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TO: PJHQ for MEOT and J5 (for distribution to IT, NL, NO, CZ, DA PJHQ LOs), HQ 3 (UK) Div, 7 Armd Bde, JFLogC, 1 PARA, 1 RMP, JHF, BSR DOB (for 63 Sqn RAF Regt)

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PRECEDENCE: IMMEDIATE

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OpO 005/03 – ESTABLISHMENT OF MND SOUTH EAST

Refs:

- A. OpO 002/03 DTG 282300ZFEB 03
- B. OpO 004/03 dated 212200DAPR 03.
- C. Comd Gp and Estimate dated 3 June 03.

Time Zone Used Throughout the Order: DELTA (ZULU remains in force for aviation Ops).

Scope of Order: This OpO provides direction for future activity and lays out the mechanics for both the RIP between 3 (UK) Div (19 Mech Bde) and 1<sup>st</sup> (UK) Armd Div (7 Armd Bde) and the expansion into AL MUTHANNA (NL) and DHI QAR (IT) Provinces. This will see the establishment of Multi National Division South East (MND SE).



US CA Units will remain in current AOs until 31 Aug 03. They are unlikely to be replaced after that date. This applies to the teams in DHI QAR and AL MUTHANNA as well.

Assumptions/ Conditions: The following assumptions and conditions must be validated for this OpO to be executed successfully:

Assumption	Effect if not validated
MND SE will be responsible for 4 Provinces (BASRAH, MAYSAN, AL MUTHANNA and DHI QAR)	Additional provinces will require additional TCN.
NL Contingent will go to AL MUTHANNA	Q4 for UK TASKORG or USMC drawdown
IT and NL establish SOFAs with KU	Would have to alter to UMM QASR and BSR. Provision of concentration area will be the problem
IT and NL establish MOUs with UK. These will need to cover issues such as detention of IRAQIs as well as the standard repayment issues	
OCPA become the lead for all aspects of Governance	Places greater emphasis on Coalition Forces for longer.
Threat state remains constant.	Would alter type of forces currently planned for TELIC 2.
US demarches issued to Iraq's neighbours successfully deter external threats to the territorial integrity of Iraq.	As with threat mentioned above the force being generated will not be sufficient to fight without significant air support.

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