Systems. Records and recovered components from the helicopter wreckage were examined. The IFF transponders were the only Black Hawk systems recovered from the crash sites whose operation may have been related to the accident. Teardown analysis was conducted on the two IFF transponders and one cryptographic computer (KIT 1C).⁴²⁴

Serial number 88-26060. The AN/APX-100 (Transponder) was recovered and shipped to the Naval Air Warfare Center, Indianapolis, Indiana, for tear-down analysis. 425 Tear-down

analysis indicated that, due to the damage to the AN/APX-100 (transponder), it was not possible to ascertain the operational condition of the unit, or if the Mode IV control switch was activated (on) at the time of the accident. The KIT 1C was recovered and sent to the Air Force Cryptologic Support Center, Kelly AFB, Texas, for tear-down analysis. Tear-down analysis of the KIT 1C indicated that, due to extensive damage to the component, no determination could be made about the condition of the component prior to the accident, or whether or not the unit was turned on at the time of the accident.

Serial number 87-26000. The AN/APX-100 (Transponder) was recovered and sent to the Naval Air Warfare Center, Indianapolis, Indiana, for tear-down analysis.⁴²⁹ Tear-down analysis showed that transponder power was on at the time of the accident.⁴³⁰ The KIT 1C of this aircraft was not recovered. Observations made during the tear down analysis which relate to possible transponder switch positions and the operational status of the Mode IV function are discussed below.

e. Summary of AAI and IFF Anomalies.

The following areas have been identified as possible reasons for the lack of Mode IV IFF indications received by the F-15s during the intercept.

Terrain masking. The signals between aircraft AAI systems and transponders require line-of-sight in order to be effectively received.⁴³¹ The intercept's parameters raise the possibility that terrain masking may have intermittently interrupted the signals, preventing a valid Mode IV identification.⁴³²

Signal interference by proximity. The F-15C manufacturer, McDonnell Douglas Aircraft Corporation, and the Department of Defense's IFF Program Office indicate the theoretical possibility that an F-15 aircraft, electronically interrogating two other aircraft flying in close proximity to each other, could experience difficulty receiving the IFF reply from those aircraft. The close proximity of two aircraft could result in a situation where neither aircraft's transponder signal would be received by an AAI system. ⁴³³ On the other hand, an independent input by the Naval Air Warfare Center, Aircraft Division at Indianapolis, Indiana, indicated that the AAI interrogator should have seen, as a minimum, one valid Mode IV response. ⁴³⁴

Computer simulation testing by the Theater Air Command and Control Simulation Facility (TACCSF) at Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico, revealed that, using certain interrogation modes, the F-15 AAI system would not consistently get successful interrogations of two UH-60s flying in close proximity. Subsequent flight tests at Nellis AFB, Nevada, using F-15Cs and MH-60 helicopters indicated a very high success rate in interrogations of two helicopters flying in close proximity. Interrogation failures observed during the flight test were attributed to terrain masking and a lack of the required radar contacts during some interrogations. 436

Insufficient AAI interrogation time. TACCSF simulator results indicated that the probability of an IFF response being received by the F-15 AAI system was "largely determined by the amount of time the 'coolie switch' was held in position during any particular interrogation

request." (The "coolie switch" is a multi-function switch which includes the AAI function.) The TACCSF report also stated, "It was often necessary to hold the coolie switch in the interrogate position for several seconds to obtain a response while in 'Track-While-Scan' or 'Search' modes". The probability of a positive IFF response is dependent on the number of times the transponder is "swept" by the interrogator. Depending on the radar antenna scan pattern, several sweeps of the radar (several seconds of sweep time) may be required to get a successful response.⁴³⁷

Interrogator and Receiver Side Lobe Suppression (ISLS and RSLS). The interrogator and receiver side lobe suppression systems are designed to reduce the interrogating pilot's screen "clutter" caused by multiple, excessive replies to an interrogation. Indications are that it is possible that the relative angles of intercept between the F-15Cs and the Black Hawk helicopters could have produced a condition where either of these suppression functions may have prevented a transponder reply by the helicopters.⁴³⁸

Effect of helicopter low level flight profile on the correlation between the F-15 Fire Control Computer and AAI interrogator. The F-15's fire control radar (FCR) uses a target's "doppler shift" to track the target and direct the interrogator. The FCR computer may have difficulty tracking a low altitude, slow moving target. Without a reliable radar lock, the F-15's interrogator might not present a response to the pilot, even though a valid reply was transmitted by the transponder.⁴³⁹

Possible Black Hawk Crew Actions. Potential problems could arise as a result of mistakes during the Mode IV keying process. They include issue/receipt of an incorrect Mode IV code, equipment malfunctions, and errors by personnel conducting the loading process. However, the available evidence indicates that the keying of 88-26060 and 87-26000 on 14 April 1994 was done with the correct code for the day and that the loading procedures were accomplished in accordance with applicable directives and technical manuals. The detachments KYK 13s were determined to be fully operational by Tobyhanna Army Depot. 441

Improper helicopter engine shut-down procedures could result in the loss of the Mode IV code from the transponder's memory. The board could not determine whether this occurred following the shut down of the Black Hawks at Zakhu on 14 April 1994.⁴⁴²

It is possible that the Mode IV switches were turned off during flight; however, there is no evidence indicating that the Black Hawk pilots deliberately turned off the Mode IV switch on both helicopters while in flight.⁴⁴³

The accident board was unable to determine from the information available why the F-15 AAIs did not receive a Mode IV response from the Black Hawk helicopters' transponders.

f. Crew Qualifications:

(1) AWACS Crew Qualifications. The Individual Training Records and Flight Evaluation Folders (FEF) for each member of the AWACS crew were reviewed. Except for the mission crew commander, all of the AWACS crew members were qualified and mission ready.⁴⁴⁴

Except for the instructor computer display maintenance technician, all crew members were current in OPC theater certification.⁴⁴⁵ Upon arrival at Incirlik AB each crew member received additional theater-specialized training for OPC and a local orientation briefing.⁴⁴⁶ Several members had participated in previous deployments to OPC.⁴⁴⁷

Mission Crew Commander. The accident mission crew commander, who had a total of 518 total hours of flying time, completed initial qualification training (IQT) on 3 February 1993 with a "Qualified" rating. 448 No evaluation discrepancies were noted and no additional training was recommended. 449 He completed mission qualification training (MQT) within the prescribed time and was certified as mission ready (MR) in March 1993.450 To maintain MR status, the mission crew commander was required to fly at least one sortie per month, or at least three sorties within the previous three month period.⁴⁵¹ On 22 December 1993, he was placed in a "duty-notinvolving-flying" (DNIF) status. Subsequently, the mission crew commander underwent a hearing evaluation that required a waiver prior to his return to flying status. The waiver was effective beginning 14 February 1994. 452 Because he had not flown since 22 December 1993, his MR status was downgraded to basic qualified (BQ) supervised status. 453 In BQ status, the mission crew commander was ineligible to fly without the supervision of an instructor, and was not certified to perform those duties required in contingency or wartime operations. 454 He flew an instructor supervised sortie on 23 February 1994, and was returned to MR status. 455 The mission crew commander was again placed in DNIF status on 29 March 1994, but was returned to flying status on 8 April 1994. 456 However, because he flew no sorties in March and had flown only one sortie in the first three months of 1994, he did not meet the minimum sortie requirements for being MR. The mission crew commander had flown only the one 8.3 hour sortie in the last 90 days.457 He was incorrectly left in MR status, and was deployed to OPC on 9 April 1994.458 Since he was incorrectly designated MR on the flight authorization orders for 14 April 94, he was not placed under the supervision of an instructor. 459 An instructor mission crew commander (the AWACS staff mission crew commander) flew on the 14 April 94 mission, but was not designated for, and did not perform, instructor duties on 14 April 1994. 460 The AWACS accident mission crew commander, who had flown only one sortie in the previous three months, was not currently qualified on 14 April 1994, in accordance with Air Force regulations.

Senior Director. The accident senior director (SD), who had 2383.7 total hours of flying time, completed weapons director (WD) initial qualification training on 5 July 1989, with a "Qualified" rating. 461 In October 1990, he was rated "Unsatisfactory" on the simulator portion of his first checkride with discrepancies noted for not properly positioning aircraft under his control. After additional training, he successfully completed the checkride on 6 November 1990. 462 In January 1992, he received another "Unsatisfactory" on a simulator checkride, again for poor aircraft positioning. After additional training, the checkride was successfully reaccomplished. 463 The senior director completed the Senior Director Upgrade Training course on 6 October 1992, receiving a "Qualified" rating. Additional training was recommended to improve his ability to prioritize mission radios during periods of heavy radio use. 464 During his senior director upgrade training, he had one "Unsatisfactory" mission on 12 August 1992 (Student Non-Progress [SNP] report for safety) in the flying training phase. The SNP for safety was because he had fallen asleep while the WDs under his supervision were controlling fighters. 465 Normal progress and instructor comments were evident on the remainder of his senior director upgrade training

missions. The senior director's mission qualification training simulator record noted several areas for improvement, including the need to be more familiar with the skill levels of the WDs under his supervision, the need to insure that both he and the WDs he supervised understood the ROE, and the need to insure WDs under his supervision totally understood their various responsibilities. Mission Qualification training comments during the flying training phase were positive and indicated no problems. A review of the Deployment Training Feedback form for a previous deployment to Saudi Arabia (November through December 1992), indicated that he demonstrated strong leadership and aggressive attributes during the deployment. On 15 April 93, the SD successfully completed his mission qualification evaluation with one discrepancy and no additional training recommended. A review of the flight training data for the SD indicated that he had completed all flying, ground, and simulator requirements. His flight training sortie accomplishments as an SD were well above Air Force requirements. The accident SD was current and mission ready to perform his assigned duties on 14 April 1994.

Enroute Controller. The accident enroute controller, who had 1109 total hours of flying time, received an "Unsatisfactory" rating on his first simulator check ride on 21 February 1992. The "Unsatisfactory" rating was for safety, and additional training was recommended prior to his simulator re-evaluation.⁴⁷¹ He completed WD initial qualification training on 14 April 1992 with a "Qualified" rating. 472 However, once the enroute controller began MQT, he required additional sorties to complete training objectives. His MQT was extended an additional 30 days to accomplish the required training.⁴⁷³ Prior to 18 March 1993, the enroute controller's status was downgraded from MR to BQ when he did not fly an effective weapons sortie for more than 60 days. On 18 March 1993, he was returned to MR status after flying a sortie under an instructor's supervision.⁴⁷⁴ On 14 June 1993, the enroute controller failed his annual simulator evaluation with "Unsatisfactory" ratings for safety and airspace coordination. As a result, he was downgraded to an "Unqualified" (UQ) status. His squadron operations officer stated that the UO evaluation was "...as much a reflection of the high out of CONUS TDY load/lack of home station flying training for our WDs, as it is an indication of (his) failure to prepare himself for this evaluation."475 Eight additional simulator training sessions were conducted prior to his reevaluation. 476 The re-evaluation was conducted on 13 August 1993 with an overall "Qualified" rating, although an "Unsatisfactory" grade was given for improper aircraft positioning.⁴⁷⁷ Deployment Training Feedback forms were reviewed for a November-December 1992 OPC deployment and a March 1993 GREEN FLAG training exercise. Both indicated that the enroute controller performed well and was motivated and hard working. 478 A review of flight training data indicated that he had completed all of his semi-annual aircraft control requirements. The enroute controller was current and mission ready to perform his assigned duties on 14 April 1994.479

TAOR Controller. The accident TAOR controller, who had 161.5 total hours of flying time, completed WD initial qualification training on 5 January 1994 with a "Qualified" rating. No additional training was recommended. His training summary report indicates that he displayed "impeccable officership" and "professional qualities" through all phases of training, but that he needed time and practice to develop more self-confidence. His initial qualification training Individual Mission Grade Sheets indicated no problems in training. The TAOR controller completed MQT within syllabus guidelines, and instructor comments on the MQT Individual

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Mission Grade Sheets were positive. They indicated that he controlled his missions well, demonstrated knowledge of the ROE, and showed good situational awareness. However, one instructor commented that he needed to "...know his limits and communicate to SD/WDs when he needs help." A review of flight training data indicated that the TAOR controller had met all applicable training requirements. The accident TAOR controller was current and mission ready to perform his assigned duties on 14 April 1994. 483

Instructor Computer Display Maintenance Technician. The instructor computer display maintenance technician's (ICDMT) flight training data indicated that his theater certification for the OPC area of responsibility had expired on 11 December 1993.⁴⁸⁴ Theater training is required prior to aircrew members assuming duties within the OPC theater.⁴⁸⁵ A review of the ICDMT's flight evaluation folder and individual training records indicated no other discrepancies. The instructor computer display maintenance technician, who had 3515 total hours of flying time, was current and mission ready in his crew position.⁴⁸⁶ However, due to his expired theater certification, he was not currently qualified to perform duties in OPC on 14 April 1994.⁴⁸⁷

Staff Mission Crew Commander. The detachment staff mission crew commander who was on board the accident AWACS had 2527.7 total flying hours. He completed initial mission crew commander qualification training on 10 February 1993 with a "Qualified" rating. No discrepancies were noted. 488 His upgrade training to instructor mission crew commander was completed with a "Qualified" rating on 15 March 1994. No discrepancies were noted. The end-of-course summary report for his instructor mission crew commander course indicated that he excelled during the flying phase and was an effective leader and instructor. 489 On 14 April 1994, the staff mission crew commander was tasked to fly with the AWACS accident mission crew commander to provide assistance if required. 490 The staff mission crew commander logged primary flight time (not instructor time) on the AF Form 781, and the flight orders indicate he was not flying as an instructor. 491 He logged an instructor sortie on the AF Form 3526 Event Accomplishment Report. 492 The staff mission crew commander on board the accident AWACS aircraft was current and mission ready on 14 April 1994. 493

Qualification and Training Course Materials. A review of the mission crew training process was conducted by the AWACS technical advisor. Initial upgrade and mission qualification training syllabi and course materials addressed those tasks required to attain mission ready qualification in the AWACS. 494 Continuation training materials and requirements were designed to maintain or improve capabilities needed to perform AWACS roles and missions. 495 Pre-deployment training materials covered the OPC theater of operations and AWACS responsibilities. 496 However, theater certification material was based on USCENTCOM Southwest Asia plans rather than OPC plans. 497 The OPC simulator training materials stressed the importance of AWACS support to MCC helicopter operations. 498 In-theater briefing materials did not address AWACS support to MCC helicopter operations. 499 The AWACS in-theater weapons training book contained conflicting, unit-generated ROE guidance. 500

(2) F-15C Crew Qualifications.

F-15C Flight Lead. The flight lead, who had 1561.9 total hours of flying time (656.1 hours in the F-15) completed initial qualification training in the F-15, on 28 January 1991, with a "Qualified" rating. No discrepancies were noted. He completed mission qualification training on 12 July 1991 with a "Qualified" rating. No major discrepancies were noted. He was qualified as a two-ship flight lead on 30 November 1992. He was qualified as a four-ship flight lead on 22 October 1993. A review of his training records revealed no problem areas. The F-15 flight lead completed his low altitude training requirements and was certified to fly operational missions as a flight lead as low as 500 ft AGL, on 19 April 1993. During the time he was qualified as an F-15 pilot (3 years and 3 months), he had flown a total of two air-to-air training sorties below 1,000 ft AGL. The F-15 flight lead had flown 26 sorties and 77.7 hours in the 90 days through 14 April 1994. The was current and mission ready to perform his assigned duties on 14 April 1994.

F-15C Wingman. The wingman, who had 3009.6 total hours of flying time (1126.3 hours in the F-15), completed initial qualification training in the F-15 on 21 November 1983 with a "Qualified" rating. No discrepancies were noted. 509 By 12 February 1985, he was mission ready. and two-ship flight lead, four-ship flight lead, and instructor pilot qualified. 510 After four years of non-flying duties, he completed initial requalification training in the F-15 on 11 June 1990, with a "Qualified" rating. No discrepancies were noted.511 By 22 March 1991, the wingman had completed mission requalification training, two-ship flight lead and four-ship requalification training, low altitude step down training, and instructor pilot regualification training. 512 The wingman was again assigned to non-flying duties from 24 June 1992 until 1 June 1993.513 He completed requalification training in the F-15 on 2 August 1993 with a "Qualified" rating. No discrepancies were noted.514 The wingman requalified as a two-ship flight lead on 14 January 1994.515 He requalified as a four-ship flight lead on 8 February 1994.516 He completed instructor pilot requalification training on 10 March 1994.⁵¹⁷ Based on the wingman's previous low altitude qualification, the wingman's previous squadron commander had certified the wingman to fly operational missions as low as 500 feet AGL.518 Because he had not flown a low-altitude sortie since 18 November 1993, he was currently qualified to perform missions down to 1000 feet AGL.⁵¹⁹ He had flown 18 sorties and 34.5 hours in the 90 days through 14 April 1994.⁵²⁰ The F-15C wingman was current and mission-ready to perform his assigned duties on 14 April 1994 521

F-15C Visual Recognition Training. The Air Force threat recognition training program "...stresses crew members' ability to identify...operational air, naval, ground, missile and electronic equipment of any nation which could threaten US and allied forces. Aircrews must be able to identify both friendly and enemy equipment..." ⁵²² USAFE regulations give responsibility for establishing an intelligence program, to include visual recognition training, to wing commanders. ⁵²³ The parent fighter wing of the accident pilots further delegated that responsibility to each fighter squadron commander. ⁵²⁴

The accident pilots' fighter squadron last conducted formal, visual recognition training in December 1993. 525 The training in 1993 included viewing 35 mm slides of friendly and enemy

helicopters.⁵²⁶ The accident pilots stated that the majority of the helicopter slides used in their training were from ground level looking up, and showed either the front or side of the helicopter.⁵²⁷ Differences between friendly and hostile helicopter camouflage and color schemes were not discussed during the squadron's training.⁵²⁸ The accident pilots may not have been aware that Iraqi Hind helicopters had a different color scheme (light tan and brown camouflage) from that of the US Black Hawk helicopters (dark green and black camouflage.)⁵²⁹ The lead pilot stated he had never seen a Black Hawk helicopter with the wings and auxilliary tanks attached.⁵³⁰ The wingman stated that he had never seen a photo of a Black Hawk with the wings and auxillary tanks attached.⁵³¹ One of the squadron's visual training slides at home station depicts a Black Hawk helicopter with the wings and auxillary tanks attached.⁵³² It could not be determined if either of the accident pilots had ever viewed that slide.

(3) UH-60 Black Hawk Crew Qualifications. The individual training records and flight evaluation folders for each of the accident Black Hawk helicopters crew members were reviewed. All Black Hawk helicopter crew members were qualified, current, and mission ready. Each crew member had completed all training appropriate for the mission prior to deployment to Turkey and had received theater specific training upon arrival at Diyarbikir AB. There were no training deficiencies noted.⁵³³

g. Medical:

(1) AWACS. A review of all the medical and dental records of the accident crew members was accomplished. No disqualifying conditions were documented in any of the medical or dental records. All personnel had current flying class physicals and were medically qualified for flying duties at the time of the accident. Their flying experience is summarized at Tab T1a.⁵³⁴

Complete physical examinations were performed on all crew members, including full eye and hearing tests. 535 Full dental exams were not performed since no crew member reported any dental problems and no dental abnormalities were detected. There were no defects noted that were related to the accident. 536

Body fluids from the staff mission crew commander and the TAOR controller for blood alcohol and urine toxicologic screenings were taken on 14 April 1994. All tests were negative. When the accident board learned that screenings had not been accomplished on all AWACS crew members, ⁵³⁷ all required screenings were directed and conducted. All additional screenings were accomplished on 17 April 1994. ⁵³⁸ The body fluid tests disclosed nothing which appeared related to the circumstances of the accident. ⁵³⁹ There were no illegal drugs detected. No crew member had a carbon monoxide level above normal limits. Complete blood counts and blood glucose levels were within normal limits for all crew members. ⁵⁴⁰

Complete psychosocial interviews, including 72-hour and 14-day histories, were conducted with each crew member except the mission crew commander, the enroute controller, the TAOR controller, and the ACE on board the AWACS. These individuals declined the interviews on the advice of defense counsel. The ACE, through counsel, provided a limited 24-hour history which revealed adequate crew rest and poor nutrition. Associates were interviewed regarding the

72-hour and psychosocial backgrounds on the mission crew commander, the enroute controller, the ACE, and the TAOR controller. All crew rest requirements were reportedly met.⁵⁴¹

(2) F-15C: A review of all the medical and dental records of the accident pilots was accomplished. No disqualifying conditions were documented in any of the medical or dental records. The records indicated that both pilots had current flying physicals and were medically qualified for flying duties.⁵⁴²

Complete physical examinations were performed on both F-15C pilots, including full eye and hearing tests. Full dental exams were not performed, since neither F-15C pilot reported any dental problems and no dental abnormalities were detected. Both pilots were given full optometric examinations.⁵⁴³ The wingman had previously been fully qualified for flying duties. However, he had a condition that resulted in a slowly progressive eyelid droop. The wingman was evaluated by an ophthalmologist on 7 April 1993, and was given the option of corrective surgery, which he declined. At that time, the condition was not severe enough to medically disqualify the pilot from flying duties. The wingman's flight physical on 17 May 1993 noted "mild eyelid ptosis (droop) bilaterally (both eyes)." His most recent routine flight physical, performed on 14 February 1994, made no comment regarding the eyelid droop, and noted that he had 20/20 visual acuity in both eyes, near and far, without correction. A full optometric examination on 24 April 1994 found the wingman to have minimal upper/outer visual field loss in his right eye due to the eyelid droop. All other tests of his eyes and vision were normal. He was evaluated by an ophthalmologist on 5 May 1994 who confirmed the visual field loss, characterizing it as "visually significant right brow (eyelid) ptosis." This visual field loss, which on 5 May 1994 exceeded Air Force standards, did not affect his central vision which is the source of sharp visual acuity. Central vision with its sharp acuity is the type of vision normally used to attempt specific recognition of an object such as an aircraft. However it could have affected his perpheral vision on the upper right side at the time of the accident. 544

Body fluids from both F-15C pilots, for blood alcohol and urine toxicologic screenings, were taken on 14 April 1994. All tests were negative. Neither pilot had a carbon monoxide level above normal limits. Complete blood counts and blood glucose levels were within normal limits for both pilots.⁵⁴⁵

Complete psychosocial interviews, including 72-hour and 14-day histories, were conducted with both the F-15C pilots. All crew rest requirements were met.⁵⁴⁶

(3) UH-60 Black Hawk: A review of all the medical and dental records of the accident Black Hawk crew members was accomplished. No disqualifying conditions were documented in any of the medical or dental records. All personnel had current flying class physicals and were qualified for flying duties at the time of the accident.⁵⁴⁷

Complete autopsies including microscopic and toxicological evaluations were performed on all casualties. There were no pre-existing medical abnormalities found in the helicopter crew members. Several passengers had minor pre-existing medical abnormalities at the time of death.

Toxicological screens and blood alcohol levels were negative for all casualties. The cause of death for all casualties was multiple blunt force injuries.⁵⁴⁸

Associates were interviewed regarding the 72-hour and psychosocial backgrounds on the eight helicopter crew members. All crew rest requirements were reportedly met.⁵⁴⁹

Medical Summary: A review of medical records, physical examination results, toxicological reports, autopsy findings and interviews, disclosed no pre-existent mental or physical defects, other than those noted above, that were relevant to this accident.⁵⁵⁰

h. Human Factors:

(1) E-3B AWACS.

Crew-Mindset. Some of the accident crew members indicated they were not responsible for controlling Black Hawk helicopters. This perception was compounded by the seemingly separate nature of the Black Hawk operations. Additionally, there was confusion within the crew regarding who was responsible for tracking helicopters in the TAOR. The crew members also indicated they lacked adequate control authority over fighter aircraft. On 14 April 94, the Black Hawk helicopters entered the TAOR prior to the fighters. The AWACS crew members did not acknowledge responsibility for tracking or predicting the Black Hawks' flight path enroute to their announced destination when the Black Hawk flight faded from the AWACS radar scope. They assumed that the helicopter track had faded from radar because the helicopters had landed at an intermediate stop. AWACS crew members did not try to validate this assumption.

Crew-Circadian Rhythm. Low grade circadian rhythm desyncrony (commonly referred to as "jet lag") was present in all crew members except the staff mission crew commander, staff weapons director, air surveillance officer, computer technician and the ACE. With the exception of the individuals noted, the crew departed Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on 10 April at 1300Z, and arrived at Incirlik AB on 11 April at 1100Z. The crew members appeared to adjust fairly rapidly to the time changes, considering they had traveled eastbound through 8 time zones in 24 hours. No crew member complained of fatigue on the morning of 14 April. The International Civil Aviation Organization formula for recommended rest time indicates a need for 1.8 days of rest before performing flight duties after such a trip. 556 The accident crew flew their first mission on this rotation at Operation PROVIDE COMFORT on day four in country; this was standard for AWACS crews operating in the OPC theater. 557 The accident crew reported no ill effects from circadian rhythm desyncrony, and had the required crew rest to fly this mission. 558

(2) F-15C.

Pilots-Mindset. Based on the Airspace Control Order requirement for a fighter sweep to "sanitize" the area before other OPC aircraft could enter the TAOR, and the Air Tasking Order (ATO) of 14 April 1994 which did not show any OPC aircraft scheduled into the TAOR before the first F-15C flight, the accident pilots believed there would be no friendly aircraft in the area. 559 This mindset was reinforced when the F-15C pilots acquired the Black Hawk helicopters on radar,

but received no valid friendly indications by electronic interrogation.⁵⁶⁰ This mindset was further reinforced when AWACS transmitted to the F-15C flight "Clean there," meaning AWACS had no contacts at the reported location.⁵⁶¹ The F-15C pilots may have begun the visual intercept with a mindset that the unknown aircraft were probably not "friendly."⁵⁶²

Aircraft Visual Identification. Both pilots had received only limited visual recognition training in the previous four months. ⁵⁶³ The process of identifying the two "unknown" helicopters was complicated by the presence of wings (sponsons) and external fuel tanks, giving an appearance, from the high aft quadrant, similar to a Hind helicopter with sponsons and weapons. ⁵⁶⁴ There were US flags painted on the bottom of the fuselage, the external fuel tanks and the side doors of the Black Hawk helicopters. ⁵⁶⁵ However, calculations based on the size of the flags relative to the reported slant range distances between the fighters and the helicopters indicate that the flags were most likely indiscernible. ⁵⁶⁶ At the slant ranges reported, the flags would have appeared as bright spots. ⁵⁶⁷ However, the surrounding terrain was dotted with light gray rocks which could have minimized this feature. ⁵⁶⁸ The F-15C flight lead wore an authorized high contrast yellow visor. ⁵⁶⁹ This visor blocks out blue colors, functionally reducing the visible portions of the flag against a dark green/black background. ⁵⁷⁰ The relatively low contrast between the dark green/black camouflaged Black Hawks and the green terrain, compounded visual recognition problems, making identification more difficult. ⁵⁷¹

In the accident sequence, available visual recognition time was most likely divided between the attempted identification of the helicopters, terrain avoidance, and flying the aircraft.⁵⁷² The over-take time between the accident F-15Cs and the Black Hawk helicopters limited the time during which the F-15s would have been close enough to make an accurate visual identification. Finally, the F-15C pilots had limited low altitude experience, which may have increased the stress of operating in a low altitude environment.⁵⁷³

(3) UH-60 Black Hawk.

Crew-Mindset. Although no Black Hawk crew members survived the accident, testimony from other Black Hawk pilots from their unit indicated that they did not believe that AWACS coverage or a fighter sweep was required before helicopters could fly within the security zone of the TAOR. However, they stated that AWACS coverage was required for flights outside the security zone.⁵⁷⁴ The Black Hawk unit pilots also testified that they usually had limited communication with AWACS in the TAOR, due to the mountainous terrain.⁵⁷⁵ Finally, one of the helicopter pilots testified that he assumed that if the AWACS crew wanted him to leave the enroute frequency, they would tell him.⁵⁷⁶

- i. Navaids and Facilities. There were no Notices to Airmen (NOTAMS) that affected the accident missions. All navigational aids and facilities required to perform the mission were fully operational.⁵⁷⁷
- j. Weather. The forecast weather in the TAOR on 14 April 1994 was for clear skies with unlimited visibility. The forecast winds were variable at 5 knots and the altimeter setting was 29.75 inches of mercury. No hazards to flight (turbulence, icing, hail, etc.) were forecast. The

maximum forecast temperature in the TAOR was 26 degrees Celsius. The forecast sunrise was 0236Z, and sunset was forecast for 1540Z.⁵⁷⁸

The Surface Weather Observation at Zakhu at 0345Z reported the skies were clear and the visibility was unlimited. The winds were from 090 degrees at 5 knots. The temperature was 20 degrees Celsius.⁵⁷⁹

At approximately 0715Z, the F-15 flight lead reported to the ACE on board the AWACS that the weather in the TAOR was "clear" and the contrail level was 31,000 to 35,000 feet. 580 Weather was not related to the accident.

- k. News media: There was extensive media coverage of the initial events surrounding the accident. Press releases were managed by USEUCOM/PA and OATSD/PA. 581
- 1. Directives and Publications. The following directives and publications were relevant to the accident:
 - (1) Command and Control Directives and Publications.
 - (a) USEUCOM Directive (ED) 55-47, 22 May 1989, Appendix A, Peacetime ROE, (SECRET)
 - (b) USCINCEUR 062043Z Apr 91. OPORD Ser 001, Humanitarian Relief Operations (SECRET)
 - (c) USCINCEUR 162230Z Apr 91. OPORD Ser 002, Temporary Refugee Shelters (SECRET)
 - (d) USCINCEUR 040900Z Jul 91. OPORD Ser 003, Residual Forces (SECRET)
 - (e) USCINCEUR 141333Z Sep 91. OPORD Ser 004, Redeployment of Ground Forces (SECRET)
 - (f) USCINCEUR 141609Z Aug 92. ROE Review for OPC (SECRET)
 - (g) USCINCEUR 151203Z Oct 92. ROE Request (SECRET)
 - (h) CTF Provide Comfort/CS 2041-15Z Jul 91, CTF Provide Comfort OPLAN 91-7, Residual Force (SECRET)
 - (i) PROVIDE COMFORT Airspace Control Order (ACO) and Standing Special Instructions (SPINS), Volume I, Volume II, dated 12 Dec 93.

- (j) CFAC/DO letter, undated, Rules of Engagement, (SECRET), with one attached, Aircrew Read File (ARF) 183, ROE/Procedures for Provide Comfort Aircraft (SECRET)
- (k) 7440CWP 131400Z Apr 94, Air Tasking Order (ATO), 14 Apr 94 (SECRET)
- (l) Battle Staff Directive #1, Change to PC ATO #1103, 14 Apr 94 (SECRET)

(2) AWACS Directives and Publications.

- (a) AFR 60-1, Flight Management, Feb 90
- (b) MCR 55-33, E-3 Operating Procedures Aircrews, 3 May 93
- (c) ACC Reg 51-60 Vol 2, E-3 Aircrew Training, 1 Jun 92
- (d) 522 Operations Group Operating Instruction 60-2, Flying 522 ACW (Deployed) Turkey Operating Procedures, 7 Sep 93

(3) F-15 Directives and Publications.

- (a) USAFER 51-50, Vol 7, Tactical Pilot Training F-15, Jun 91
- (b) USAFER 60-2, Vol 1, Aircrew Standardization/Evaluation Program Organization and Administration, Jun 89
- (c) USAFER 55-115, USAFE 1-15 Pilot Operational Procedures, Jan 87
- (d) AFR 160-43, Medical Examinations and Standards, 16 Feb 93
- (e) AFR 60-16, General Flight Rules, Jan 92

(4) Black Hawk Directives and Publications

- (a) FM 1-302 Aviation Life Support Equipment (ALSE) for Army Aircrews, dated 30 September 1983.
- (b) MCC SOPs (Standard Operating Procedures) dated 6 Apr 93, incorporating change dated 19 May 93
- (c) Eagle Flight Detachment SOPs, dated 18 Mar 94

3. Statement of Opinion

Under 10 U.S.C. 2254 (D) any opinion of accident investigators as to the cause of, or the factors contributing to the accident set forth in the accident investigation report, may not be considered as evidence in any civil or criminal proceeding arising from an aircraft accident, nor may such information be considered an admission of liability by the United States or by any person referred to in those conclusions or statements.

Operation PROVIDE COMFORT has been a successful coalition effort in response to human rights abuses against the Kurdish population in northern Iraq. The operation has effectively deterred Iraq from disrupting peace and order in the UN-established security zone.

The 14 April 1994 shoot-down of two US Black Hawk helicopters by two US F-15C aircraft in northern Iraq was caused by a chain of events which began with the breakdown of clear guidance from the Combined Task Force to its component organizations. This resulted in the lack of a clear understanding among the components of their respective responsibilities. Consequently, CTF component organizations did not fully integrate Military Coordination Center helicopter activities with other OPC air operations in the Tactical Area of Responsibility. Additionally, OPC personnel did not receive consistent, comprehensive training to ensure they had a thorough understanding of the USEUCOM-directed ROE. As a result, some aircrews' understanding of how the approved ROE should be applied, became over-simplified.

MCC personnel were given a high degree of independence in helicopter operations, without an adequate consideration for the threat of engagement from other OPC aircraft. Neither the CTF staff nor the Combined Forces Air Component staff requested or received timely, detailed flight information on planned MCC helicopter activities in the TAOR. Consequently, the OPC daily Air Tasking Order was published with little detailed information regarding US helicopter flight activities over northern Iraq. Specific information on routes of flights and times of MCC helicopter activity in the TAOR was normally available to the other OPC participants only when AWACS received it from the helicopter crews by radio and relayed the information on.

The AWACS mission crew commander on 14 April 1994, who had flown only one sortie in the previous three months, was not currently qualified in accordance with Air Force regulations. The AWACS weapons controllers, under his supervision, did not have a clear understanding of their individual responsibilities to provide support to MCC helicopters. They shared the common view, along with the CFAC airborne command element officer, that MCC helicopter activities were not an integral part of OPC air operations. There was general misunderstanding throughout OPC organizations regarding the extent to which the provisions of the Airspace Control Order applied to MCC helicopter activities. AWACS personnel did not routinely monitor the Black

Hawk helicopter flights or pass information on those flights to other OPC aircraft. The result was that there was no effective coordination of OPC fixed-wing and helicopter operations within the TAOR.

On 14 April 1994, AWACS controllers were aware that the Black Hawk helicopters had departed Zakhu, and were proceeding east into the TAOR. The F-15 pilots were not aware of the Black Hawk helicopters already in the area. The fighters twice informed AWACS that they had unknown radar contacts in the TAOR. The AWACS mission crew commander, senior weapons director, enroute controller and TAOR controller had access to electronic information regarding the presence of friendly aircraft in the vicinity of the F-15s' reported radar contacts. However, there is no evidence that they were aware of, recognized, or responded to this information. They did not advise the F-15 pilots of the presence of friendly aircraft. The helicopters were unable to hear the radio transmissions between the F-15 flight and AWACS because they were on a different radio frequency.

The F-15 pilots attempted to electronically identify the radar contacts by interrogating the ATO-designated IFF Mode I and Mode IV aircraft codes. The helicopter crew members were apparently not aware of the correct Mode I code specified for use within the TAOR and had the Mode I code specified for use outside the TAOR in their IFF transponders. The result was that the F-15s did not receive a Mode I response. When the lead F-15 pilot interrogated the IFF Mode IV code, he received a momentary friendly response. However, on two subsequent attempts, no Mode IV response was received. The F-15 wingman attempted one Mode IV interrogation and received no response.

The reason for the unsuccessful Mode IV interrogation attempts cannot be established, but was probably attributable to one or more of the following factors: both F-15 pilots may have selected the incorrect interrogation mode; both F-15 Air-to-Air Interrogators (AAIs) may have incorrectly processed the Black Hawks' transponder signals; both helicopter IFF transponder codes may have been loaded incorrectly; there may have been "garbling" of the friendly Black Hawks' IFF responses, produced by two helicopters using the same code in close proximity to each other; there may have been intermittent loss of line-of-sight radar contact between the F-15s and the helicopters, due to mountainous terrain and the Black Hawks' low-altitude, which could have precluded a successful Mode IV interrogation.

When the F-15 pilots were unable to get positive/consistent IFF responses they performed an intercept in order to visually identify the "unknown" aircraft. They each made a single identification pass on the Black Hawks. However, the identification passes were accomplished at speeds, altitudes and distances where it was unlikely that the pilots would have been able to detect the Black Hawks' markings. Neither F-15 pilot had received recent, adequate visual recognition training. The pilots did not recognize the differences between the US Black Hawk helicopters with wing-mounted fuel tanks and Hind helicopters with wing-mounted weapons. The F-15 flight lead misidentified the US Black Hawks as Iraqi Hind helicopters. Following his identification pass, he asked his wingman to confirm the identification. The wingman, who was a senior squadron supervisor and instructor pilot, saw two helicopters, but did not positively identify them as Hinds. The wingman did not notify the flight lead that he had been unable to make a positive

identification, and allowed the engagement to continue. The flight lead, acting within the specified ROE, fired a single missile and shot down the trail Black Hawk helicopter. At flight lead's direction, the F-15 wingman also fired a single missile and shot down the lead Black Hawk helicopter.

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FOOTNOTES

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1 TAB Y1; Y2
<sup>2</sup> TAB AC8i
<sup>3</sup> TAB AC8j
<sup>4</sup> TAB AC8i; V92/Q92
5 TAB AC8d
6 TAB AA9
7 TAB AA9/p2, para 5A1 (compare AA24, Annex F, para 2E)
<sup>8</sup> JCS Pub 02, 21 Apr 89/p3-9
9 TAB AA9/tab14; V92/Q8
10 JCS Pub 02, 21 Apr 89, p3-17, para 3-16
11 TAB AA9/tab7, para 1A1
12 TAB AA9/p3, para 4D4
13 TAB AA9/p2, para 3H, 3Q2
14 TAB AA9/tab14
15 TAB AA9/tab8, para 1A1,3H5
16 TAB V33/Q11; V100A/Q8
17 TAB AA9/tab8, para 3P2
18 TAB V116/p1-3
19 TAB V116/p1, para 4
<sup>20</sup> JCS Pub 02, 21 Apr 1989
<sup>21</sup> TAB V33/Q8,9
22 TAB V33/Q9
23 TAB V97/Q6
24 TAB AA9/tab3, para 3G5
<sup>25</sup> TAB AA9/p5, para 2E; V34/Q11,12
26 TAB V34/Q6,11,20
<sup>27</sup> TAB V34/Q47,50,51; V32/Q10,12
28 TAB V34/Q54
<sup>29</sup> TAB V32/Q7,31,32
<sup>30</sup> TAB V32/Q21; V80/Q58; V92/Q23
31 TAB V80/Q22
32 TAB V32/Q26,67, AA3
33 See TAB AA29
34 TAB AA25; AA29
35 TAB V34/Q20; V80/Q25
36 TAB AA1
37 TAB AA9/p3, para 4D4; p4, para 2D; K3a
38 TAB AA9/p3, para 4D3
39 TAB K3a
<sup>40</sup> TAB V109/Q17; AA18/p1-2
41 TAB AA9/p4, para 2C
<sup>42</sup> TAB V100A/Q43,45-47,53
43 TAB AA9/p4, para 2C
44 TAB V95/p1, para 2; V97/Q11
45 TAB K3a; AA1; AA9
46 TAB K3a; AA9
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47 TAB AA9/tab14, Annex F, para 2b
48 TAB K3a; V92/Q10,13
<sup>49</sup> TAB V26/Q49,64; O3D, Atch 8
<sup>50</sup> TAB K3a; K3d
51 TAB AA9/p5, para 2G1
52 TAB AA1/Vol II/p8, para 16C
<sup>53</sup> TAB AA1; V29/Q45; V28/Q13
54 TAB K3a; K3d
55 TAB O3d, Atch 6; AA9/p5, para 2K
<sup>56</sup> TAB AA4/para 5-3; V14/Q43
57 TAB O3d, Atch 6,8
58 TAB O3d, Atch 6,8
<sup>59</sup> TAB O3d, Atch 6,8
60 TAB AA4/para5-3b; V18/Q8; V21/Q69
61 TAB AA9/p6, para 2K
62 TAB AA19/OG OI 55-7
63 TAB V92/Q16,17,18
64 TAB K3a; K3d
65 TAB K3a; K3d, AC3e
66 TAB K3a; AA1
67 TAB K3a; K3b; MCM 3-1, Vol IV, para 1-1
68 TAB V29/Q29, AA1/p8, para 16C; AC4h
69 TAB AA-24, Annex F, para 2J2
70 TAB K3a; K3b
71 TAB AA12/p1, para 1; p2, para 2
72 TAB V69/p1, para 3
73 TAB V32/Q21,67-68; V62/Q274; V34/Q24-25; V92/Q23; AA1; K3a; AA3; V80/Q58
74 TAB V28/Q200; V29/Q165
75 TAB V80/Q107-109,176,188-193; V30/Q22-40; V62/Q102
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80 TAB V33/Q216-221
81 TAB V92/Q10,13,29-30,121
82 TAB V97/O5; V97A/Q79,81; V106/Q7,18
83 TAB V34/Q30; V80/Q83; V92/Q12; V117/Q27
84 TAB V80/Q83; V96/Q86-93; V109/Q18
85 TAB V95/p1, para 2
86 TAB V32/Q53,54,63; V92/Q10
87 TAB K3a; K3d
88 TAB AA19/p2, para2C(3)
89 TAB V26/Q31,35
90 TAB AA16
91 TAB V117/Q64,71-73; V96/Q49
92 TAB V69/p2, para 2; V100/Q11; V117/Q34,60; V33/Q41
93 TAB V28/Q13,77; V29/Q84
94 TAB V97/Q17,24; V96/Q18,23-24; V100A/Q25,67
<sup>95</sup> TAB V97/Q17,20-21,24
<sup>96</sup> TAB V97/Q24,25; V96/Q30-31; V109/Q19
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98 TAB V58/p3, para2; V97/Q27; AC8f
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101 TAB AC1e
102 TAB V69B/item 69b
103 TAB ACle
104 TAB V109/Q26
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112 TAB K3c
113 TAB AA1; K3a; K3b
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142 TAB AC3i; V13A/Q3-4
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144 TAB AC3e
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149 TAB AC3d

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152 TAB O10
153 TAB O3f/p6
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180 TAB R1; Z4c10; V16/Q187
<sup>181</sup> TAB O3f/p10-11
182 TAB O3f/p10-11
183 TAB V16A/Q18-22
184 TAB Z4d1-2; O3f/p8
185 TAB O3f/p10
186 TAB O3f/p8
187 TAB N3/p12
188 TAB V29/Q33
189 TAB N3/p13; V29/Q33; V28/Q13; Z4e
190 TAB V28/Q13; V29/Q33; V14/Q204
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<sup>192</sup> TAB O3f,p10-11
193 TAB V28/Q13,61; V29/Q33; V14/Q108,113,134,184
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217 TAB O3f/p9; Z4h2
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246 TAB AC4d; V28/Q13; V29/Q23
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Item 11. Factual Summary of Circumstances

On 14 April 1994, two US Army UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters assigned to Operation PROVIDE COMFORT (OPC) were tasked to support the Combined Task Force, Military Coordination Center (MCC). The helicopters were to transport the US and Turkish cocommanders of the MCC and other staff officers to the Kurdish towns of Irbil and Salah ad Din, Iraq, both of which are in the OPC Tactical Area of Responsibility (TAOR) in northern Iraq. Concurrently, a USAF E-3B Airborne Warning and Control Systems (AWACS) aircraft was tasked to provide airborne threat warning and control for OPC aircraft in the TAOR. Additionally, two F-15C fighter aircraft were tasked to conduct a defensive counter air mission in the TAOR. Shortly after entering the TAOR, the F-15s detected the two Black Hawk helicopters on radar, but were unable to determine the identity of the helicopters through electronic means. The F-15s performed an intercept and each fighter made a visual identification pass to determine the helicopters' identity. The Black Hawk helicopters were misidentified as Iraqi Hind, (NATO designation) attack helicopters. Based on the misidentification, the F-15 pilots engaged and shot down the two Black Hawk helicopters with air-to-air missiles. The helicopters were destroyed and all personnel on-board were killed.

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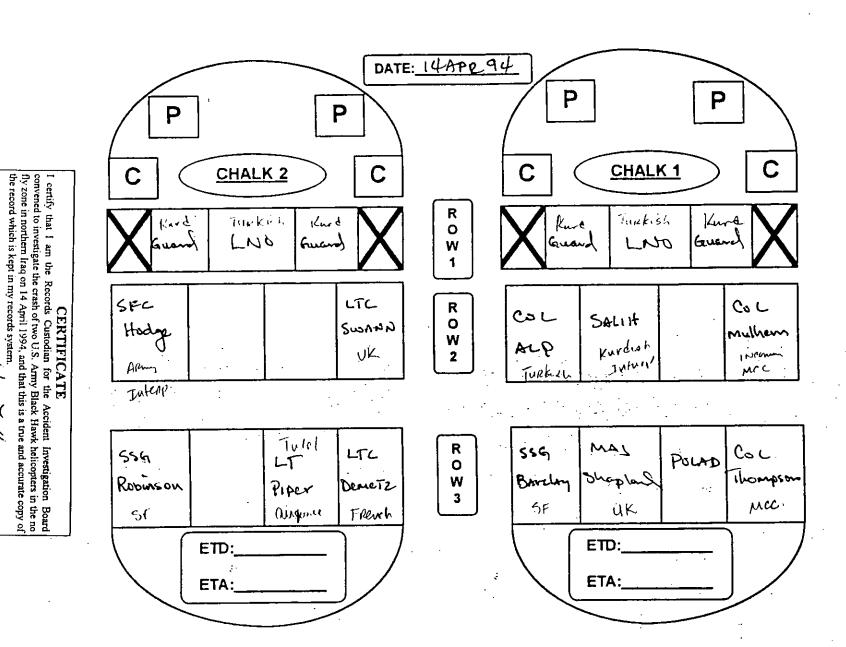
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| 5. REFUELING ARRANGEMENTS: | | | . 2. | |
| : 6. REMARKS/SAFETY: | | | | |
| 8. SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS: **a. MA Snow Ops **b. Formation Flight | **d. <u>M</u> | Mountain 4NVG Ops ission Con | | Signature) |
| POST-MISSION DEBRIEF *1. MISSION STATUS: Completed as briefed Cancelled (See remark 2. PIREPS: | | iged (See | • | arks) |
| *3. CREW ENDURANCE STATUS: | | | | |
| 4. AIRCRAFT STATUS: *a. Maintenance *b. Avionics 5. REMARKS: | * *c | c. Fuel l. Ammunit | | <u></u> . |
| 6. HOURS FLOWN: | | | | |

⁽PIC/AIR MISSION COMMANDER'S SIGNATURE)

^{*} Mandatory for all flights.

** Mandatory if flight conditions will be performed or exist.

Enclosure 2 (Risk Assessment Sheet) to Appendix 6 (Mission Briefing) to ANNEX B (Operation, Training and Standardization) to Co C, 6th Bn 159th Avn SOP

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24 hrs or <8 hrr duty day

Adequate: 8-12 hrs uninterrupted rest

last 24 hrs or a 8-12 hr duty

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Minimal: <8 hrs u

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| APPROVAL AUTHORITY: Low Risk Missions | - | Briefing Officer Table MMY | signature |
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| Medium Risk Missions | - | Company Commander | signature |
| High Risk Missions | - | 1st LTC in coc | signature |

| | AGLE FLIGHT DETA AIRCREW MISSION | | E.F.D | |
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EAGLE FLIGHT DETACHMENT **MISSION SCHEDULE** THURSDAY, 14 APRIL 1994

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| MSN# | TAIL# | CALLSIGN | PC/FICE/GUNNER | REMARKS/DESTINATION |
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AIRCREWS

* SHOWTIME AT OFS: 0615

* ETD TO AIRFIELD: 0435

* PREFLIGHT TIME : 0700

* ÉTD FOR MISSION: 0820

* ETA BACK TO LTCC: ?????

READ POST MISSION SHEET IN OFS AFTER MISSION.

PERFORM COM CHECK ON FM.

CALL AIRCRAFT DEPARTURE, 30 MINUTES OUT, LANDING LTCC. AMC/FIC RETURN EQUIPMENT, FILL OUT BRAIN BOOK, FILL OUT DEBRIEF.

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MCC OPERATIONS SCHEDULE

WEEK OF 10 - 17 APR 94

AS OF: 08 APR 94

10 APR SUNDAY

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13 APR

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- POWER CUT/PARTIAL SUPPLY FROM TURKEY. SUMMARY:

> - GOI ACTIVITY: NSTR. - JSOTF REACTION FORCE.

FOWER CUT: AS OF 1900 HRS LOCAL ON 08 APR 94, THE Α. ELECTRICITY FROM GOI HAS STILL NOT BEEN RESTORED TO THE DAHUK GOVERNORATE. IT IS NOW 248 DAYS SINCE IT WAS CUT ON 5 AUG 93. WORK CONTINUES ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE PARTIAL SUPPLY FROM TURKEY. IT IS REPORTED THAT LIMITED POWER IS NOW AVAILABLE TO THE THREE URBAN AREAS OF DAHUK, SUMMAYL (LF0881), AND ZAKHO.

GOI ACTIVITIES: NSTR В.

С. TRUCK TRAFFIC: TRUCK TRAFFIC FOR 7 APR 94 - NOT AVAILABLE

VISITORS TO ZAKHO HOUSE: 6. D. (U)

COMMUNICATIONS:

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LOGISTICS AS OF 08 APR 94:

JP-4 STATUS

15,149/20,000 GALLONS

MOGAS STATUS

20,140/50,000 LITRES

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3,940/50,000 LITRES

PUBLIC AFFAIRS: NTR

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AIRCRAFT STATUS: 5 FMC, 1 NMC (AUX POWER UNIT INOPERATIVE).

7. (Ø) TRANSPORT STATUS: MCC VEHICLES STATUS: FOUR TOYOTAS - FMC, FOUR HMMWV - 3 FMC, 1 NMC (BLOWN ENGINE), 4 CUCV - 4 FMC

8. (U) PLAQUES: NTR

9. (U) CCMCC COMMENTS: NTR

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SUBJECT:

MCC ZAKHO SITREP # 103 - 13 APR 94

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

SUMMARY: - POWER CUT/PARTIAL SUPPLY FROM TURKEY.

- AIR/ROAD PATROL. - FAYDAH OVERFLIGHTS.

- VILLAGE VISIT: ROUTINE REPORT.

- VISIT TO ALOKA CHECKPOINT: REACTION TO FAYDAH OVERFLIGHTS, CONSCRIPTION DEFERRED, FIGHTING IN RAMADI, BENZIME AND PROPANE, DEATH OF OPPOSITION LEADER, HARASSMENT.

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- FAYDAH OVERFLIGHTS: ON 13 APR 94 MCC WAS PRESENT ON THE FAYDAH OVERLOOK DURING CTF OVERFLIGHTS OF THE FAYDAH AREA. THE ONLY OBSERVABLE REACTION TO THE COALITION AIRCRAFT FROM TROOPS IN THE FAYDAH COMPLEX WAS BY TWO MEN FROM THE MACHINE GUN POSITION AT OP11 (LF144729), WHO AFTER THE FIRST PASS APPEARED TO QUIT THEIR POST AND MOVE QUICKLY ACROSS THE FIELD ON FOOT TO THE CONCRETE BUILDING AT THE ENTRANCE TO FAYDAH CAMP (LF147736). A NUMBER OF MEN IN OTHER POSITIONS REMAINED IN FULL VIEW THROUGHOUT THE SEQUENCE OF PASSES; CIVILIAN TRAFFIC ON THE MAIN NORTH/SOUTH ROAD CONTINUED NORMALLY; MOVEMENT OF VEHICLES AND PEDESTRIANS WAS SEEN ON THE GIREPAN ROAD TO SHARIYAH (LF1973).
- VILLAGE VISIT ZHULE (LF846812): ON 13 APR 94 MCC MADE ITS FIRST VISIT TO THE ASSYRIAN CHRISTIAN VILLAGE OF ZHULE OF THE TIARI TRIBE. THE PEOPLE CAME FROM THE MARDIN AREA OF TURKEY TO SETTLE THE VILLAGE IN 1927. THE VILLAGE WAS ATTACKED AND DESTROYED FIVE TIMES IN THE PERIOD FROM THE MID 1960S TO 1985 WHEN ALL THE PEOPLE WERE FINALLY DEPORTED TO ACRAM (MF0169). AT THAT TIME THERE HAD BEEN 133 FAMILIES IN THE GROUP OF VILLAGES IN THE AREA. ZHULE ITSELF HAD CONSISTED OF 12 FAMILIES. IN 1991 6 FAMILIES HAD RETURNED TO REBUILD THE VILLAGE ON THE ORIGINAL SITE WITH THE HELP OF CARITAS. THERE WAS ONE MUKHTAR FOR THE WHOLE GROUP OF VILLAGES. THERE WAS NO CLINIC, SCHOOL, OR CHURCH IN THE VILLAGE OR IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA. THE JOURNEY TO AQRAH TOOK SEVEN HOURS ON FOOT BUT THEY COULD USUALLY

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- D. VISIT TO ALOKA CHECKPOINT: ON 13 APR 94 FOLLOWING THE LOW-LEVEL CTF FLIGHTS OVER FAYDAH, MCC VISITED THE ALOKA CHECKPOINT AND WERE TOLD THAT:
- (1) THEY HAD NOT YET HEARD OF THE REACTION IN THE GOI AREA TO THE FLIGHTS. HOWEVER TWO TRUCK DRIVERS WHO HAD JUST COME FROM FAYDAH SAID PEOPLE WERE ASKING WHY THE AIRCRAFT WERE FLYING SO LOW. THE DRIVERS HAD SEEN TWO SOLDIERS IN A FORT HEADING FOR THEIR BOMB SHELTER.
- (2) GOI HAD DEFERRED CONSCRIPTION TO THE FORCES FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN N.IRAQ BORN BETWEEN 1970 AND 1976, ALTHOUGH THEY WERE NOW ELIGIBLE. SUCH PEOPLE WERE THEREFORE ABLE TO TRAVEL FREELY TO THE GOI AREA. NO TIME LIMIT HAD BEEN GIVEN.
- (3) A MAN FROM THE RAMADI GOVERNORATE (BASIN OF RIVER EUPHRATES, WEST OF BAGHDAD) HAD SAID THERE HAD BEEN FIGHTING IN A VILLAGE CALLED ABUL ALGHANIM (NOT LOCATED) IN WHICH SEVEN GOI TROOPS AND TWO VILLAGERS HAD BEEN KILLED.
- (4) THERE WAS STILL NO MOVEMENT OF BENZINE OR PROPANE FROM GOI AREA. THE MERCHANTS HAD BEEN PROMISED SUPPLIES ON 13 OR 14 APR 94. GOI OFFICIALS WERE APPARENTLY ASKING TRAVELLERS WHY THE ELECTRICITY IN N.IRAQ HAD BEEN CUT OFF AND WHEN IT WOULD COME BACK ON.
 - (5) GOI OFFICIALS WERE SAID TO BE VERY HAPPY AT THE

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DEATH OF OPPOSITION LEADER GHARBI HADIDI IN QASROK (REPORTED BY MCC IN SITREP # 102 DATED 12 APR 94, IN WHICH THE NAME WAS GIVEN AS ABUL HADIDI).

- HARASSMENT OF TRAVELLERS AT JANBUR CHECKPOINT (6) (LF1765) CONTINUED AS BEFORE.
- GOI ACTIVITIES: FOLLOW UP OF ASSASSINATION OF LISSY SCHMIDT: ON 13 APR 94 MCC REGEIVED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE DATED 12 APR 94 FROM THE MAYOR OF ZAKHO: (QUOTE) SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF THE GERMAN JOURNALIST LISSY SCHMIDT. THE DAHUK GOVERNORATE INFORMED US THIS EVENING IN A MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR OF THE KURDISTAN REGION THAT THREE PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN THE INCIDENT OF THE GERMAN JOURNALIST LISSY SCHMIDT'S MARTYRDOM. TWO OF THEM WERE ARRESTED WHILE THE THIRD IS UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE CENTRAL AUTHORITY [MCC COMMENT: TAKEN TO IMPLY GOI]. THE TWO THAT WERE CAPTURED CONFESSED TO THE PERPETRATION OF THE KILLING. WE WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH THE DETAILS AS SOON AS THEY ARRIVE. (END QUOTE)
- TRUCK TRAFFIC: TRUCK TRAFFIC FOR 12 APR 94 NOT AVAILABLE.
 - VISITORS TO ZAKHO HOUSE: 9. -G.
- COMMUNICATIONS: NTR

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[CLASSIFIED PORTION DELETED (73 WORDS)]

LOGISTICS AS OF 13 APR 94:

JP-4 STATUS 11,863/20,000 GALLONS

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2,940/50,000 LITRES

- PUBLIC AFFAIRS: NTR
- MCC HELICOPTERS MISSIONS:

14 APR 94 - 2 SHIP SUPPORT MISSION

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15 APR 94 - 2 SHIP ADMIN

16 APR 94 - 3 SHIP ADMIN

17 APR 94 - DOWN DAY

18 APR 94 - 2 SHIP TAOR

19 APR 94 - 2 SHIP MCC SUPPORT MISSION

20 APR 94 - 2 SHIP ADMIN

21 APR 94 - 2 SHIP ADMIN

AIRCRAFT STATUS: 6 FMC

7. (C) TRANSPORT STATUS: MCC VEHICLE STATUS: FOUR TOYOTAS - FMC, FOUR HMMWV - 3 FMC, 1 NMC (BLOWN ENGINE), 4 CUCV - 4 FMC

8. (U) PLAQUES: NTR

9. (U) CCMCC COMMENTS: NTR

MULTIPLE SOURCES

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TAB AC-1 UH-60 BLACK HAWK 88-26060

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| AC-1e | MCC Situation Reports and Operations Schedule | |
| | (See also Classified Addendum) | AC-11 |
| AC-1f | Eagle Flight Following Schedule | |
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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY EAGLE FLIGHT DETACHMENT, 12th AVIATION BRIGADE PIRINCLIK, TURKEY, APO AE 09825

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1 APR 93

MEMORANDUM FOR FLIGHT CREWS

SUBJECT: Eagle Flight Coordinates

- The attached sheet contains the destination coordinates with coordinating letter designations. These letter designations will be used to transmit the locations and destination to AWACS (Cougar).
- 2. The route of flight will be straight line from point to point unless otherwise indicated. In the event of a "round robin" or to a destination that does not have a letter designation notify AWACS appropriately. i.e. "Eagle 1 will be enroute to vicinity Delta".
- The following CFAC units should receive the coordinates and designated locations.

CFAC OPNS Rec'd 31 Dec 92 C-3 CTF HQ'S Rec'd 31 Dec 92 MAD DOG OPNS Rec'd 30 Dec 92

4. If there are any questions contact the detachment IP at DSN 676-7085

ENNETH J. KOCH

CW2, AV

Detachment IP

CERTIFICATE

I certify that I am the Records Custodian for the Accident Investigation Board convened to investigate the crash of two U.S. Army Black Hawk helicopters in the no fly zone in northern Iraq on 14 April 1994, and that this is a true and accurate copy of the record which is kept in my records system.

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WILLIAM L. HARRIS, Capt, USAF, MSC Evidence Custodian, Incirlik Air Base, Turkey

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E-3B AWACS

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AC-3a Extract from AWACS Log Book
AC-3b 552nd ACW Form 32, CSO Communication Configuration Worksheet
AC-3c Extract from AWACS Senior Director Log
AC-3d AWACS In-flight Log
AC-3e 552nd ACW Form 49, AWACS Mission Summary
AC-3f Intelligence Brief - UN Flight Information
AC-3g 28 AD Form 67, ASO Log Continuation Sheet

AC-3h Statement on AWACS Video Camera

AC-3i AWACS Pre-mission Brief

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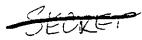
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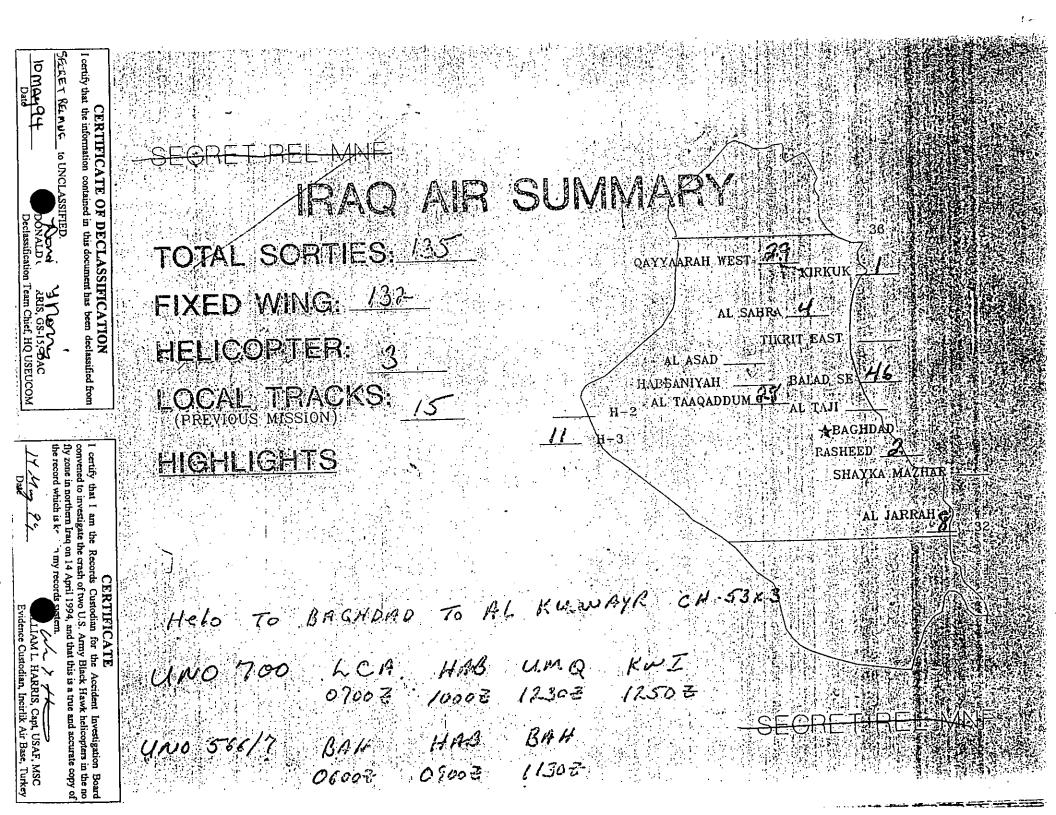
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- 1. A VHS video camera was purchased in early March 1994 for the purpose of video taping unusual air activity in the Operation Provide Comfort Tactical area of responisiblity (TAOR). The primary reason was to document airspace conflicts between OPC missions and Turkish Air Force anti-PKK operations. By early March a significant safety and political issue had evolved that obtained higher headquarters attention. To support a tasking to record these events, I requested approval from CTF/CG (Brig Gen Pilkington) to purchase a video camera.
- 2. I obtained CG approval and C4 coordination on the same day. Money was authorized and Lt Col Jeffcoat (AWACS DETCO) purchased the camera at the Incirlik Base Exchange.
- 3. Lt Col Jeffcoat signed for the camera and assumed responsibility for deciding which crew members would store, maintain and operate the equipment. He stated he had people who were very familiar with this as the 552nd Wing at Tinker AFB, OK often tapes portions of missions for training.
- 4. In our discussion, I explained in detail what EUCOM and CTF was interested in, and that he should focus on Turkish activity that conflicted with OPC traffic. I concluded by stating that AWACS crews were now required to present the tapes to CTF/C3 and verbally debrief these missions only if Turkish activity conflicted with OPC operations.

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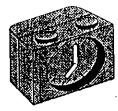
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- * REMOVE ALL RINGS PRIOR TO BOARDING BUS
- > * EAR PROTECTION REQUIRED ON FLIGHT LINE
 - * WEAR REFLECTIVE BELT ON RAMP WHEN WALKING TO/FROM AIRCRAFT IN THE DARK
 - * DO NOT CROSS RED LINE ON RAMP
 - * BOARDING STAND IS STEEP MAXIMUM TWO PEOPLE ON STAND AT A TIME
 - * REMOVE SCARVES AFTER BOARDING AIRCRAFT
 - * EYEGLASSES (IF REQUIRED) WILL BE WORN INFLIGHT

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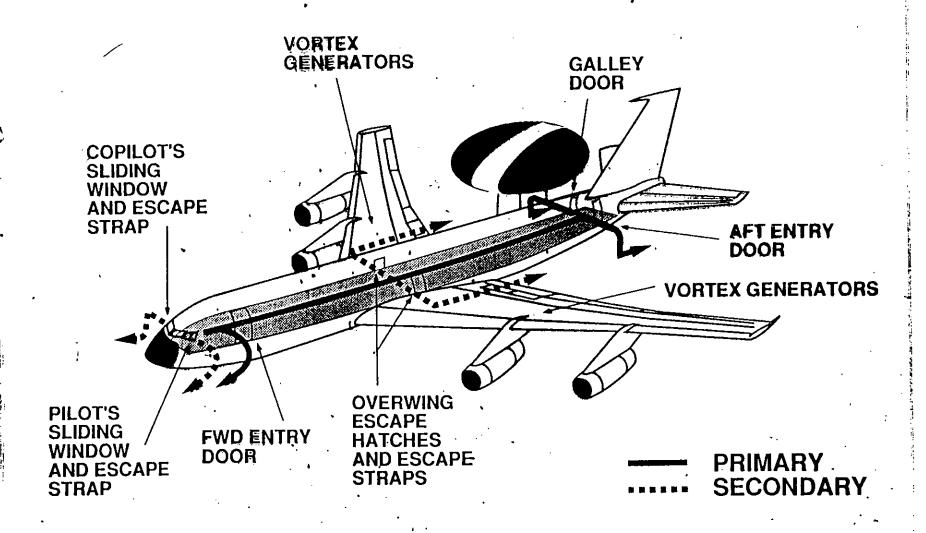
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- * AIRCREW DISCIPLINE
 - · CREW COORDINATION CREW RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
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 - IF IT DOESN'T LOOK OR FEEL RIGHT-DON'T DO IT!
 - ADDRESS BREACHES IMMEDIATELY
 - INFORM SUPERVISORS
- * STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH T.O.s AND DIRECTIVES
- * KNOW YOUR LIMITS

WING POLICY ON OPERATIONAL SECURITY

- * DO NOT DISCUSS DETAILS OF HOW WE ACCOMPLISH OUR MISSION, WHAT EQUIPMENT WE DO IT WITH, AND HOW THAT EQUIPMENT WORKS THIS INFORMATION IS CLASSIFIED AND ONLY RELEASABLE ON A STRICT NEED TO KNOW BASIS
- * DO NOT JEOPARDIZE THE MISSION BY ASKING QUESTIONS SPECULATING, OR DRAWING ATTENT ON TO EQUIPMENT PROCEDURES ON WHICH YOU HAVE NOT BEEN BRIEFED
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 - DO NOT RUN MONITOR LOOP-BACK MESSAGE TEST - FREEZES TERMINAL
- SUPERIOR MAINTENANCE DEBRIEFS HAVE KEPT AIRCRAFT IN GREAT SHAPE
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Upon entering AOR Tiger 1 reported radar contact at 30 miles low/slow. Cougar reported "clean there". I found contact on my scope locked it, attempted ID - Mode 1 and Mode 4 with no friendly reply. Contact was tail aspect, heading southeast (110 hdg) at 130 knots.

Tiger 1 reported "possible road traffic" I responded "Tiger 2 shows 130 knots." I broke lock and continued to sanitize the area. Tiger 1 reported the contact again to Cougar, and began to ramp down to perform VID. I performed "S Turn" behind Tiger 1 to achieve 3 NM trail position (briefed intercept option to low/slow contact).

Tiger 1 flew down valley low altitude and performed VID as "HIND". Upon repositioning in vertical he called "correction HIP; tally 2 lead/trail." I was approaching contacts from the stern offset right. I picked up the shadows of the helos against the river bed. I passed the trail helo at approx 3-4,000' lateral on the right side. The helo was camouflaged, appeared to have wings, with no fin flashes or tail markings.

As I repositioned to the North, Tiger 1 called Cougar and stated we had 2 hinds at our position, Cougar "rogered" the call. Tiger 1 called for the flight to arm hot, I acknowledged and he called in.

I watched a missile launch from his left wing, make a bee-line for the target and observed a fireball. Tiger 1 called "off, 2 you are cleared-in; lead bandit is on my nose 2 miles."

I replied "I have him on radar," closed inside 2NM, selected heat uncaged the Sidewinder and fired an AIM-9M at 9,000'. target was banking hard left towards high terrain. The missile grabbed a large amount of lead (left turn), then corrected back to the target. The fireball engulfed the aircraft and wreckage fell along the north side of the valley.

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 - IMC 2 NM TRAIL
- . CONSIGHECK

AOR ENTRY

- RADIOS COUGAR (CH8) > DUKE (CH9) > HQ NET
 - ... 10 AUX IF GOING TO TANKER

?? QUESTIONS GOING OUT ??

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- MIOLER
- FENCE OUT
- BDA CHECK
- ENROUTE FORMATION
- K-TOWN
 - RADIOS 14 / 1 AUX (CALL IN CODES)
- APPROACH INTENTIONS
 - .. INITIAL VS STRAIGHT IN ...
- DE-ARM

ABNORMAL PROCEDURES / SPECIAL SUBJECTS

- . ABORTS
- LANDING IMMEDIATELY AFTER TAKEOFF
- RADAR / VISUAL SEARCH RESPONSIBILITIES
- MID-AIR COLLISION AVOIDANCE

TANKER OPS -

- _ ARCT TIMES
 - -- TANKER CALL SIGNS / ALTITUDES
 - -- OFF-LOADS
- . RENDEZVOUS FORMATION
- BRITTS CHECK: GMD OFF
- . REFUELING ORDER
 - -- "QUICK FLOW"
- . POST REFUELING FLOW

?? ADMIN QUESTIONS ??

TACTICAL BRIEF

AOR FLOW (ON CARD)

· FACTORS IMPACTING MISSION -

- ENVIRONMENT
 - .. SUN/CONS/CLOUDS/HAZE/WINDS
- . AOR LAYOUT ,
 - .. OTHER FLAYER LOCATIONS

- AWACS
 - BLIND ZONES RADAR and RADIOS
- THREATS
 - -- A!R-to-A!R
 - ... ORDNANCE
 - -- EOM L
 - BWE
- _ SAM/AAA

AVIONICS

- FENCE CHECK
 - MSTR ARM SAFE
 - PACS
 - -- ICS/RWR - AUTO / COMBAT
 - -- MODES 1,2,4A

 - -- AAI _ CC/MODE 1 ___
 - -- RWR/SRM VOLUME UP

 - CMD MAN/BOTH
 - -- 1NS
- PP/ STEER TO L 8
- RADAR SET-UP



- -- FADAR LOOKS (ON CARD)
 - ... ACQ SYMBOL PLACEMENT.

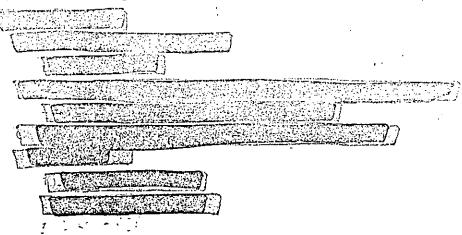
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- ECCATION / HEADINGS / LEGS
- ALTITUDE
- . FORMATION
- . AIRSPEED
- TURNS
 - COUNTER-ROTATING RESPONSIBILITIES
- CAP MANNING PRIORITIES / FALLOUT



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CAP RADAR



COMM PLAN

MAIN - HAVE QUICK PRIMARY

- UHF CLEAR BACK-UP

-- PRIORITY TALKERS: PRIMARY DCA (CAP MSN CC) & AWACS

-- USE: - "BIG PICTURE" IN DIGITAL BIE

-- CORE INFO

--- NUMBER OF GROUPS

LOCATION OFF B/E

--- ALTITUDES

- "HOT" & "COLD" CALLS BY CAP MSN GC
- COMMITS
- TARGETING
- INTERCEPT DIRECTIVES
- SPIKE COMM (FRIENDLY OR HOSTILE)

NOTE: MAX USE OF CODEWORDS AND MIN COMM

AUX - TIGER AUX (19A) (F-15Es WILL MONITOR WHILE IN DCA ROLE)

-- USE - INTRA DCA FREQ

-- CAP COORDINATION

-- FUELS

.. "FENCE IN/OUT" CALLS

- SORTING

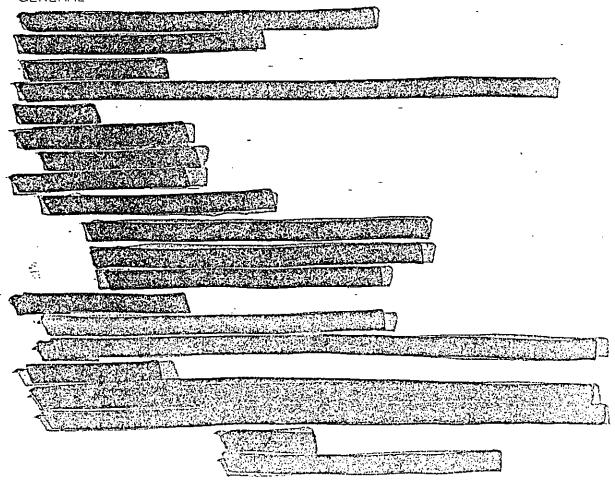
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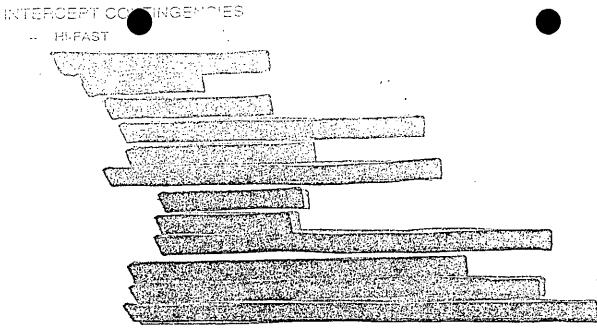
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- AOR DIVISION
- CRITERIA
 - ... MED / LOW ALTITUDE CONTACTS
 - -- HI-FAST CONTACTS
- . "COMMIT" HAMMER MSN OC VS RECOMMEND
- COMMIT EXECUTION:
 - -- INITIAL VECTOR POINT AND ASSESS
 - -- POWER / AIRSPEED
 - -- FORMATION .
 - TANK JETTISON
 - -- ARMING AND VTR
- . -- RETROGRADE NON-DCA PLAYERS

INTERCEPT OPTIONS

- GENERAL





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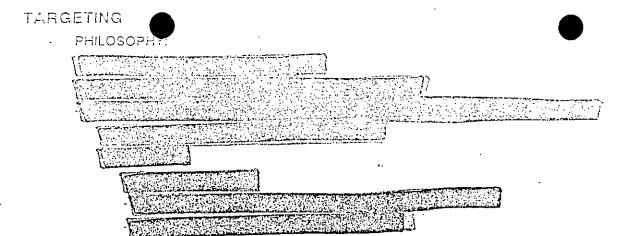
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- SAM AWARENESS



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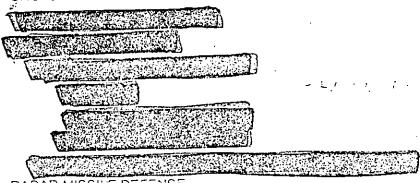
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 - --- CC / MODE 1
 - --- AUTO for MODE 4



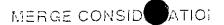
- AWACS "BANDIT" CALL NOT REQUIRED TO SHOOT
 - --- CONFIRM IF FRIENDLIES IN SAME AREA
- -- COMM
 - --- "PAINTS" = MODE 1 OR 4 REPLY
 - --- "SPADES" = NO FRIENDLY AAI REPLIES
 - . CHALLENGE AND RESPONSE CALL
 - --- "Xs" or "PRINT" for POSITIVE HOSTILE
 - FRENCH F-1 AMBIGUITY CAVEAT

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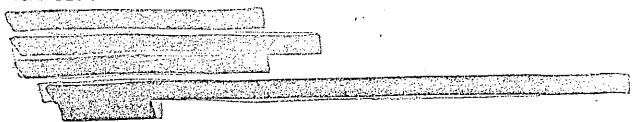


- RADAR MISSILE DEFENSE
- ... WINNING / LOSING / EQUAL DACT STANDARD
- BANDIT WEZ CONSIDERATIONS FOR DECISION RANGE AND MIN ABORT
 - --- FOXBAT/FULCEUM THREAT Vs. F-1
- -- MIN NOTCH RANGE



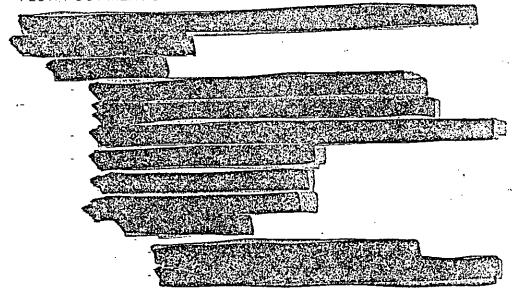


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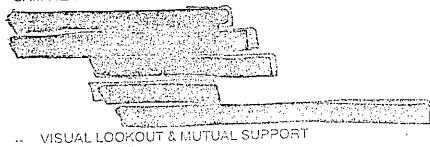
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- SHORT RANGE RADAR
- ISOLATE THREAT HIGH OR LOW
 - -- SAM THREAT
- FLOW POST MERGE



DEFENSIVE RESPONSE

- FRIENDLY SPIKE COMM STANDARD
- ELEMENT REACTIONS TO HOSTILE AIR-to-AIR SPIKES
 - .. NOTCH DIRECTIONS
 - -- CMD USE
 - -- SAM AVOIDANCE
- SAM REACTIONS



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- DEGRADED OPS
- -- AALINOP
- -- INS
- -- RWR
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- -- WEAPONS
- EPs / WOUNDED BIRD
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- RESCAP,

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LOCKED THE HITS AND GOT A LOW/SLOW TGT
THE TGT WAS < 500 FEET, 130 KTS, HEADING 090-100 DEG
I GOT A NEG M1 INTERROGATION
POS M4 INTERROGATION
NEG ALL IN STT

I BROKE LOCK AND CHECKED MY MAP. I FOUND A ROAD AT THAT LOCATION AND INITIALLY THOUGHT IT WAS ROAD TRAFFIC.

I CONTINUED TO SWEEP, PAINTING THE TGT AND GETTING NEG M1, NEG M4 AND NEG IN SWEEP.

I RELOCKED THE TARGET AND BEGAN A DESCENT TO VID I INTERROGATED M1, M4, AND IN STT AGAIN AND GOT NO REPLY.

I CONTINUED THE DESCENT AND AT ABOUT 10 NM THE TD BOX LEFT ROAD... AT 5-7 NM I SAW A HELICOPTOR IN THE TD BOX AND CALLED FOR A VID. I PASSED ON THE LEFT SIDE 1000-3000 FEET. I SAW A CAMO GREEN HIND WITH NO MARKINGS. I PULLED OFF HIGH AND RIGHT AND SAID VID HIND. I SAID HIP ON THE RADIO AND THEN CONFIRMED HIND AFTER CHECKING OUR VID GUIDE WE CARRY. I ASKED 2 TO CONFIRM THIS AND AT THIS POINT NOTICED A SECOND HELICOPTOR IN TRAIL. TIGER 2 VIDED HIND. UP TO THIS POINT AWACS HAS ONLY SAID HIT THERE.

WE SET UP A RACETRACK PATTERN AND CAME BACK IN 3-4 MILE LEAD TRAIL BETWEEN TIGER 1 AND 2 AND 7NM BEHIND THE HINDS.

I FIRED AN AIM-120 AT ABOUT 4 NM FOR ABOUT A 7 SEC TIME OF FLIGHT SPLASH AT 0728. I PULLED OFF RIGHT AND CALLED TIGER 2 IN ON THE LEAD HELICOPTER.

HE SHOT THE LEAD HELICOPTER WITH A 9000 FOOT AIM 9 AT 0729.

WE DID 2 PASSES OVER THE SIGHTS AND ONLY SAW WRECKAGE AND THEN RESET TO THE EAST CAP.

THE HELICOPTER WAS CAMO GREEN NO MARKINGS 5 BLADES

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| MEMORANDUM FOR CTF/CG | |
| THRU CTF/DC | |
| SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR TRAVEL C | OUTSIDE THE SECURITY ZONE |
| 1. Co-Commanders, MCC, Zakho reques outside the security zone via MCC Helico Destination will be Irbil (MF 0709) and Sa | pter on 14 Apr 94 |
| 2 Purpose of travel is to introduce the ne people of the US agencies (Irbil) and to M | |
| 3. This travel is in accordance with currer travel outside the security zone as outlined your authority to approve this travel is fou 6 and ECIC 190720Z Aug 92 msg. This a to execute the OPC mission. | Lin Tab J. MCC SOP, and in DOD 4515-13R Ch |
| 4. Recommend approval | |
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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

OPLAN 91-7 SUBJECT:

- During my 29 April interview with the Accident Review Board investigating the accidental shoot down of Eagle Flight on 14 April, I was asked whether I was familiar with OPLAN 91-7. I replied that I was not familiar with the plan, did not recall having been briefed on the plan and that the plan was not one of the contingency plans stored at the Military Coordination Center (MCC) in Zakho during my tenure as CCMCC/US from May-November 1993.
- On this date, while reviewing the OPLAN files with the incoming CCMCC/US, COL Jim Williams, I found that a copy of OPLAN 91-7 is now included among the OPLANS available at MCC. The complete OPLAN files have been extensively reorganized and show evidence of having been worked with a great deal. I surmise from the presence of OPLAN 91-7 in the MCC files and the condition of the files that it is probable that COL Jerald L. Thompson, CCMCC/US at the time of the accident, was familiar with the contents of OPLAN 91-7.
- In any case, it is clear that my response with regard to OPLAN 91-7 cannot be taken to infer that COL Jerald L. Thompson was also not familiar with the plan. The evidence here indicates the opposite to be the case.

GERALD B. THOMPSOND Colonel, U.S. Army Acting CCMCC/US

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OVERALL CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

MEMORANDUM FOR: Major General Andrus 4 May 1994

FROM: U.S. EUCOM Joint Analysis Center, Iraq Working Group

SUBJECT: Iraqi Helicopter Identification

SOURCE: Joint Analysis Center Iraq Working Group, Multiple Sources

- 1. (U) Following extensive research, the Iraq Working Group has developed the following assessments concerning the way in which the Iraqi armed forces mark their helicopters.
- a. (U) The camouflage used for the Iraqi Mi-25 Hind (Export version of the Mi-24), consists of a two or possibly three-tone mottled brown color scheme. The underside of the aircraft is usually painted gray.
- b. (U) The Iraqi Armed forces generally use standard utility helicopters for medical evacuation missions. Because of this, they do not have any sort of symbol which would distinguish them as medical evacuation aircraft. Additionally, there is a possibility that Iraq bought some helicopters specifically for medevac purposes. If these are marked, they would have a red crescent insignia on them, signifying the fact that they are medical aircraft.
- c. (U) The current publication which addresses Iraqi aircraft recognition is DIAM 57-25-136, Desert Shield Adversary Recognition Guide, dated 3 December 1990. This publication does not contain information concerning aircraft color schemes, nor does it contain information about Iraqi medical aircraft markings.
- 2. (U) POC for this issue is Major Mark F. Supko, DSN 268-4933.

MARK F. SUPKO, MAJ, USA Chief, Iraq Working Group

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SUBJECT: C2 Support to Special Investigation

- 1. The following information is provided per an 8 May request of the investigation team to forward an affadavit from the CTF/C2 Directorate regarding the availability of visual identification material at C2 prior to 14 April 1994, and subsequent to requests by the team during the course of the investigation.
- 2. Prior to 14 April 1994 the following material was available at CTF/C2 that could be utilized for visual recognition of HIND or BLACKHAWK helicopters:
- a. Pictures from the 1990-1991 "Jane's All the Worlds Aircraft", pages 508 and 509, and pages 266-268.
- b. DIA Fact Book, USSR and Eastern Europe Communist Forces (U), DST-2660Z-013-91(N), Feb 1991, pages 3-81 and 3-82.
- c. MCM/ACCMK/PACAFMK/USAFEM 3-1, Vol II, 9 Oct 1992, pages 8-1 to 8-4.
- d. CFE Equipment Handbook, DST-1120H-277-91, 18 Oct 1991, pages 7-1 to 7-14.
- e. OPERATION GRANBY Recognition Guide to Iraq, Kuwait Aircraft, JARIC, Dec 1990.
- 3. Subsequent to requests from the investigation team, the following materials were obtained via the Joint Analysis Center from CONUS sources:
- Written responses describing the color scheme of Iraqi HIND helicopters and medical markings found on Iraqi medical helicopters.
- 4. It is important to reiterate that all visual identification training for pilots is accomplished at squadron level. It would be standard procedure for this training to have occured prior to deployment to OPERATION PROVIDE COMFORT.
- 5. The following information is provided per request:
 - SSAN:

- Home Unit: HQ NORAD/USSPACECOM, Peterson AFB CO

- Position: Dep Director of Intelligence, Plans and Programs. If any further support is required, I can be contacted at 676-3978.

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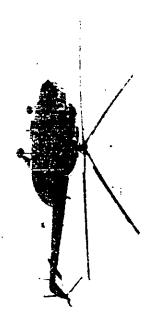
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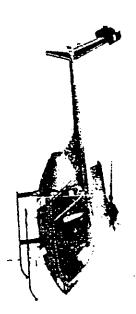




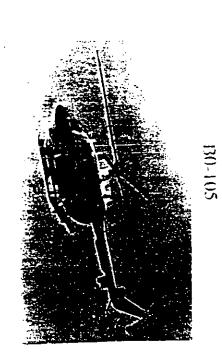


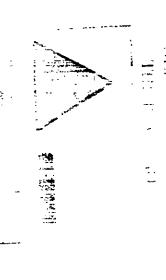






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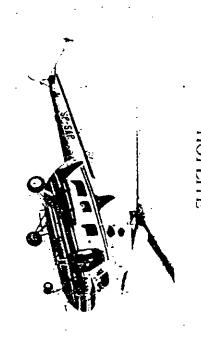




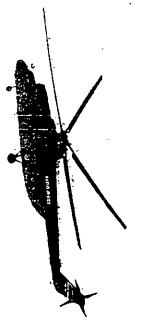




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NAME:

Mi-25 HIND (Export model of the Mi-24)

DIAM 57-25-13(3 DECEMBER 1990

MISSION:

ASSAULT

ROTOR DIAMETER: LENGTH:

56.0 Feet -- 17.0 Meters 55.6 Feet -- 16.9 Meters

ROTORS:

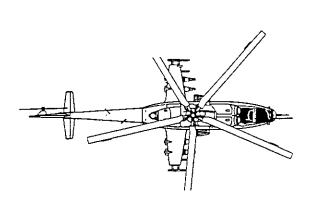
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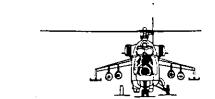
FUSELAGE:

TAIL:

Five-bladed main rotor. Three-bladed left-mounted tail rotor.
Two turboshafts mounted in fuselage.
Tapers into thick tail boom. Stub wings may be seen with stepped cockpit.
Vertical stabilizer is swept. Horizontal stabilizer is tapered-tapered and mounted on rear o

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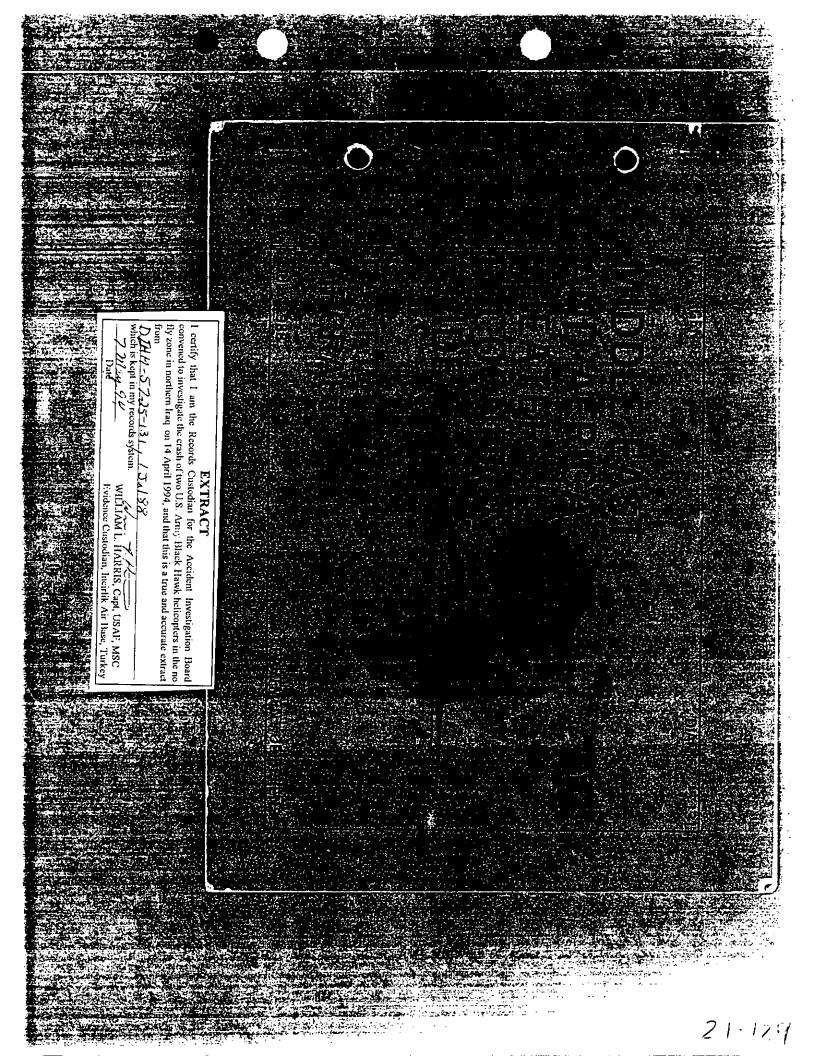
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DIAM 57-25-136 3 December 1990









NAME:

Mi-24 HIND

DIAM 57-25-131 1 JULY 1988

MISSION: ASSAULT 56.0 Feet - 17.0 Meters LENGTH: 55.6 Feet - 16.9 Meters

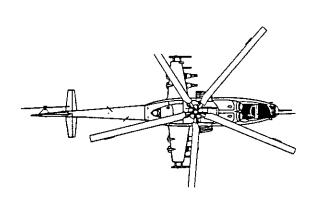
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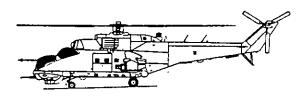
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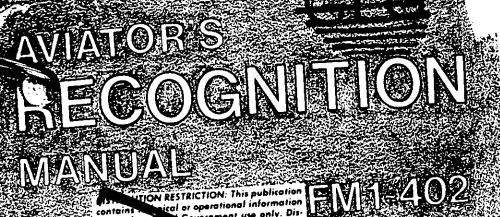
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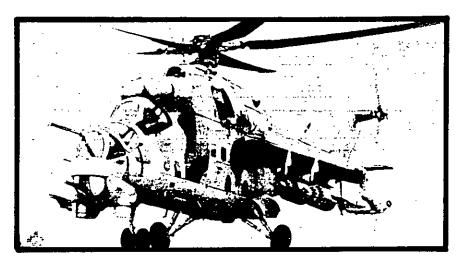
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Mi-24 HIND D and E



RECOGNITION FEATURES

- Five-bladed main rotor; three-bladed tail rotor
- Two tandem-bubble canopies
- Short, stubby weapons-carrying wings mounted at mid-fuselage
- Retractable tricycle landing gear

The HIND is a multipurpose helicopter capable of carrying eight fully equipped combat troops besides a complete external armament load. Besides the standard pylon armament, the HIND D incorporates a turret which houses a four-barrel, 12.7mm Gatling-type gun. The sensor pack under the nose of the HIND D probably carries an optical sight system. The HIND E carries four AT-6 ATGMs (radio linked) which travel at 500 meters per second. It may have a FLIR or low-light level TV sight system.

USERS

Algeria, Czechoslovakia, Iraq, Libya, Peru, Syria, USSR, numerous Warsaw Pact countries



ROTARY WING

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WARSAW PACT

SPEED:

182 knots

RANGE:

455 km

ARMAMENT:

One 12.7mm machine gun

Four 32-shot, 57mm rocket pods

Four AT-2 ATGMs (HIND D) Four AT-6 ATGMs (HIND E)

HIND D variant carries a twin-barrel, 23mm cannon

MAXIMUM **EFFECTIVE** RANGE:

57mm rocket-1,500 meters

12.7mm machine gun—1,500 meters

AT-2 ATGM-4,000 meters

AT-6 ATGM-5,000 meters

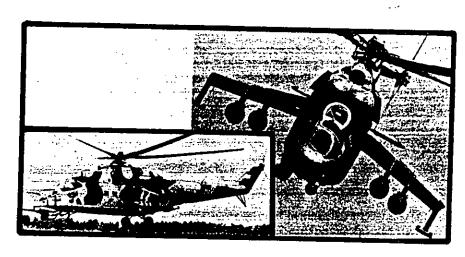
ORIGIN:

USSR

EMPLOYMENT:

Support of military units as a combat assault, scout, and armed gunship. Also used in close air support, antiarmor, and antihelicopter operations. May be found in the independent attack helicopter regiment of a frontal Tactical Air Army, Combined Arms Army, and in the helicopter squadrons of motorized

rifle and tank divisions.



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NAME:

S-70/UH-60 BLACKHAWK

DIAM 57-25-131 1 JULY 1988

MISSION:

GENERAL PURPOSE/TRANSPORT 53.7 Feet -- 16.4 Meters 50.0 Feet -- 15.2 Meters

ROTOR DIAMETER: LENGTH:

ROTORS: Four-bladed main rotor. Four-bladed right-mounted tail rotor.

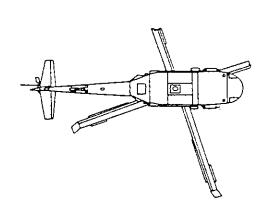
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FUSELAGE: Fuselage tapers to tail. Fixed main and tail landing gear. External fuel tanks may be

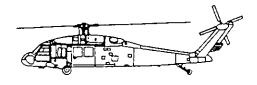
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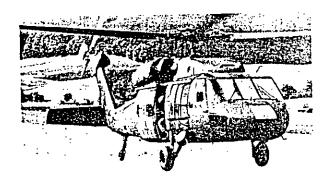


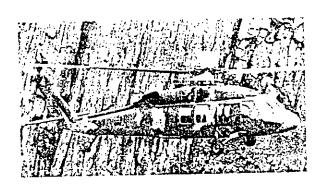


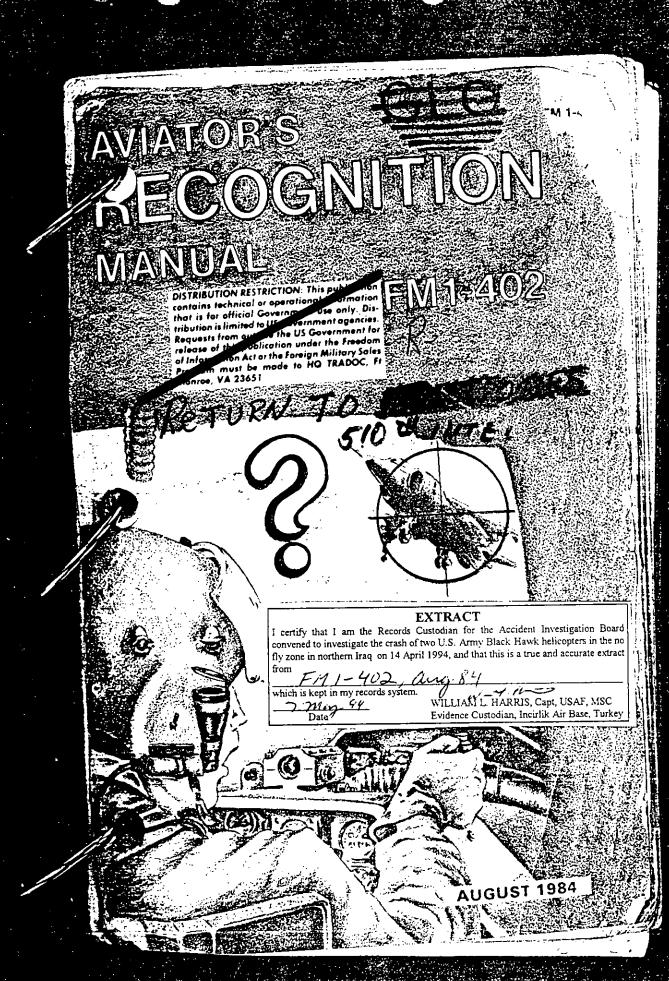
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UH-60A BLACK HAWK



RECOGNITION FEATURES

- Four-bladed main rotor; four-bladed tail rotor
- Twin turbine engines
- Rectangular-shaped fuselage
- Tapered horizontal stabilizer
- Swept-back vertical stabilizer
- Tricycle landing gear (one aft and two fore)
- Seating capacity of 14 to 17

USERS

United States







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SPEED:

142 knots

RANGE:

578 km

ARMAMENT:

Two M60D, 7.62mm machine guns

WEAPON RANGE: 1,100 meters

ORIGIN:

United States

EMPLOYMENT:

Troop movement and resupply (internal and

external cargo) and medical evacuation



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| | Kurdistan Democratic Party | |
| AC-8d | Headquarters, Combined Task Force, Operation PROVIDE COMFORT, | |
| | Memorandum for Record, 14 May 1994 | |
| AC-8e | Headquarters Operation PROVIDE COMFORT II, | |
| | Combined Task Force/C2 Log, 14 April 1994 | |
| AC-8f | Extract of Joint Operations Center Log, 13-14 April 1994 | |
| AC-8g | Extract from JSOTF-J3 After Action Report, Eagle Flight Incident | |
| AC-8h | 39 Support Group Memorandum, Lessons Learned, | AC-8a |
| | SAR Operations on Helicopter Incident | |
| AC-8i | Memorandum USAFE/XO, OPC Assessment | |
| AC-8j | MCC SITREP, 3 April 1994 | |
| AC-8k | Senate Armed Services Committee | |
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- LTSS ISTANBUL ACC
 - 5) 9307151630 C) 9407152359 EST E) NEW TEMPORARY ATS ROUTE WASD BETWEEN IZMIR VOR (IMR) AND KAVAK INTERSECTION IS ESTABLISHED AS FOLLOWS. 1-SIGNIFICANT POINT: IZMIR VOR (IMR): S81906N 2700282 KAVAK INTERSECTION: 372130N 284400E 2-MAG TRACK: 125 3-DIST NM: 100 4-UPPER/LOWER LIMITS: FL460/FL235 5-MNM IFR EN-ROUTE FL (FT): FL240 6-CRUISING LEVEL: ODD 7-REMARKS: FLISHTS DEPARTING ANY AERODROME WITHIN IZMIR TMA DESTINED TO DALAMAN AIRPORT ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO FLY VIA THIS ROUTE.
 - 5) 9401880530 C) 9412311430 D) DAILY 0530/1430 E) TRAINING EXERCISE AREA AS FOLLOWS: COOR:3745N2784E 3736N2787E 3742N2733E 3754N2738E 3751N2744E 3751N2733E 3754N2730E. EFFECTED IZMIR TMA. F) MSI R) 50005T
 - EFFECTED IZMIR TMA. F) MSL. G) 5000FT

 5) 940EES0500 C) 9404E81500 D) FEB 28 AND MAR 01,02,03,04,07, 08,09,10,29,30,31 AND APR 15,26,27,28 0500/1500 E) GUN FIRING WILL TAKE PLACE:4147N6654E 4147N8700E 4158M8654E 4152N8700E AFFECTED AWY VA4 F) MSL G) 15000FT
 - 5) 9403826560 C) 9404296260 D) MARCH 22,23,24,25. APRIL 12,13, 19,20,21,22,28,29. 0506/2200 E) BUN FIRING WILL TAKE PLACE: 4147N26542 4147N27062 4152N26542 4152N27062. EFFECTED AWY VA4. F)M5L G)15000FT
 - 5) 9463116630 C) 5464651530 C) FM (1 TILL 31 MAR AND FM (1 TILL 25 APR 0636/1536 E) GUN FIRING WILL TAKE PLACE: 3846N8647E 3846N8647E 3839N8647E 3839N8646E WITHIN IZMIR TMA FIMSL G)10.000 FT
 - 5) 9404110700 C) 9404151300 D) AFR 11,12,13,14,15, 0700/1500 E) GUN FIRING WILL TAKE PLACE:1ST AREA:3840N2634E 3840N2644E 3857N2646E 3853N2638E END AREA:584050N263400E 385100N263605E 385115N264615E 384430N264530E 384000N264430E WITHIN IZMIR TMA F)MSL 6)10000FT
 - B) 9404130700 C) 9404141500 D) APR 13 14,0700/1500 E) GUN FIRING WILL TAKE PLACE.WI 4016N2926E 4016N2928E 4014N2928E 4014N2926E WITHIN ISTANBUL TMA. F)MSL G)6500FT.
 - 5) 9404050700 C) 9405161200 D) AS ITEM E E) TURKISH NAVY AND AIRFORCE SHALL MAKE A WITHOUT FIRING TASMO CEVIK PENCE-2 EXERCISE IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS AND AIRSPACE OF MEDITERRANEAN AND AEGEAN SEA. FIRST AREA:3558N26465 3851N26196 3846N26176 3846N26406 AFFECTED IZMIR TMA. DATE AND TIMES:APR 05 0700/0900 MAY 16 0600/0800 AND 1000/1200 SECOND AREA:3948N26066 3948N25436 3923N25136 3915N25386 3929N26046 DATE AND TIMES:APR 06 0600/0800 AND 1200/1400 MAY 11 0800/1600 AND 1200/1400 THIRD AREA:3630N28346 3625N29106 360GN29196 3621N28346 AFFECTED DALAMAN TMA DATE AND TIMES:APR 28 1000/1400) END FART 1 OF 8
 - 5) 9404110400 C) 9406171600 D) AS ITEM E E) GUN FIRING WILL TAKE PLACE: AREA:3630N2834E 3623N2834E 3609N2919E 5625N2919E AFFECTED DALAMAN TMA. DATE AND TIME:APR FM 11 TILL 17 AND 26,27,28. MAY 25,26,27 JUN 14,15,16,17 0400/1600 F) MSL G) 35000FT
 - 5) 9464110700 C) 9404161230 D) AS ITEM E E) NAVIGATIONAL WARNING TO ALL CONCERNED REF(A)CLASS ONE NOTAM A0391/94 FROMULGATED BY GREECE ON 01 APRIL 1994 FOR NATO EXERCISE DISTANT THUNDER-94 REF(B) AIP SUPPLEMENT ISSUED BY TURKISH CAA DATED 10 AFRIL 1994 NUMBER SUP 1/94 CONCERNING DISTANT THUNDER +94 1-THE PARAGRAPH 4.8(FOUR BRAVO).4.D(FOUR DELTA) OF REF (A) (ALPHA) ARE NOT VALID FOR MILITARY AIRCRAFT FLYING OVER HIGH SEAS WITHIN ATHENS FIR DUE TO THE FACT THAT THESE ITEMS ARE ARBITRARILY INJECTED TO THE GRIGINAL NOTAM TEXT. FURTNER MORE MILITARY AIRCRAFT FLYING OVER THE HIGH SEAS ARE NOT BOUND BY THE ICAO RULES AND PROCEIUAES AS DEDETAILED IN AIP GREECE. 2.DISTANT(THUNDER-94 EXERCISE AIRCRAFT WILL GREATE WITHIN THE AIRSPACE OVER THE AESEAN HIGH SEAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 3 (THEERE OF CHICARO

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- 5) 9404140600 C) 9404521000 D) 14,15,22 APRIL 0600/1000 E) BUN FIRING WILL TAKE PLACE:WI 4125N2829E 4124N2829E 4116N2834E 4116N2832E WITHIN TMA ISTANBUL. F) MSL 6) 15000
- B) 946410660 C) 9464151400 E) NAVIGATIONAL WARNING TO ALL CONCERNED 1. THIS NTM IS ISSUED TO CLARIFY THE STATEMENT MADE CONCERNING THE WIDTH OF GREEK NATIONAL AIRSPACE IN ITEM 2 OF NTM A6429794 DATED 07 AFR 1994 ISSUED BY HELLENIC CAA. 2.THE EXTENTION OF GREEK NATIONAL AIRSPAC BEYOND SIX NAUTICAL MILES IS CONTRARY TO INTERNATIONAL LAW AND CONVENTIONS AND IS THEREFORE NOT RECOGNIZED BY TURKEY. FIRING ACTIVITY WILL TAKE PLACE IN WHOLE EXERCISE AREA AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 1 OF GREEK NTM A6429794.
- B) 9404140600 C) 9405061000 D) AFR 14,15 AND MAY 06 0500/1000 E) GUN FIRING WILL TAKE PLACE. 4125N2829E 4124N2829E 4116N2834E 4116N283EE AFFECTED [STANBUL TMA. F)MSL G)15000FT.
- \$) 9404130735 C) 9404151400 E) MAVIGATIONAL WARNING TO ALL CONCERNED. TURKISH NAVY FIRING EXERCISE REMAIN UNCHANGED. LTBS DALAMAN
 - 5) 9403862201 C) 9410292200 E) AERODROME OFERATING HOUR IS H24.
 - B) 9404071200 C) FERM E) TURKEY AGA 2-6-1 ITEM 7 AMEND TO READ TRANSITION ALTITUDE 4500 FT INSTEAD OF 4600 FT.
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| AC-8a | NOTAMS | |
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| AC-8b | SAR Daily Log, 14-17 April 1994 | |
| AC-8c | MCC Operations Log, 14-18 April 1994 and Note from Zakhu, | |
| | Kurdistan Democratic Party | |
| AC-8d | Headquarters, Combined Task Force, Operation PROVIDE COMFORT, | |
| | Memorandum for Record, 14 May 1994 | |
| AC-8e | Headquarters Operation PROVIDE COMFORT II, | |
| | Combined Task Force/C2 Log, 14 April 1994 | |
| AC-8f | Extract of Joint Operations Center Log, 13-14 April 1994 | |
| AC-8g | Extract from JSOTF-J3 After Action Report, Eagle Flight Incident | |
| AC-8h | 39 Support Group Memorandum, Lessons Learned, | AC-8a |
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| AC-8j | MCC SITREP, 3 April 1994 | |
| AC-8k | Senate Armed Services Committee | |
| | Request for Inquiry | |
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- 140500Z APR 94 TSGT LIDER ON DUTY
- 140515Z APR 94 CALLED THE FRAG SHOP, MSGT TOMLINSON (6-3938), REGARDS PC LOG ENTRY 131130Z APR 94.
- 140535Z APR 94 REGARDS 132140Z APR 94 RED CROSS PC LOG ENTRY PASSED INFORMATION TO THE FIRST SGT. ASKED FIRST SGT TO RELAY SAME TO COL HUNT.
- 140545Z APR 94 REGARDS SAT., 16 APR 94 HC-130 MISSION PASSED INFORMA-TION CONTAINED IN PC LOG ENTRY 131615Z TO CAPT LEFEBVRE.
- 140556Z APR 94 SOC3/LT CRAIG CALLED. TOWER REPORTED IT HAD NO FLIGHT PLAN FILED FOR ROTOR 05 (0600Z T/O). CALLED C-3 JOC/LT ALLEN: LT ALLEN SAID HE WOULD CHECK ON IT.
- 140610Z APR 94 SOC3/LT CRAIG CALLED. ROTOR 05 HAS MX PROBLEMS AND WILL NOT GET OFF ON TIME. SOC3 WILL ADVISE ON OPENING A NEW LINE. LT CRAIG REPORTED TOWER WAS INCORRECT FCF'S DON'T NEED TO FILE A FLIGHT PLAN.
- 140620Z APR 94 LTC SPENCE CALLED ASKING TO SPEAK WITH COL HUNT ASAP ON A SECURE LINE. CAPT LEFEBVRE PASSED THIS MESSAGE TO COL HUNT'S BEEPER NUMBER.
- 140650Z APR 94 SOC3/MAJ LIEBOCK CALLED. ROTOR 05 READY FOR T/O ASAP.
- 140651Z APR 94 CALLED C-3 JOC/MAJ WIGGINS. C-3 JOC WILL TRY TO GET ROTOR 05 T/O APPROVAL FOR 0700Z. MAJ WIGGINS BELIEVES CALLSIGN FOR FCF CAN REMAIN ROTOR 05.
- 140658Z APR 94 CALLED C-3 JOC/MAJ WIGGINS. 0700Z T/O APPROVAL CONFIRMED FOR ROTOR 05. RELAYED APPROVAL TO SOC3/LT CRAIG.
- 140713Z APR 94 CALLED SOC3/SRA WAID. ROTOR 05: ATD 0700Z, ATA 0710Z.
- 140714Z APR 94 SPEC BUDGET/J1 CALLED REGARDS A SITREP NUMBER ERROR.
 SHE SAID YESTERDAY'S NUMBER WAS SHOWING 189 AND IT
 SHOULD HAVE BEEN 190.
- 140805Z APR 94 MAJ BECKIT CALLED ASKING TO SPEAK TO COL HUNT ON A SECURE LINE. MAJ ROSENGARD SPOKE SECURE WITH MAJ BECKIT.

CERTIFICATE

I certify that I am the Records Custodian for the Accident Investigation Board convened to investigate the crash of two U.S. Army Black Hawk helicopters in the no fly zone in northern Iraq on 14 April 1994, and that this is a true and accurate copy of the record which is kept in my records system.

5 May 94

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- 140806Z APR 94 MAJ ROSENGARD AND CAPT VANDER LEY CALLED C2 RECEIVED INITIAL INFORMATION ON HIND HELICOPTER INCIDENT
- 140808Z APR 94 LTC ZAHRT CALLED ASKING TO SPEAK TO COL HUNT ON A SECURE LINE GAVE LTC ZAHRT COL HUNT'S BEEPER NUMBER
- 140809Z APR 94 MAJ LIEBOCK CALLED AND TALKED TO MAJ ROSENGARD
- 140810Z APR 94 JC HAS ALSO BEEPED COL HUNT
- 140815Z APR 94 COL HUNT CALLED AND SPOKE BRIEFLY WITH MAJ ROSENGARD.
- 140825Z APR 94 SOC3/LT CRAIG CALLED. REQUEST OPEN A LINE FOR AN FCF ROTOR 06, T/O ASAP, MSN DUR 2 HRS., MSN #T14321.
- 140826Z APR 94 CALLED C-3 JOC/LT ALLEN. C-3 JOC WILL TRY TO ARRANGE FOR A ROTOR 06 T/O TIME OF 0835Z.
- 140833Z APR 94 LTC ZAHRT CALLED AND SPOKE WITH COL HUNT SECURE.
- 140845Z APR 94 CALLED C-3 JOC/MAJ WIGGINS. APPROVAL FOR ROTOR 06 CONFIRMED. ROTOR 06 WILL T/O ASAP FOR A 2 HR. DURATION
- 140846Z APR 94 SOC3/LT CRAIG CALLED. INFORMED HIM OF ROTOR 06 T/O APPROVAL CONFIRMATION.
- 140853Z APR 94 CALLED SOC3/SRA WAID. ROTOR 06 ATD 0840Z. ASSUME ROTOR 06 AC RECEIVED T/O CLEARANCE FROM TOWER BEFORE J3 VERIFIED APPROVAL CONFIRMATION FROM C-3 JOC.
- 140909Z APR 94 COL HUNT HAS DIRECTED JSOTF TO MOVE THE AOB ALERT SAR PACKAGE TO SOC3.
- 140914Z APR 94 SOC3/SRA WAID CALLED. ROTOR 06 ATA 0855Z.
- 140930Z APR 94 PER MAJ ROSENGARD POSSIBLE SATCOM MISSION WITH COL HUNT. J6 INFORMED.
- 140933Z APR 94 CAPT LEFEBVRE CALLED AND SPOKE SECURE WITH MAJ ROSENGARD.
- 141000Z APR 94 [CLASSIFIED PORTION DELETED (6 WORDS)]
- 141010Z APR 94 CALLED SOC3/LT CRAIG. ALL JSOTF TRAINING LINES CNX

(SHADOW 01/02, HAWK 21/22)

- 141020Z APR 94 CALLED CAPT LEFEBVRE SECURE. ASKED ABOUT JSOTF LNO'S LTC ZAHRT GOT ON THE LINE WITH CAPT LEFEBVRE AND TOLD HIM THERE IS NO ROOM ON THE AIRCRAFT FOR LNO'S.
- 141025Z APR 94 INFORMED SOC3/SRA WAID NO ROOM FOR LNO'S
- 141027Z APR 94 CAPT VANDER LEY GIVES COL HUNT AN ISOPREP CARD INTERVIEW
- 141029Z APR 94 PER MAJ ROSENGARD "COUGAR" THE AWACS ACFT IS
 AIRBORNE CTF (MAJ WIGGINS) WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS
 TO KEEP AWACS AIRBORNE FOR DURATION OF MISSION.
- 141050Z APR 94 LT ALLEN C-3 JOC CALLED SAID FCF APPROVED FOR ROTOR 07, T/O TIME IN APX. 5 MINUTES. RECEIVED NO PRIOR PHONE CALL FROM SOC3.
- 141052Z APR 94 PERMISSION FROM CTF TO LAUNCH. IF REFUEL NECESSARY ENROUTE TO ZAKHO MUST DO SO AT DIYARBAKIR
- 141057Z APR 94 COL HUNT HAS DEPARTED THE BLDG.
- 141100Z APR 94 SOC3/SGT MONEY CALLED. ROTOR 07 ATD 1055Z
- 141108Z APR 94 [CLASSIFIED PORTION DELETED (32 WORDS)]

- 141134Z APR 94 COL RACE DCO SOCEUR CALLED. HE STATED GEN KELLOG
 NEEDS TO KNOW IF JSOTF CC HAS A GOOD ACCOUNTABILITY
 OF ALL PERSONNEL AT ZAHKO. MAJ ROSENGARD BRIEFED
 COL RACE ON THIS SUBJECT.
- 141201Z APR 94 LT CRAIG/SOC3 CALLED.

[CLASSIFIED PORTION DELETED (16 WORDS)] CALLED MAJ WIGGINS/C-3 JOC AND PASSED THIS INFO TO HIM. MAJ WIGGINS STATED APPROVAL FOR PONY 21-23 HAD BEEN GRANTED BUT DIFFICULTY EXISTS IN GAINING APPROVAL FOR THE HC-130 SAR LINES.

141225Z APR 94 CAPT CLARK CALLED MAJ BETHEL, MCC REAR IN DIYARBAKIR.

REF. MH-60 REFUEL MAJ BETHEL WILL COORDINATE WITH TURKS. NO PROBLEMS ANTICIPATED.

141230Z APR 94 CALLED SOC3/LT CRAIG. ASKED FOR T/O TIMES.

PONY 21 ATD - 1200Z

PONY 22 ATD - 1208Z

PONY 23 ATD - 1210Z

- 141234Z APR 94 CALLED SOC3/LT CRAJG. ROTOR 07 ATA 1115Z.
- 141237Z APR 94 MAJ BETHEL CALLED CAPT CLARK BACK. SHE STATED THE REFUELER WOULD BE STANDING BY.
- 141238Z APR 94 C-3 JOC/MAJ WIGGINS CALLED. APPROVAL GRANTED FOR THE LAUNCH OF THE [CLASSIFIED PORTION DELETED (7 WORDS)]
- 141250Z APR 94 CAPT LEFEBVRE'S CURRENT LOCATION IS C-1 JOC, 6-3001.
- 141253Z APR 94 CALLED SOC3/SGT MONEY. INFORMED HIM GHOST 31/32 APPROVED FOR T/O.
- 141255Z APR 94 MAJ ROSENGARD SPOKE TO CPT LITTLE AT ZAKHO CPT KENT WILL LEAD 8 MAN ELEMENT (6 US, 2 RCC INTERP'S) TO CRASH SITE. WILL USE GROUND TRANSPORTATION. WILL LEAVE WITHIN THE HOUR. WILL NEED APPROX 3-HRS TO GET THERE. WILL LINK-UP WITH FORCE SECURING THE CRASH SITE (PESH ?*) DURING DAY-LITE HRS TO PRECLUDE FORCE TRAVELING FROM INCIRLIK HAVING TO POTENTIALLY LINK UP WITH THIS FORCE AT NIGHT. MAJ SANDERS IS SENIOR AMERICAN AT ZAKHO. CPT LITTLE IS NOW SENIOR AMERICAN SF AT ZAKHO. MAJ ROSENGARD WILL GET WORD OF ALL OF THIS COL HUNT VIA SOCIII.
- 141257Z APR 94 SGM GANN (SOCEUR) CALLED FOR COORDINATES OF CRASH SITE. SGM HALTERMAN GAVE SGM GANN THE DATA HE NEEDED.
- 141259Z APR 94 COL HASSLE CALLED FOR MAJ ROSENGARD. WILL INFORM THE MAJ TO CALL WHEN HE IS FINISHED IN J2.
- 141301Z APR 94 MAJ ROSENGARD RETURNS COL HASSLE'S CALL.
- 141303Z APR 94 LT CRAIG/SOC3 CALLED. ASKED FOR THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONNEL ON EACH OF THE PONY HELICOPTERS. THE MOST CURRENT INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO MAJ ROSENGARD IS A

TOTAL BODY COUNT OF 24 (INCLUDING CREW).

- 141310Z APR 94 LTC RIVERA CALLED ASKING FOR INFORMATION REGARDS THE HIND HELICOPTER INCIDENT. LTC RIVERA IS THE EXEC FOR THE CC OF AMERICAN FORCES IN TURKEY, MAJ GEN STOKES. MAJ ROSENGARD TALKED TO LTC RIVERA.
- 141317Z APR 94 CALLED SOC3/LT CRAIG. AS OF THIS TIME SOC3 HAS NO ATD FOR GHOST 31. THEY WILL CHECK AND CALL BACK.
- 141319Z APR 94 LT CRAIG/SOC3 CALLED. GHOST 31 ATD 1302Z.
- 141331Z APR 94 MAJ SHAW CALLED FROM SOC3 REGARDS SAR HC-130 AIR REFUELING COORDINATION. HE SPOKE SECURE WITH CAPT CLARK.
- 141340Z APR 94 39TH WING CC, COL KULA, RELAYED A MESSAGE (TO CAPT CLARK) FROM BGEN PILKINGTON. MSG IS AS FOLLOWS:
 --- NO CASUALTIES WILL BE BROUGHT BACK TO INCIRLIK AB.
 --- TOMORROW, 15 APR, WILL BE A NO FLY DAY.
- 141341Z APR 94 CAPT LEFEEVRE CALLED FROM C-1 JOC (6-3001) AND TALKED TO CAPT CLARK. CAPT LEFEBVRE ASKED FOR A SEQUENCE OF INFORMATION:
 - --- TIMELINE IT WILL TAKE TO GET THE MH-60'S FROM ZAKHO TO THE SITE.
 - --- TIME NEEDED ON STATION.
 - --- TIME DATA REQUIRED FOR CAS COORDINATION.
 CAPT CLARK PASSED THIS REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO
 MAJ ROSENGARD.
- 141343Z APR 94 CAPT CLARK LEARNED AWACS WILL STAY AIRBORNE AS LONG AS THEY ARE NEEDED.
- 141350Z APR 94 J2 RELATES THE OFFICIAL SHOOTDOWN TIME OF HELICOPTERS WAS 0730Z. POSSIBLY EAGLE FLIGHT UH-60s vs. HINDs.
- 141420Z APR 94 CPT LEFEBVRE CALLED FROM WOC. WE HAVE PREMISSION TO PERFORM AERIAL REFUELING. GRID COORD OF RECEIVED IMAGERY MF 177698. AWACS WILL STAY ON STATION. FIGHTERS WILL BE ON STRIP ALERT AT INCIRLIK. BG P SAYS NO NEED TO KEEP FIGHTERS UP, NO IRAQIS FLY AT NIGHT. MAJ ROSENGARD TOLD CPT L TO GO BACK AND ARGUE THAT AIR THREAT IS NOT OUR CONCERN, GOI GROUND THREAT IS !!! WE

STILL NEED RESCAP IN THE AIR TONIGHT FOR THE DURAITON OF OPS AT CRASH SITE. SSG TOBIA PASSED INFO REGARDING OUR ASSESMENT OF PROBABLE GROUND TARGETS AND ROUTES OF MOVEMENT.

- 141425Z APR 94 SOC3/LT CRAIG CALLED. ETD FOR GHOST 32 IS 1700Z. RELAYED SAME TO MAJ WIGGINS/C-3 JOC.
- 141433Z APR 94 CAPT CLARK PASSED MH-60 FREQUENCIES TO MAJ SANDERS/MCC.
- 141553Z APR 94 COL HUNT AND CREW CROSSED THE BORDER AT 1515Z.
- 141554Z APR 94 PER CAPT VANDER LEY SOC3 INTEL RELATES GROUND TIME AT THE CRASH SITE OF 1615Z.
- 141619Z APR 94 CAPT LEFEBVRE CALLED FROM THE WOC. THE FIRST HC-130 (GHOST 31) CAN ONLY TALK TO AWACS. HC-130 IS POSSIBLY HAVING FLIGHT PROBLEMS. TENATIVE PLAN IS TO FLY TO DIYARBAKIR, DROP OFF MEDICAL TEAM, AND RETURN TO INCIRLIK AB. THE SECOND HC-130 WILL P/U THE MEDICAL TEAM AT DIYARBAKIR ENROUTE TO TAOR.
- 141620Z APR 94 CAPT LEFEBVRE CALLED. SAR TEAM IS ON THE GROUND AT THE CRASH SITE.
- 141644Z APR 94 CAPT LEFEBVRE CALLED. 2 F-15'S ARE ON-STATION OVER THE AREA. THE F-15'S ONLY HAVE AIR-TO-AIR CAPABILITY.
- 141700Z APR 94 TSGT SMITH ON DUTY.
- 141715Z APR 94 RECEIVED CALL FROM CPT LEFEBVRE FROM COMMUNICATIONS WITH JSOTF COMMANDER ROUGHLY 26 BODIES/ NO SURVIVORS TAKING BODIES TO DIYARBAKIR/ EQUIPMENT TAKING TO A SAFE AREA. HES AT 6-3001 PASSED INFO TO MAJ ROSENGARD.
- 141730Z APR 94 CPT LEFEBVRE CALLED CRASHED HELICOPTERS ARE CONFIRMED US UH-60'S. 26 DECEASED CONFIRMED.
- 141758Z APR 94 PONY 21/23 ENROUTE TO DIYARBAKIR WITH 26 BODIES. PONY 22 STILL AT CRASH SITE.
- 141815Z APR 94 RECEIVED CALL FROM CPT LEFEVBRE: PONY 22 ENROUTE TO

ZAHKO WITH 9 BODIES ON BOARD. WILL THEN CONTINUE TO DIYARBAKIR. CORRECTION ON BODY COUNT IN PONY 21/23: 17 BODIES ON BOARD. PONY 21/23 HAVE FINISHED AIREAL REFUEL AND ARE CIRCLING THE CRASH SITE. THEY HAVE NOT OFF-LOADED BODIES YET.

- 141930Z APR 94 CPT LEFEVBRE CALLED: 1 HC-130 WITH MEDICAL PERSONNEL ON BAORD HAS LOST 1 ENGINE HAS REQUESTED TO RETURN TO INCIRLIK. REQUEST DENIED BY CTF. MUST LAND AT DIYARBAKIR TO OFF-LOAD MED PERSONNEL. CTF RESEARCHING WHETHER HC-130 CAN TAKEOFF FROM DIYARBAKIR WITHOUT ONE ENGINE.
- 141932Z APR 94 CPT LEFEBVRE CALLED PONY 22 OBSERVING TRACER FIRE NORTH OF ZAHKO NOT SURE IF DIRECTED TOWARD THEM.
- 142000Z APR 94 RECEIVED CALL FROM CPT LEFEBVRE GHOST 31 LANDED AT DIYARBAKIR WITH MEDICAL PERSONNEL CANNOT TAKE-OFF. NEEDS TO KNOW WHEN HELICOPTERS WILL BE OUT OF AOR. TIME CRITICAL: MAY NEED TO LAUNCH ANOTHER AWACS. WILL GET INFORMATION FROM SOC3.
- 142025Z APR 94 MAJ ROSENGARD IS UPDATING SOCEUR OF AOR "STATUS".
- 142032Z APR 94 MAJ ROSENGARD IS CALLING COL SPENCE AT ETTIC WITH UPDATE OF AOR.
- 142034A APR 94 RECEIVED CALL FROM CPT LEFEBVRE GHOST 32 LANDED AT DIYARBAKIR TO PICKUP PERSONNEL AND CREW FROM GHOST31 MAINTENACE PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT WILL BE LOADED ON A C-141 THIS EVENING HEADED TO DIYARBAKIR SHOOTING FOR A 0200Z TAKEOFF. VERY FLEXIBLE TIME.
- 142110Z APR 94 PER COMMUNICATIONS FROM CPT LITTLE FROM ZAHKO THE FOLLOWING GRID COORDINATES OF CRASH SITES.

 # 1 MF 176698

 # 2 MF 190695
- 142145Z APR 94 GHOST 31 HAS 6 BODIES ON SITE 2. EIGHT BODIES ARE 50MIN.
 OUT OF ZAHKO. ONCE ALL BODIES ARE AT DIYARBAKIR.
 TERMINATION OF FLIGHT UNTIL TOMORROW, TIME UNKNOWN.
- 142259Z APR 94 PONY23 HAS LEFT TO DIYARBAKIR, ETA 1H15MIN.
- 142331Z APR 94 ALL PONYS ARE AIRBORNE HEADED TO DIYARBAKIR.

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- 150055Z APR 94 MONITORING COMUNICATIONS ONCE ALL BODIES GET TO ZAHKO THEY WILL TRANSPORTED TO THE C-130 AND WILL FLY TO DIYARBAKIR. PERSONNEL WILL STAY AT ZAHKO.
- 150105Z APR 94 TEAM AT SITE IS BREAKING DOWN AWATING PICKUP IN 15MIN. PONY22 WILL DO PICK-UP.
- 150115Z APR 94 PONY 21 T/O HEADED TOWARD DIYARBAKIR. PONY 22 IS NOW AT SITE FOR PICK-UP SILVER BULLET TEAM.
- 150430Z APR 94 GHOST 32 HAS LANDED AT INCIRLICK.
- 150430Z APR 94 NOTIFIED BY CAPT BOLGER AT DIYARBAKIR THAT ALL HELO CREWS HAVE ENTERED CREW REST AT 0330Z. ALL HELOS ARE MISSION CAPABLE.
- 150500Z APR 94 TSGT LIDER ON DUTY.
- 150518Z APR 94 SOC3/LT CRAIG CALLED. HE ASKED IF FLYING OPERATIONS WOULD COMMENCE AGAIN TOMORROW. CALLED C3 JOC/LT ALLEN. ASKED HIM IF THAT QUESTION WAS LOW ON THE PECKING ORDER OF THINGS TO THINK ABOUT. HE CONCURRED. LT ALLEN SAID BY 1200 OR 1300L TODAY IT MIGHT BE KNOWN IF THERE WILL BE A FLYING SCHEDULE FOR SAT., 16 APR.
- 150553Z APR 94 CALLED SOC3/LT CRAIG. INQUIRED ON THE STATUS OF THE CREWS AT DIYARBAKIR. CREW REST TIMES:

 MH-060'S (PONY 21-23) START 0330Z / STOP 1530Z

 HC-130'S (GHOST 31/32) START 0600Z / STOP 1800Z
- 150603Z APR 94 SGT ATKINS CALLED FROM BGEN PILKINGTON'S OFFICE.
 HE SAID THERE IS A PERSONAL MSG FROM BGEN P TO
 COL HUNT WHICH NEEDS TO BE PICKED UP. SGT
 PRATTIS WENT TO GO GET IT.
- 150607Z APR 94 LT CRAIG/SOC3 CALLED. THE CC OF THE PJ'S AT HURLBURT FIELD, FL WANTED TO KNOW IF ANY OF HIS PJ'S WERE ON THE HELICOPTERS DOWNED AT THE CRASH SITE.
- 150609Z APR 94 CAPT VANDER LEY TALKED TO LT CRAIG. ANSWER NO.
- 150614Z APR 94 SGM HALTERMAN CALLED CTF C1 REQUESTING MEDICAL RECORDS FOR DNA IDENTIFICATION. C1 WILL CALL BACK.

TONIGHT'S FLIGHT.

- 150815Z APR 94 CAPT VANDER LEY CALLED MAJ WIGGINS C3/JOC REF. ESCORTS FOR BODIES OF COL THOMPSON, SSG BARCLAY, AND SSG ROBINSON. MAJ WIGGINS STATED ESCORT DUTIES PROBABLY WOULD NOT BEGIN UNTIL THE BODIES LEFT FRANKFURT. HE WOULD PASS ON THE REQUEST FOR ESCORTS TO BGEN PILKINGTON. HE WILL LET US KNOW THE TIME SCHEDULE TO ENSURE THE ESCORTS ARRIVE AT FRANKFURT ON TIME. ALSO REQ. GUIDANCE ON THE RELEASE OF MISREPS OF SOC 3 MISSIONS TO HOME STATION. CTF GUIDANCE HC-130 MISREPS CAN BE RELEASED. HELO MISREPS MUST BE IN LINE WITH CURRENT EUCOM SITREP INFORMATION. INFO PASSED TO SOC3 INTEL.
- 150816Z APR 94 AT APX. 0812Z SGM HALTERMAN WAS BEEPED REGARDS ATTENDING THE 1ST SGT'S MTG IN THE CTF CONF RM. PER HIS REQUEST AOB AND SOC3 1ST SGT'S WERE ALSO NOTIFIED.
- 150909Z APR 94 PER CAPT VANDER LEY INITIAL TIMELINE FOR TONIGHT'S MISSIONS RECEIVED FROM LTC ZAHRT.
- 150945Z APR 94 LTC HOOVER AND SGM HITCHO WILL ACCOMPANY THE HC-130 DEPARTING DIYARBAKIR TOMORROW.
- 150946Z APR 94 CAPT CLARK ARRANGED FOR MEDICAL RECORDS AND 10TH SF ESCORT BACK TO FRANKFURT.
- 151019Z APR 94 PER CAPT LEFEBVRE C-141 ITINERARY CHANGE. STOP AT INCIRLIK AB DELETED. DIRECT DIYARBAKIR TO FRANKFURT. REASON UNKNOWN AS OF THIS TIME.
- 151305Z APR 94 MAJ ROSENGARD RECEIVED FROM MAJ BECKIT/C3 JOC THE DISPOSITION OF JSOTF AIR FORCES FOR THE NEXT 72 HRS.
- 151347Z APR 94 EAGLE IS STANDING DOWN FOR THE NEXT 48 HRS. JSOTF MH-60G'S WILL TAKEOVER THE EAGLE MISSION OUT OF DIYARBAKIR. JSOTF HELICOPTERS WILL RUN SHUTTLE MISSIONS BACK AND FORTH FROM ZAKHO AND THE CRASH SITE. HC-130 PRESENTLY AT DIYARBAKIR IS REPAIRED. THE HC-130 POSITIONED AT INCIRLIK WILL FLY TO DIYARBAKIR ON 16 APR TO ASSIST IN THE REDEPLOYMENT OF JSOTF GROUND PERSONNEL.

COL HUNT REMAINS IN ZAKHO FOR APPROXIMATELY 2 OR 3 DAYS. WILL HAVE 1 CAPT AND 1 E-6 TBD TO REMAIN AS S3 CELL.

- 151446Z APR 94 FIRST SGT JOSEPH CALLED REFERENCE ESCORT DETAIL WILL COME FROM THE AOB.
- 151455Z APR 94 SOC3/LT CRAIG CALLED. REQUEST OPEN A LINE FOR AN HC-130, GHOST 31, ETD 160600Z, INCIRLIK TO DIYARBAKIR, MSN #A1680. GHOST 31 WILL ASSIST THE THREE PONY HELOS WITH AERIAL REFUELING AND COMM. GHOST 31 ETD OUT OF DIYARBAKIR IS 161345Z. GHOST 32 WILL FOLLOW GHOST 31 AND DEPART DIYARBAKIR AT APX. THE SAME. MSN # FOR GHOST 32 IS A1681. ETA FOR GHOST 31/32 BACK TO INCIRLIK 161500Z.
- 151457Z APR 94 CALLED C3 JOC/LTC WITCHER SEEKING APPROVAL FOR THE TWO HC-130 LINES, MSN #'S: A1680/1
- 151500Z APR 94 TSGT SMITH ON DUTY.
- 151545Z APR 94 RECEIVED CALL FROM LTCOL WITCHER GHOST 31 FOR 16APR IS APPROVED. PASSED ON TO SOC3/MAJ SHAW.
- 151555Z APR 94 RECEIVED FAX FOR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND FLIGHTS FROM ZAHKO AND SHUFFLE TO AND FROM AOR AREA.
- 151610Z APR 94 RECEIVED CALL LT CMDR BREMSETH WILL BE ARRIVING 1430L NEEDS TO BRIEF C-3 AND CTF COMMANDER.
- 151625Z APR 94 RECEICED CALL FROM MAJ LIBACK REQUESTING TO OPEN 3
 LINES W/CALL SIGN EAGLE 01/02/03 FOR A 0530Z WITH A
 0635Z GATE. PASSED ON TO JOC LTCOL WITCHER. HE
 INSTRUCTED WE WOULD HAVE TO ACTIVATE PONY LINES.
 AWAITING CONFIRMED POSSIBLE HAVE TO WAIT TILL 0700L
 TURKS APPROVAL.
- 152020Z APR 94 RECEIVED CALL FROM JOC/MAJ BICKET EAGLE CALL SIGN FOR HELOS WILL PROBLABLY GO BUT NEEDS APPROVAL FROM TURKS WILL FOLLOW IN MORNING.

- RECEIVED CALL FROM CPT BOINGER ZAKHO CONCERNING LINES FOR THIS MORNING EAGLE CALL SIGNS. RELAYED JOC WILL WORK ON THIS WITH TURKS TO GET APPROVAL. HE WILL CALL BACK LATER TO CONFIRM.
- 160255Z APR 94 CAPT BOINGER CALLED, STATED THEY HAD SLIP THEIR T/O TILL 1100L TALKED TO MAJ WIGGINS HE CANNOT CONFIRM SLIP T/O. ???
- 160300Z APR 94 TSGT LIDER ON DUTY.
- 160413Z APR 94 SOC3/LT CRAIG CALLED. ASKED FOR COORDINATION ON LNO'S FOR GHOST 31. MIGHT BE NECESSARY TO TAKE 2 LNO'S. GHOST 31 WILL HAVE 1 DEADHEAD CREW. THE DEADHEAD CREW WILL BRING GHOST 32 BACK TO INCIRLIK. MAY NEED 2ND LNO FOR GHOST 32.
- 160414Z APR 94 CALLED C3 JOC/MAJ WIGGINS. ADVISED HIM OF THE LNO SITUATION AS RELATED BY SOC3.
- 160423Z APR 94 MAJ WIGGINS/C3 JOC CALLED. HAD INFORMATION ON THE
 12 MEMBER INSPECTION TEAM. 6 WILL DEPART FOR
 DIYARBAKIR ON GHOST 31 0600Z ETD. THE OTHER 6 WILL
 DEPART ON A C-12, SPAR 51 0600Z ETD. MAJ WIGGINS ADVISED
 EAGLE 01-03 CALLSIGNS APPROVED (VICE PONY). EAGLE FLT
 T/O TIME WILL HAVE TO BE 0800Z. MAJ WIGGINS SAID HE
 NOTIFIED THE MCC ON ALL OF THE ABOVE.
- 160424Z APR 94 SOC3/LT CRAIG CALLED. RELAYED THE MOST RECENT INFO, RECEIVED FROM C3 JOC, TO LT CRAIG. NO WORD YET FROM C3 JOC REGARDS THE LNO'S.
- 160440Z APR 94 MAJ WIGGINS/ C3 JOC CALLED. THE TURKS ONLY HAVE 1 LNO TO SEND. THE TURKS AGREED THAT AN LNO WILL NOT BE NEEDED ON GHOST 32. MAJ WIGGINS REQUESTS JSOTF ASCERTAIN THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE LNO FOR GHOST 31.
- 160444Z APR 94 CAPT LEFEBVRE ARRIVES. HE IS WORKING THE LNO ISSUE.
- 160528Z APR 94 SOC3/LT CRAIG CALLED. SOC3 ADVISES THAT ONLY 3 VICE 6
 INSPECTION TEAM MEMBERS WILL BOARD GHQST 31. NO ONE
 FROM THE INSPECTION TEAM HAS ARRIVED AT THE AIRCRAFT
 AS OF THIS TIME.

- 160530Z APR 94 CALLED C3 JOC/MAJ WIGGINS. MAJ WIGGINS STATES HE WILL CALL LT CRAIG/SOC3 DIRECTLY. C3 JOC HAD RECEIVED NO PRIOR WORD THAT THE NUMBER OF INSPECTION TEAM PAX FOR GHOST 31 HAD BEEN REDUCED FROM 6 TO 3. C3 JOC WILL ALSO WORK ON GAINING A TALLY ON THE INSPECTION TEAM MEMBERS.
- 160549Z APR 94 SGT CALIBOSO, X. 3940, CALLED FOR SGM HALTERMAN. THE CHIEF OF STAFF REQUIRES JSOTF PROVIDE 1 OR 2 MEMBERS TO ACT AS ESCORTS/USHERS FOR TOMORROW'S MEMORIAL SERVICE. SHOWTIME FOR THE ESCORTS/USHERS IS 1500L AT HANGAR 3. THE MEMORIAL SERVICE STARTS AT 1600L.
- 160558Z APR 94 CALLED SOC3/LT CRAIG. INQUIRED ON THE STATUS OF GHOST 31. LT CRAIG SAID ALL 4 PAX (3 INSPECT. TEAM, 1 LNO) ARE ONBOARD THE ACFT.
- 160610Z APR 94 CAPT LEFEBVRE RETURNS FROM THE CTF. HE STATES THAT LTC HOOVER AND SGM HITCHO HAVE ALSO BEEN MANIFESTED ON GHOST 31.
- 160615Z APR 94 SOC3/SRA WAID CALLED. GHOST 31 ATD 0600Z.
- 160633Z APR 94 CALLED THE WOC/MAJ JAMES. SPAR 51 ATD 0608Z.
- 160640Z APR 94 LTC SMITH/SOCEUR J3 CALLED. INQUIRED ON THE STATUS OF TODAY'S HC-130 AND HELO MISSIONS. MAJ ROSENGARD ALSO SPOKE WITH LTC SMITH.
- 160705Z APR 94 SGM HALTERMAN DIRECTED THE AOB BE INFORMED OF THE 1500Z ETA FOR GHOST 31/32 OUT OF DIYARBAKIR. NO ONE ANSWERS AT THE AOB. WILL TRY AGAIN LATER.
- 160712Z APR 94 COL THOMPSON AND LCDR BREMSETH (SOCEUR J3) WILL BE ARRIVING INCIRLIK AB TODAY VIA C-12. ETA 1130Z.
- 160717Z APR 94 CONTACTED THE AOB/SGT ROY. NOTIFIED AOB OF THE 1500Z ETA FOR GHOST 31/32.
- 160730Z APR 94 CALLED THE MCC/SGT SMALLEY. ASKED HER TO PASS TO JSOTF THE ATA OF GHOST 31 AT DIYARBAKIR WHEN AVAILABLE.
- 160745Z APR 94 SGT SMALLEY/MCC CALLED BACK. GHOST 31 HAS ARRIVED AT DIYARBAKIR. ATA NOT AVAILABLE YET.

- 160751Z APR 94 WOC/CAPT PAULEY CALLED. GHOST 31 & SPAR 51 ARE DOWN.
- 160755Z APR 94 CAPT LEFEBVRE CALLED. SAID HE WILL REMAIN AT C3 JOC, X. 3014 TO ACT AS A LIAISON BETWEEN JSOTF & CTF.
- 160814Z APR 94 FROM J6 EAGLE 01 03 DEPARTED DIYARBAKIR AT 0812Z.
- 160847Z APR 94 PER CAPT LEFEBVRE:

EAGLE FLT DEPARTED DIYARBAKIR AT APX. 0842Z. BY APX. 0837Z IT WAS KNOWN THAT THE AWACS RADAR WENT DOWN

AWACS IS RTB INCIRLIK.

IT WILL TAKE APX. 2 1/2 HRS. FOR THE 2ND AWACS TO BE ON STATION.

MCC HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED THAT EAGLE FLT WILL NOT BE FORWARDED UNTIL THE 2ND AWACS IS ON STATION.

- 160848Z APR 94 ATD OF EAGLE FLT RECEIVED FROM J6 AND CAPT LEFEBVRE DON'T MATCH (0812Z & 0842Z RESPECTIVELY). WILL ASSUME FOR NOW J6 HAS THE MORE ACCURATE ATD.
- 160947Z APR 94 AWACS AIRBORNE.
- 161120Z APR 94 GIVEN POSSESSION OF A BROWN ENVELOPE AND A BRICK. .
 HANDED OFF BY CAPT VANDER LEY. RETURN TO LTC ZAHRT
 WHEN HE RTB'S INCIRLIK TONIGHT.
- 161124Z APR 94 CALLED THE MCC/MAJ BETHEL. AWACS PROBLEM WILL CAUSE SLIPPAGE IN GHOST AND EAGLE ETD'S. MAJ BETHEL WILL CALL JSOTF WHEN THE NEW SCHEDULING IS FIRMED UP.
- 161145Z APR 94 CAPT LEFEBVRE CALLED FROM CTF. EAGLE FLT ATD FROM ZAKHO 1120Z. WILL BE LANDING AT THE CRASH SITE SOON. THEY WILL BE SETTING UP SATCOM. MAJ ROSENGARD AND 16 HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF SAME.
- 161147Z APR 94 SOC3/LT RAMSEY CALLED. THE PHONE LINES FOR SOC3 ARE ALL DOWN. UFN ANY TELECOM WITH SOC3 DIAL 8171.
- 161150Z APR 94 MAJ ROSENGARD HAD TELECOM W/COL HUNT & LTC HOOVER.

 COL HUNT VERY BUSY WITH THE INVESTIGATION TEAM. MH-60

 SPACE PROBLEM WILL LIMIT ABILITY TO REDEPLOY SECURITY

 TEAM. PLAN NOW IS TO SEND 4 6 BACK TO INCIRLIK TONIGHT.

 PRIORITY IS TO PEOPLE WITH ESCORT DUTY.

- 161220Z APR 94 FROM SGM HALTERMAN CALLED LTC HOOVER AT DIYARBAKIR. EXPECTING CALL BACK REGARDS LIST OF NAMES FOR PEOPLE RETURNING TO INCIRLIK TONIGHT. AWAITING INFO ON WHETHER THE EQUIPMENT PACKAGE WILL BE COMING OUT WHOLE OR PIECEMEAL.
- 161313Z APR 94 FINALLY GOT THROUGH TO THE MCC/SGT SMALLEY. ESTIMATES GHOST 31 T/O FROM DIYARBAKIR ON-TIME AT 1345Z. SGT SMALLEY REPORTS HAVING DIFFICULTY IN COMMUNICATING WITH HER FLIGHTLINE TO GET INFORMATION. NO PAX MANIFEST INFO AVAILABLE FOR GHOST 31.
- 161314Z APR 94 C3 JOC/LTC WITCHER CALLED. NEEDS TO KNOW WHO IS ON GHOST 31. WHO WILL BE ON THE EAGLE MH-60'S. WHO WILL HAVE TO RON DIYARBAKIR. WHEN AND HOW THE PEOPLE LEFT BEHIND WILL BE PICKED UP. CURRENTLY NO ANSWERS TO ANY OF THOSE QUESTIONS. LTC HOOVER HASN'T RETURNED SGM HALTERMAN'S 1220Z PHONE CALL YET. SGT SMALLEY DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO REACH SGM HITCHO. MAJ BETHEL IS TEMPORARILY OUT OF THE OFFICE, ETR 20 MIN. FROM NOW.
- 161327Z APR 94 PER SGM HALTERMAN'S REQUEST TRYING TO REARRANGE TMO ITINERARY FOR LTC HOOVER & SGM HITCHO. CHANGE ISTANBUL AMSTERDAM FROM SUN. TO MON., 18 APR 94. HAD TO CALL THE WOC/SRA WILLIAMS (X. 3001). SHE WILL CALL THE WEEKEND TMO STANDBY NUMBER. EXPECTING TMO TO CALL ME IN APX. 15 MINUTES.
- 161347Z APR 94 MAJ BETHEL/MCC CALLS. MORE INTENSIVE COORDINATION ON GHOST 31 PAX MANIFEST LIST BEGINS. MAJ ROSENGARD TALKS TO MAJ BETHEL REGARDS BEYANAMME TRANSPORTATION. MAJ ROSENGARD IS CONNECTED TO SGM HITCHO. BRIEFS HIM ON BEYANAMME ACTION ITEMS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED ON HIS END. AFTER CALL MAJ ROSENGARD BRIEFS SGM HALTERMAN.
- 161350Z APR 94 ADVISED BY MAJ BETHEL ETD OF GHOST 32 FROM DIYARBAKIR IS APX. 4 OR 4 1/2 HRS. FROM NOW (1800 OR 1830Z).
- 161400Z APR 94 AMN LOWRY FROM TMO CALLS. STATES FLIGHT RESERVATIONS FOR LTC HOOVER AND SGM HITCHO CAN'T BE CHANGED UNTIL MON., 18 APR. REASON SINCE IT'S A COMMERCIAL FLIGHT THERE'S NO WAY TO GET IN TOUCH WITH A DELTA REP. UNTIL MONDAY.

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- 161420Z APR 94 GHOST 31 ATD 1400Z. ETA INCIRLIK 1515Z. RELAYED SAME TO C3 JOC/LTC WITCHER, SOC3/LT RAMSEY, WOC/SRA WILLIAMS.
- 161440Z APR 94 CALLED MCC. TALKED TO SRA KINNEY WHO IS WORKING THE GHOST 31 PAX MANIFEST. TOTAL # OF PAX 18. GAVE THIS INFO TO C3 JOC/LTC WITCHER, SOC3/LT RAMSEY. LTC WITCHER ONLY NEEDED TOTAL # OF PAX. LT RAMSEY WANTS AN ITEMIZED LIST OF NAMES. TOLD SRA KINNEY TO SECURE FAX GHOST 31 PAX MANIFEST LIST TO C3 JOC. ADVISED LT RAMSEY TO CALL C3 JOC.
- 161500Z APR 94 MCC/MAJ BETHEL CALLS. EAGLE FLT ETA ZAKHO 1530Z ETA DIYARBAKIR - 1655Z.
- 161503Z APR 94 CALLED C3 JOC/LTC WITCHER, SOC3/LT RAMSEY WITH EAGLE FLT ETA'S. C3 JOC NEEDS EAGLE GATE TIME.
- 161508Z APR 94 SOC3/LT RAMSEY CALLS. TOWER IS SENDING GHOST 31 TO PARKING SPOT B-1. GHOST 31 NEEDS TO PARK BY THE SOC3 HARDSTAND FOR OFFLOAD. CALLED C3 JOC/LTC WITCHER TO WORK PARKING PROBLEM.
- 161511Z APR 94 PARKING PROBLEM RESOLVED.
- 161527Z APR 94 C3 JOC/LTC WITCHER. NEEDS TO KNOW TOTAL NUMBER OF PAX ON GHOST 32.
- 161532Z APR 94 EAGLE FLT RADIOS IN GATE TIME TO C3 JOC.
- 161705Z APR 94 MSGT LEE ON DUTY.
- 161722Z APR 94 CREWS RETURNING FROM DIYARBAKIR TONIGHT ARE: 9 ON C-12 AND 16 ON 16 HC 130.
- 161910Z APR 94 SOC3/LT RAMSEY CALLED. GHOST 32 AIRBORNE EXITING DIYARBAKIR.
- 161945Z APR 94 C-3 JOC/MAJ SHAW CALLED. HC 130 IS SCHEDULE TO LEAVE INCIRLIK 171300Z APR 94 TO DIYARBAKIR, TRANLOAD 1430Z AND RETURN 1600Z.
- 162007Z APR 94 SOC3/LT RAMSEY CALLED. GHOST 32 LANDED AT 2000Z. UNLOADING EQUIPMENT AT FOX RAMP.
- 162045Z APR 94 SOC3/LT RAMSEY CALLED. PUTTING CREWS ON CREW REST TO HANDLE AUTHORIZED PLAN THEY OUTLINE FOR 17 APR 94.

162200Z APR 94 MAJ ROSENGARD REVIEWED AND SIGNED SITREP.

170500Z APR 94 TSGT LIDER ON DUTY.

170630Z APR 94 SRA WAID FROM SOC3 DROPS OFF THE NEW ROE FOR OPC.

- 170640Z APR 94 CALLED C3 JOC/LT ALLEN. EAGLES 01 03 ETD
 DIYARBAKIR 0700Z, ETA ZAKHO 0800Z. ONE MH-60
 WILL DO AN OUT & BACK. THE OTHER TWO WILL
 OFFLOAD AND GO BACK TO DIYARBAKIR. LT ALLEN
 WAS TOLD BY CAPT STEIN IT'S PLANNED FOR EACH OF
 THE THREE HELOS TO DO AT LEAST 2 SHUTTLES TODAY
 BETWEEN DIYARBAKIR AND ZAKHO.
 REGARDS THE INSPECTION TEAM C3 JOC SHOWS THEM
 ALL RETURNED TO INCIRLIK. ONLY GENERAL INFO IS
 KNOWN ABOUT THEIR SCHEDULE I.E. ON MON., 18 APR
 THEY WILL GO BACK TO ZAKHO FOR INTERVIEWS. WED.,
 20 APR THEY PLAN TO RETURN TO THE CRASH SITE.
- 170645Z APR 94 IT'S UNKNOWN WHAT THE INSPECTION TEAM PLANS TO DO TODAY.
- 170715Z APR 94 LT CRAIG/SOC3 VISITS JSOTF. REQUEST NEW ETD FOR GHOST 31 1200Z. RELAY THIS TO C3 JOC/LT ALLEN.
 LT ALLEN STRESSES GETTING PAX INFO SO NO ONE MISSES EARLIER T/O. LT CRAIG WORKING TO GET A PAX LIST. COL O'BRIEN NEEDS TO KNOW PAX INFO, UNIT / QTY.
- 170737Z APR 94 CALLED C3 JOC/LT ALLEN. EAGLE 01 03, ATD DIYARBAKIR 0720Z, ETA ZAKHO 0820Z.

 LT ALLEN STATES MAJ SHAW CALLED C3 JOC FROM ZAKHO.

 MAJ SHAW REQUESTS 1300Z ETA AT DIYARBAKIR FOR GHOST 31.
- 170811Z APR 94 CALLED MCC REAR. LEFT MSG WITH A MR. HALUN. HAVE
 MAJ BETHEL OR SHAW CALL JSOTF REGARDS PAX LIST. PLAN
 IS TO HAVE MAJ SHAW SECURE FAX ZAKHO PAX LIST TO
 JSOTF. MCC REAR MEMORIAL CHURCH SERVICE STARTED
 AT 1030L.
- 170834Z APR 94 SOC3/LT CRAIG CALLED. REGARDS PAX HE STATES CTF IS CONTROLLING TODAY'S GHOST 31 DIYARBAKIR MISSION. SOC3 HAS ONLY BEEN TOLD WHEN TO PROVIDE THE ACFT.

- 171415Z APR 94 SFC PRATTIS CALLS ZAHKO VIA COMM. LANDLINE # PROVIDED BY MCC REAR/TSGT SMALLEY. HE RECEIVES A SECURE FAX OF A PAX MANIFEST LIST FOR 18 APR ZAHKO DIYAR. PERSONNEL.
- 171418Z APR 94 MAJ ROSENGARD RECEIVES CALL FROM ZAKHO. ALL 3 EAGLES DEPARTED ZAKHO AT 1322Z HEADED FOR DIYARBAKIR.
- 171452Z APR 94 CALLED C3 JOC/MAJ HOIDA. CHG 1 FOR 18 APR HC-130 LINE

 CALLSIGN: GHOST 31 MISSION NO: A1880.

 ETD INCIRLIK ----- 1100Z ETA DIYARBAKIR 1215Z

 ETD DIYARBAKIR 1300Z ETA INCIRLIK ----- 1415Z
- 171453Z APR 94 SAME PHONE CALL WITH MAJ HOIDA HE SAYS THE PLANNED ETD FOR EAGLE FLT OUT OF DIYARBAKIR ON MON., 18 APR IS 1245Z, ETA INCIRLIK 1400Z.
- 171509Z APR 94 CALLED MCC REAR (DIYAR.)/TSGT SMALLEY. PASSED INFO REGARDING TOMORROW'S HC-130 MISSION. MCC REAR ADVISED ON ATD FOR GHOST 31 17/1500Z, ETA INCIRLIK 1600Z. MCC REAR GAVE JSOTF THE FOLLOWING PAX MANIFEST LIST:

LTC ZAHRT SFC FREEMAN
MAJ SHAW SFC RAMSDALL
CPT KENT SFC TRAMELL
MSG FERGUSON SSG ELIZDALE
SFC DOLAN SRA MCCURE
SFC FAY

- 171522Z APR 94 PER SGM HALTERMAN CALLED MOTOR POOL VEHICLE DISPATCHER/MR. CENAT (X. 6756). MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR A BUS TO P/U THE HC-130 PASSENGERS.
- 171551Z APR 94 SOC3/LT RAMSEY CALLED. REQUEST EOD MEET HC-130 AT FOX TO DOWNLOAD EXPLOSIVES.
- 171553Z APR 94 CALLED C3 JOC/MAJ HOIDA. PASSED TO C3 JOC SOC3'S EOD REQUEST.

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- 171558Z APR 94 PER SSG TOBIA/J2 J1 REPORTS NO CHANGE IN PERSONNEL STATUS.
- 171602Z APR 94 AOB/SGT WALSH CALLED. REPORTS GHOST 31 HAS LANDED. A FEW MINUTES LATER SOC3/SGT FIELDS DOES SAME.
- 171611Z APR 94 COL HUNT CALLED. SAID HIS RUCKSACK, LB, & HELMET SHOULD BE ON THE HC-130. HE REQUESTED THOSE ITEMS BE TAKEN OFF THE ACFT AND BROUGHT TO HQ JSOTF. BEEPED THE J2 & J3 BEEPERS REGARDS SAME. BELIEVE MAJ ROSENGARD WENT TO MEET THE HC-130.
- 171719Z APR 94 CALLED C3 JOC/MAJ HOIDA. ASKED ABOUT APPROVAL FOR TOMORROW'S HC-130 GHOST 31 MISSION. MAJ HOIDA STATED THE TURKS SAID THEY WON'T BEGIN TO LOOK AT THAT LINE UNTIL ROUGHLY 18 APR/0800L.
- 171741Z APR 94 SOC3 SITREP DROPPED OFF BY 1LT RAMSEY.
- 171745Z APR 94 NOTE FOR NEXT DAYSHIFT CONTROLLER. CALL FRAG SHOP.
 WHEN THE 17 APR CFAC BSD IS RECEIVED THEY HAVE A
 CORRECTED PAGE TO SWAP OUT WITH US.
- 171800Z APR 94 MSGT LEE ON DUTY.
- 171825Z APR 94 HOSP/ SRA STEVENS CALLED. SPC BUDGET HAS BEEN ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL. PASSED TO CPT CLARK.
- 172005Z APR 94 CPT LEFEBVRE REVIEWED AND SIGNED SITREP.

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| AC-8d | Headquarters, Combined Task Force, Operation PROVIDE COMFORT, | |
| | Memorandum for Record, 14 May 1994 | |
| AC-8e | Headquarters Operation PROVIDE COMFORT II, | |
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| AC-8f | Extract of Joint Operations Center Log, 13-14 April 1994 | |
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14 May 94

MEMORANDUM FOR MG Andrus, Accident Investigation Board President

FROM: HQ CTF/CG

SUBJECT: Memorandum for Record

1. Reference your request of 13 May 1994 for a list of individuals on board the helicopters involved in the accident over Northern Iraq on 14 April 1994 and their reason for being aboard, the following is provided:

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JSOTF-J3 30 April 1994

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39TH SPTG/CD (SAR Incident Team Chief)

Lessons Learned, SAR Operations on Helicopter Incident SUBJECT:

- I was tasked to lead two groups of mortuary search SUMMARY: and recovery personnel into Northern Iraq on 15 April. The team consisted of 21 personnel which were split into Team 1 and Team 2 which departed Incirlik, flew to Diyarbikar on a C141, changed onto blackhawk helicopters and flew into Bazan Province (via Zakhu). The two teams searched the wreckage area and located several body items, personal effects, and weapons which were properly tagged and The teams were on the ground for brought back to Diyarbikar. approximately four hours, and were extracted via chopper to Diyarbikar Air Base. At the base the personnel then prepared remains for shipment to Frankfurt FRG on a C141, which was loaded and took off at about 2130L. I coordinated with Col Bonfiglio from Princilik and our personnel were transported to the base and remained over night in the gym (except the officers and the one female member -- housed in the BOQ). We set up to keep the dining hall open and personnel did get chow--had to pay for their meals to include surcharge. On 16 April, I worked with the MCC to get transport for our personnel back to Incirlik which happened to be on a C130 and my personnel departed at about 1700L. I remained behind to meet with MGen Andres to discuss matters pertaining to the crash sites. I returned to Incirlik via C12 with MGen Andres the evening of 16 April, arriving at 2245 hours.
- 2. The following bullets are items of concern or "lessons learned" to be used for planning for future incidents.
- Identify now those personnel who should be on a SAR team of this sort. The initial cut should be 30 folks and the teams broken into 10 man increments. That way we could handle smaller incidents as well as be prepared for the larger ones.
- Set up training for the SAR teams. Demand that they be kept up to date and refresher training be conducted continuously. Prepare the folks for what they will see involving death and exposed human remains.
- Prepackage the equipment needed for a SAR operation and have an up-to-date inventory of the packages. Missing items could then be rapidly obtained to put in the package. Items missing in this instance were: Ice coolers, "Vicks" rub to kill smells, inventory sheets, and basic pads and pencils.
- Establish, in writing, a predeployment brief outline. Include the medics, EOD, Intel, and Chaplain, and have the brief in place so it can be given without running all over the place to get it set up properly--fill in the blanks checklist would be a good Z

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 Limit the items to be taken to the sit. Several folks showed up with extra bags, "carry on" things, etc. I had these things put in a hold area at Diyarbikar as we did not have the room to take the stuff on the choppers.
- Require Comm Sq to have a communications package readily available for deployment with the SAR team/s. It must be light weight and easy to use.
- Ensure there are always two people on the team who are trained in pallet build up. This eliminates big problems when trying to get things on airplanes--especially personal and "B" bags, plus boxes of equipment and transfer cases.
- The expectation to search and take care of the two sites in four hours or less could have been a very difficult mission because of the terrain and limited number of folks available to search. We did get, what we felt was all, of the body parts. Senior personnel need to decide when we will terminate searching as we did in this instance--I was seconded guessed by several folks who wanted total assurances we had located every piece of remains at the crash sites. Of course, this expectation is an impossibility.
- Because of the press and news personnel always attempting to get into sites and gather info from our troops, we need to ensure the SAR troops are briefed in detail about how to handle situations with folks like CNN reps. We did give a short overview brief to our team members, and they did well, but there was too much potential for our SAR people to be confronted at the scene and inadvertently make some comment or statement. I felt we were very weak in this area on this particular situation.
- Ensure there is a Lt Col or above to lead the teams into a remote place where political overtones are involved. I feel we made a very excellent decision in this case, because of the local political figures that came to express sorrow, etc., to the US and the fact the security was under the command of a Peshmerga general officer and in their culture, a senior representative was needed. A lower rank would have sent an inappropriate signal that we were not that concerned (personal opinion).

RUSSELL L. DAISLEY, Lt Col, USAF Deputy Commander 39th Support Group

8 Attachments

1. After Actions (Capt Snyder)

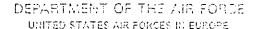
2. Mortuary Affairs Log (1-6)

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5. Property Receipt from scene

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MEMORANDUM FOR ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION BOARD PRESIDENT, MAJOR GENERAL ANDRUS

FROM: MAJOR GENERAL LEE A. DOWNER

HQ USAFE/XO UNIT 3050 BOX 15 APO AE 09094-5015

SUBJ: OPERATION PROVIDE COMFORT ASSESSMENT

- 1. In the past sixteen months Operation PROVIDE COMFORT forces have been engaged several times both in the air and on the ground by Iraqi forces. The incidents are as follows:
- 17 Jan 93: US F-16 shot down Iraqi MiG-23 that violated the no-fly zone.
- 9 Apr 93: F-16s dropped cluster bombs after being fired at by anti-aircraft artillery.
- 18 Apr 93: F-4Gs fired HARMs after being tracked by SA-2 surface-to-air missile system radar.
- 19 Aug 93: F-16s and F-15s dropped CBUs and GBUs on SA-3 site near Mosul after F-16 pilot claimed he saw a plume of smoke, possibly indicating a shoulder-launched SAM.
- 19 Dec 93: Coalition representatives from the Military Coordination Center in Zakhu were fired on at the Faidah Camp along the security zone. Iraqi forces continued small arms fire as the convoy drove north toward Dahuk.
- 2. Since the incident at Faidah there have been no direct confrontations between the Iraqi military and coalition forces. This is consistent with the fact that while Iraq still maintains the capability to engage coalition aircraft both in the air and with ground based air defense assets, activity in the past four months has been relatively low.
- 3. Air activity remained moderately low, accented by the fact that the Iraqis have not been able to sustain the same levels of flight activity noted during this period last year, probably due to the effect sanctions have on maintenance and spare parts. Air defense assets have remained stagnant since September, with the only movement being conducted by tactical SAMs. Ground force movement activity levels have been high, with additional Republican Guard units moving into the Mosul area, and a large unit swap-out between two major divisions. Despite this activity, there is no increased threat to Kurdish populations by

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Iraqi forces; they maintain the same capability to move against Kurdish cities with little or no warning.

- 4. While there have been no hostile confrontations between coalition and Iraqi forces in the last four months, Husayn has continued his policy of persistent low-level harassment against the Kurdish populations in northern Iraq. These include extended power outages, security checkpoints, roadblocks, infrequent shelling of villages by both Iraqi and Iranian forces, and an occasional attack against UNGCI personnel. Bounties remained in effect for non-government organization personnel. In a similar way, Saddam Husayn continued to threaten coalition pilots. It is common knowledge that Husayn would like nothing better than to shoot down a coalition plane. Although Husayn's rhetoric became increasingly hostile in March right before the UN sanctions vote, no provocative actions occurred as a result.
- 5. Although there has been no evidence of an increased threat over the past year, coalition forces continue to fly daily missions in a politically and diplomatically charged environment with the potential for hostile engagement. Given the unpredictable nature of the environment, the coalition presence saves hundreds of thousands of lives. Without the security zone and the no-fly zone enforcement, the Kurdish population in northern Iraq would have no hope for a stable future.

LEE A. DOWNER, Maj Gen, USAF Director of Operations, Plans, and Intelligence

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SUBJECT:

MCC ZAKHO SITREP # 093 - 03 APR 94

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- POWER CUT/PARTIAL SUPPLY FROM TURKEY. SUMMARY:

- MAINTENANCE DAY.

- GOI ACTIVITY.

POWER CUT: AS OF 1900 HRS LOCAL ON 03 APR 94, THE (U) ELECTRICITY FROM GOI HAS STILL NOT BEEN RESTORED TO THE DAHUK IT IS NOW 243 DAYS SINCE IT WAS CUT ON 5 AUG 93. GOVERNORATE. WORK CONTINUES ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE PARTIAL SUPPLY FROM TURKEY.

MAINTENANCE DAY: ON 3 APR 94 MCC HAD A MAINTENANCE В. (C) DAY

GOI ACTIVITY: ON 3 APR 94 MCC RECEIVED AN INFORMATION COPY OF THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE DATED 31 MAR 94 FROM DAHUK ASSAYESH TO THE GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF ASSAYESH IN ERBIL: WE HAVE RECEIVED RELIABLE INFORMATION FROM RELIABLE SOURCES (AND FROM SEVERAL OTHER SOURCES OVER A PERIOD OF TIME) THAT THE REGIME IS INTENT ON ATTACKING THE HQS OF HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS AND THE UN IN THE KURDISTAN REGION. THE REGIME TOLD ITS REPRESSIVE ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENTS THAT ANYONE WHO CARRIED OUT AN ASSASSINATION OF ONE OF THE FOREIGNERS IN THE KUDISTAN REGION WOULD BE GIVEN A CASH REWARD OF ONE MILLION IRAQI THE INFORMATION FROM THE REGIME WAS THAT THE PURPOSE OF COMMITTING THESE CRIMES WAS TO GET THE FOREIGNERS OUT OF KURDISTAN (END QUOTE).

ASSASSINATION OF GERMAN CIVILIAN: ON 3 APR 94 MR STEVE ALLEN, SENIOR UN COORDINATOR FOR N. IRAQ, REPORTED TO MCC THAT MS LISSY SCHMIDT, A GERMAN CITIZEN AND CORRESPONDENT FOR AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE, HAD BEEN SHOT DEAD WHILST TRAVELLING BY CAR FROM SAYYID SADIQ (NE7813) TO SULAYMANIYAH (NE4035). HER CAR HAD BEEN DISCOVERED ABOUT 30 KM EAST OF SULAYMANIYAH BY A WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME STAFF MEMBER AT APPROX 1400 HRS ON 3 APR 94. SCHMIDT AND HER DRIVER HAD APPARENTLY DIED FROM MULTIPLE GUNSHOT WOUNDS TO THE HEAD. A MORE DETAILED REPORT FROM UN WILL BE PROVIDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. UN REQUEST ASSISTANCE IN EVACUATION OF THE BODY OF MS SCHMIDT FROM IRAQ.

TRUCK TRAFFIC FOR 02 APR 94 - NOT TRUCK TRAFFIC: AVAILABLE.

> VISITORS TO ZAKHO HOUSE: 8. (U)

COMMUNICATIONS: MTR

3. PERSONNEL TOTAL: 62.

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COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES 94 MAY 23 PH 1: 45

May 16, 1994

Honorable William J. Perry Secretary Department of Defense The Pentagon Washington, D.C. 20301-1155

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The Committee has received information from an individual who wishes to remain anonymous concerning one of the pilots allegedly involved in the recent destruction of two U.S. Army helicopters by U.S. Air Force aircraft over Iraq. According to the information provided to the Committee, an Air Force colonel named Sonderheim, who is currently stationed in SOUTHCOM, has allegedly made a number of comments concerning one of the pilots:

- 1. Col. Sonderheim served as squadron commander of one of the pilots, and that pilot is now squadron commander of a unit in Turkey.
- 2. Col. Sonderheim found it necessary to rate this pilot very poorly and recommended that he be separated from the Air Force for dangerous flying and lack of judgment. This was the only time that he had ever rated a pilot so harshly.
- 3. The damaging OER was "pulled" because the pilot was a favorite of some senior officers. In its place, a favorable OER written by the Wing Commander was sent forward and placed in the pilot's record.
- 4. Col. Sonderheim characterized the pilot as "trigger happy."

The credibility of this information is unknown, and is forwarded to you for appropriate consideration in view of the engoing investigation of the incident over Iraq.

Sam Nunn Chairman Sincerely,

Strom Thurmond Ranking Republican Member

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