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ASSESSREP 40/03

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HQ 1(UK) Armd Div (Rear – Herford, GE For Lt Col
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 HQ 7 Armd Bde
 HQ 16 Air Asslt Bde
 HQ JHF
 HQ JFLogC
 HQ DSG

1 (UK) ARMD DIV ASSESSREP 40/03
COVERING THE PERIOD 041900Z MAR TO 051900Z MAR 03

Key Issues.

- CR2 Up-armouring.
- ACO acquisition and format requirement.

Staffing Issues.I1.

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I2.

2. PW's. COS was briefed today by CH G3 of 1 MEF that only one of the 7 anticipated US MP battalions would now be arriving in theatre. In addition, recent intelligence suggests that 6 Armd Div may be adjusting its locations south and west and that elements of 10 Armd Div (currently in KUT AL AMARA) might do similarly. This could result in significantly increased numbers of PW. The Division has already requested two battalions to assist with PWs; a more correct estimate now is for four battalions. Comd Legal has already described the situation as "legal amber" in a previous assessrep and is now of the view that the UK's obligations under International Law could be violated unless additional troops are found. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] We understand that two companies have been found for PWs and that further force generation is extraordinarily difficult at this time. But this does not in any way exempt the division from its responsibilities under International Law - hence this additional request. Clearly

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