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# *Compartmented Plan*

## *Update*

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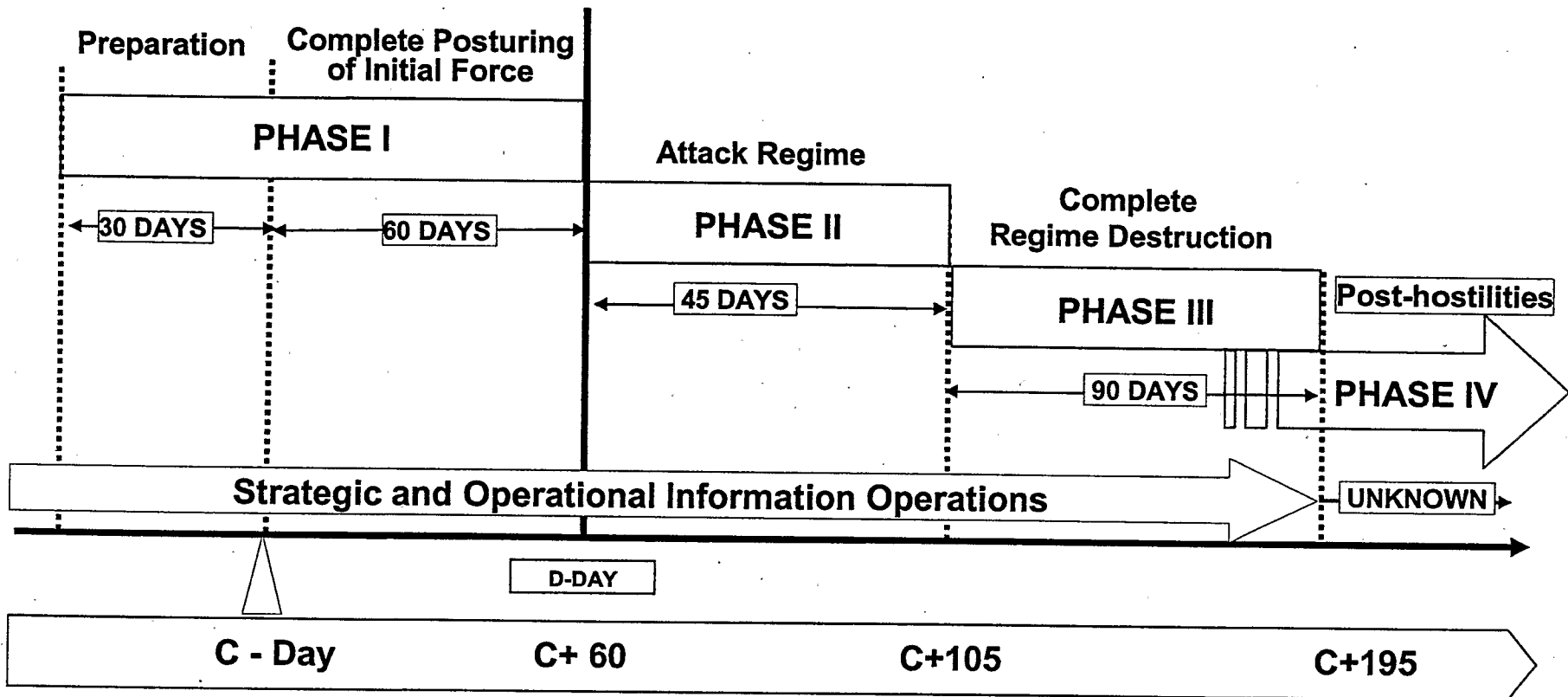
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# Operational Concept

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C-Day = Day Force-Flow Begins  
 D-Day = Day Attack Begins

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# Phase I

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## ENABLING ACTIONS

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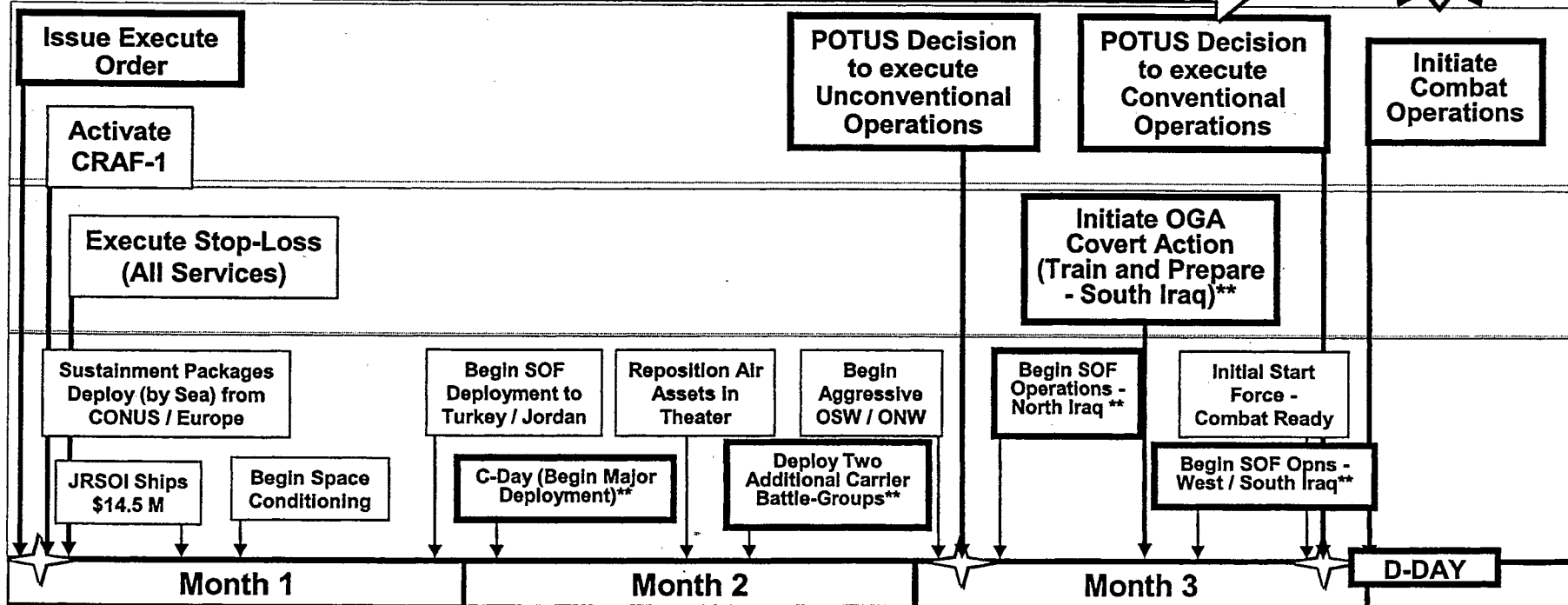
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### Continue Middle East Peace Process

- Focus diplomatic energy to build support for regime change
- Secure diplomatic clearances for basing / staging / overflight / enroute movement
- Continue OGA covert action (train and prepare - north Iraq) which started 4 - 5 months earlier
- Continue to work post-regime government strategy
- Continue strategic information operations
- Deploy CENTCOM Contingency Forward Headquarters (CFH)
- Continue contingency preparations (fill PWR shortages; anthrax immunizations; posture APS fleets; increase Reserve Force activation levels; conduct site surveys)

90 DAYS



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\*\* Unambiguous Actions

# Initial Start Force... (Force For Phase II) D-Day

CFLCC    MARGENT    CFSOCC  
CFACC    CFMCC

**# Attack Aircraft: 537**  
**# Attack Helos: 170**  
**# Personnel: 183K**  
*(Ground Forces - 130K / SOF- 4K)*  
**# Tanks: 552**

**Afyon, Turkey**  
KC135 Sqdn

**Incirlık, TU**  
4 x F15 Sqdn  
2 x F16 Sqdn  
1 x KC135 Sqdn

**Burgas, Bulgaria**  
KC10 Sqdn

**Diyabakur, Turkey**  
JSOTF-North  
SF Group  
AF SOF Det

1 x A-10 Sqdn  
1 x KC135 Sqdn

**Akrotiri, Cyprus**  
ISR Aircraft

**Souda Bay, Crete**  
KC135 Sqdn

**Mediterranean**  
2 x CVBG  
TLAM shooters  
(14 surface combatants)

**H4, Jordan**  
JSOTF-West  
SF Bn (-)  
AF SOF Det

**North Arabian Gulf**  
3 x CVBG  
TLAM shooters  
(21 surface combatants)  
1 x ARG - MEU

## Kuwait

**V Corps (2 Div +)**  
3rd Infantry Div  
1st Armor Div (-)  
1 Bde / 101st AA  
11 Avn Regiment  
V Corps Artillery  
3 COSCOM

**I MEF (1 Div +)**  
1st MARDIV  
3rd MAW  
Amph MEB  
ARG-MEU  
1 FSSG

JTF-CM HQ

JSOTF-South  
SF Group

Marine Log Cmd

JSOACC HQ  
AF SOF Det

**Kuwait**  
1 x F16 Sqdn  
2 x A-10 Sqdn

Naval SOF TF

## Bahrain

CFMCC HQ  
MPRA / NSW

MARGENT HQ

Naval SOF TF

C2 Aircraft (all services)  
ISR Aircraft

1 x KC135 Sqdn  
1 x KC130 Sqdn (USMC)

**Qatar**  
CFSOCC HQ

**UAE**  
ISR Aircraft  
KC10A Sqdn  
C130 Wing (100 Acft)

**Masrah, Oman**  
MPRA / NSW  
AF SOF Det

**Al Udeid, Qatar**  
5 x F15 Sqdn  
4 x F16 Sqdn  
9 x KC10 Sqdn

**Masrah, Oman**  
ISR Aircraft  
SOF Aircraft

**Seeb, Oman**  
4 x KC135 Sqdn  
C2 Aircraft

**Thumrait, Oman**  
B1 Sqdn  
ISR Aircraft

**Diego Garcia**  
B-52 Sqdn  
KC-10 Sqdn



# Phase III Actions

D+45 to ~ D+135

## AIR / NAVAL OPERATIONS

- Destroy / Degrade Iraqi Regime Leadership
- Degrade Iraqi security forces
- Destroy / Degrade Iraqi WMD delivery and production capability
- Defeat / Destroy Iraqi forces in zone

## SOF OPERATIONS

- Direct Action against high-value targets (WMD, C2, ADA)
- Conduct SSE operations
- Unconventional Warfare Ops with Opposition Groups (Kurds, Shia, Sunni) to disrupt / co-opt Iraqi conventional forces
- Secure known WMD sites
- Interdict attacks against Kurds

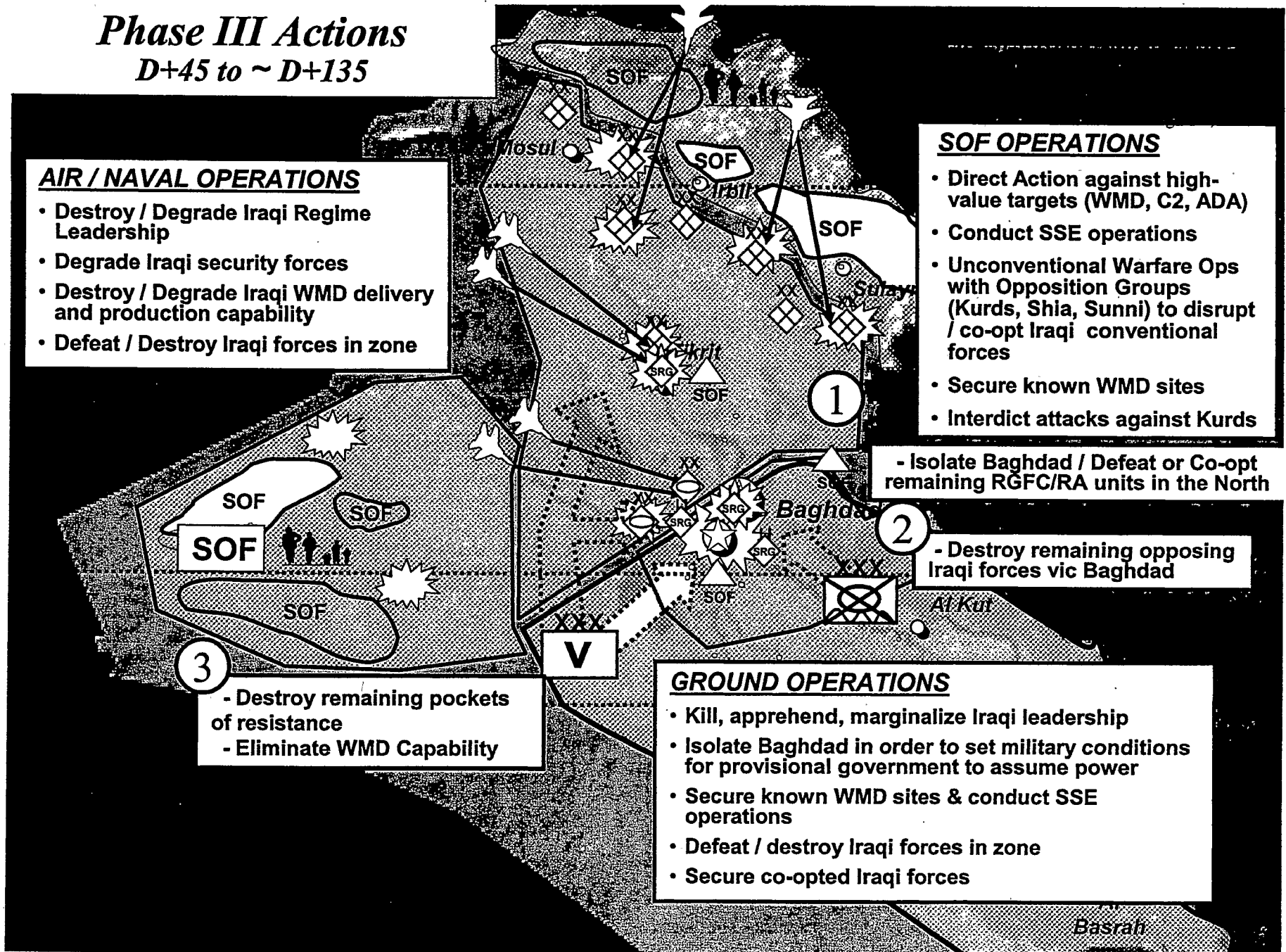
1 - Isolate Baghdad / Defeat or Co-opt remaining RGFC/RA units in the North

2 - Destroy remaining opposing Iraqi forces vic Baghdad

3 - Destroy remaining pockets of resistance  
- Eliminate WMD Capability

## GROUND OPERATIONS

- Kill, apprehend, marginalize Iraqi leadership
- Isolate Baghdad in order to set military conditions for provisional government to assume power
- Secure known WMD sites & conduct SSE operations
- Defeat / destroy Iraqi forces in zone
- Secure co-opted Iraqi forces



# Force at Beginning of Phase III (D+45)

**Afyon, Turkey**  
KC135 Sqdn

**Incirlik, TU**  
4 x F15 Sqdn  
2 x F16 Sqdn  
1 x KC135 Sqdn

**Burgas, Bulgaria**  
KC10 Sqdn

**Diyabakur, Turkey**  
JSOTF-North  
SF Group  
AF SOF Det

1 x A-10 Sqdn  
1 x KC135 Sqdn

CFLCC

MARCENT

CFSOCC

CFACC

CFMCC

**Akrotiri, Cyprus**  
ISR Aircraft

**Souda Bay, Crete**  
KC135 Sqdn

**Mediterranean**  
2 x CVBG  
TLAM shooters  
(14 surface combatants)

**H4, Jordan**  
JSOTF-West  
SF Bn (-)  
AF SOF Det

**# Attack Aircraft: 591**  
**# Attack Helos: 282**  
**# Personnel: 220K**  
(Ground Forces - 162K / SOF- 4K)  
**# Tanks: 763**

**North Arabian Gulf**  
3 x CVBG  
TLAM shooters  
(21 surface combatants)  
1 x ARG - MEU

## Global Support

**Global Power**  
16 B2 - Whiteman  
AFB

### Global Reach

Ramstein, Ger  
Moron, Spain  
Aviano and  
Sigonella, Italy  
Souda Bay, Greece

## Kuwait

### V Corps (3 Div +)

3rd Infantry Div  
1st Armor Div (-)  
1 Bde / 101st AA  
11 Avn Regiment  
V Corps Artillery  
3 COSCOM

### I MEF (1 Div +)

1st MARDIV  
3rd MAW  
Amph MEB  
ARG-MEU  
1 FSSG

Bde / 1 AD  
 101st AA Div (-)  
 2nd ACR  
 3rd ACR

JTF-CM HQ

Marine Log Cmd

JSOACC HQ  
AF SOF Det

**Kuwait**  
1 x F16 Sqdn  
2 x A-10 Sqdn

Naval SOF TF

**JSOTF-South**  
SF Group

## Bahrain

CFMCC HQ  
MPRA / NSW

MARCENT HQ

Naval SOF TF

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C2 Aircraft

**Thumrait, Oman**  
B1 Sqdn  
ISR Aircraft

**Diego Garcia**  
B-52 Sqdn  
KC-10 Sqdn

# Force at End of Phase III (If Required) (D+135)

**Afyon, Turkey**  
KC135 Sqdn

**Incirlik, TU**  
4 x F15 Sqdn  
2 x F16 Sqdn  
1 x KC135 Sqdn

**Burgas, Bulgaria**  
KC10 Sqdn

**Diyabakur, Turkey**  
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JSOTF-West  
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AF SOF Det

# Attack Aircraft: 591  
# Attack Helos: 306  
# Personnel: 254K  
(Ground Forces - 164K / SOF- 4K)  
# Tanks: 1257

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**V Corps (5 Div +)**  
3rd Infantry Div  
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101st AA Division  
11 Avn Regiment  
V Corps Artillery  
3 COSCOM  
2nd ACR  
3rd ACR

**I MEF (1 Div +)**  
1st MARDIV  
3rd MAW  
Amph MEB  
ARG-MEU  
1 FSSG

JTF-CM HQ

Marine Log Cmd

1st Cavalry Div  
 Heavy or Light  
Division

**Kuwait**  
1 x F16 Sqdn  
2 x A-10 Sqdn

**JSOTF-South**  
SF Group

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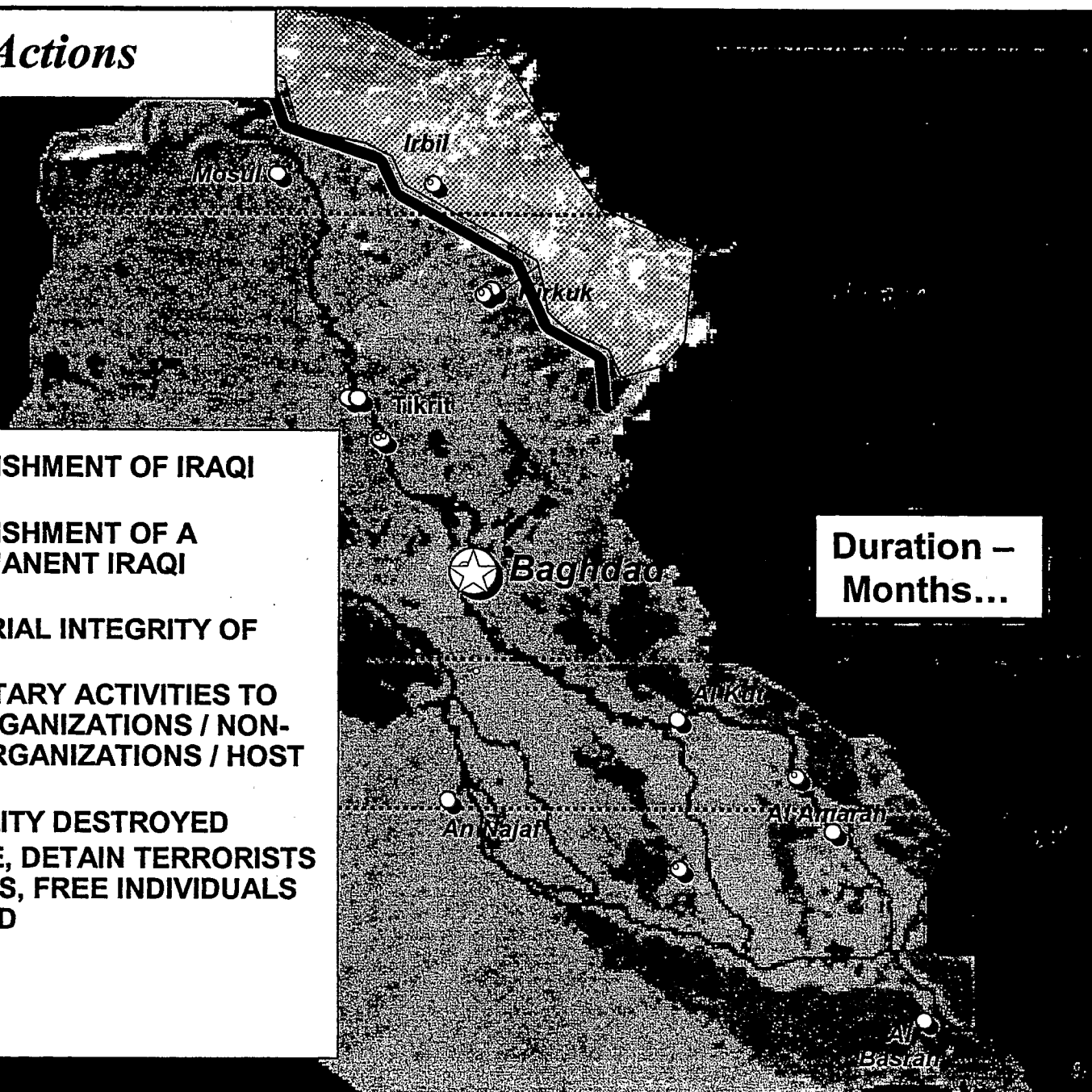
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## *Phase IV Actions*

- SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF IRAQI MILITARY FORCES**
- SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PROVISIONAL/PERMANENT IRAQI GOVERNMENT**
- ENSURE THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF IRAQ**
- TRANSITION CIVIL-MILITARY ACTIVITIES TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS / NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS / HOST NATION**
- ENSURE WMD CAPABILITY DESTROYED**
- GATHER INTELLIGENCE, DETAIN TERRORISTS AND WAR CRIMINALS, FREE INDIVIDUALS UNJUSTLY DETAINED**
- RE-DEPLOY FORCES**

**Duration –  
Months...**



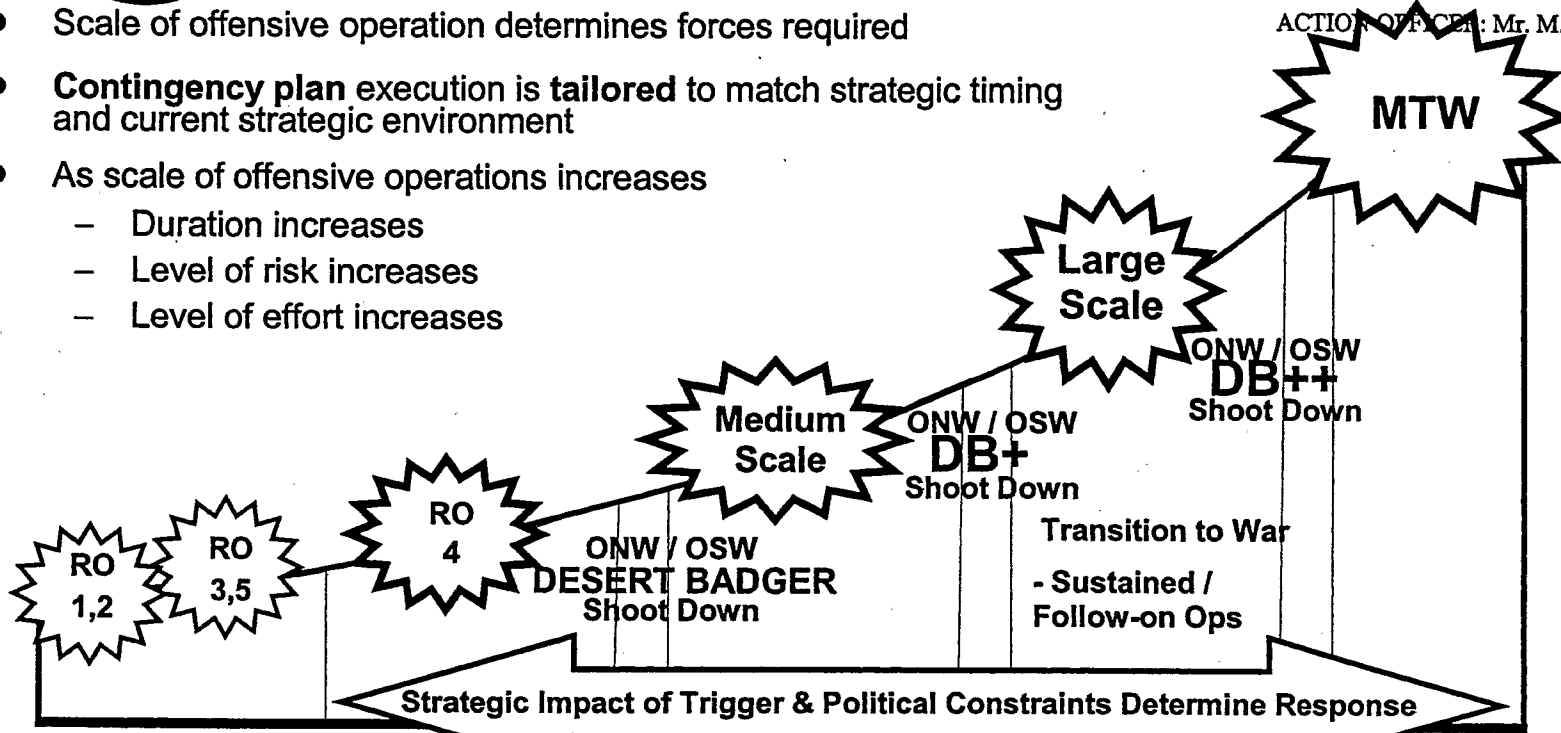


# What If...

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- Scale of offensive operation determines forces required
- Contingency plan execution is tailored to match strategic timing and current strategic environment
- As scale of offensive operations increases
  - Duration increases
  - Level of risk increases
  - Level of effort increases



Least Provocative

## Iraqi Actions (Triggers)

Most Provocative

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Interfere with/ Deny Inspections</li> <li>- Violate No Fly Zones</li> <li>- Military Enhancements (N/S Iraq)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NFZ Violation (KU / KSA)</li> <li>- Predator Shootdown</li> <li>- Military Build up W. Iraq</li> <li>- WMD within Iraq</li> <li>- Small Scale Violence against Kurds / Shia</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shootdown Aircraft</li> <li>- Mil against Kurds / Shia</li> <li>- Major NDZ Violation</li> <li>- Develop / Aquire Ballistic Missiles or WMD</li> <li>- Iraqi Link to Terrorist Act</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- WMD Employment</li> <li>- Iraqi Terrorist Act</li> <li>- Major Threat or Attack on friendly Regional Neighbor(s)</li> </ul>
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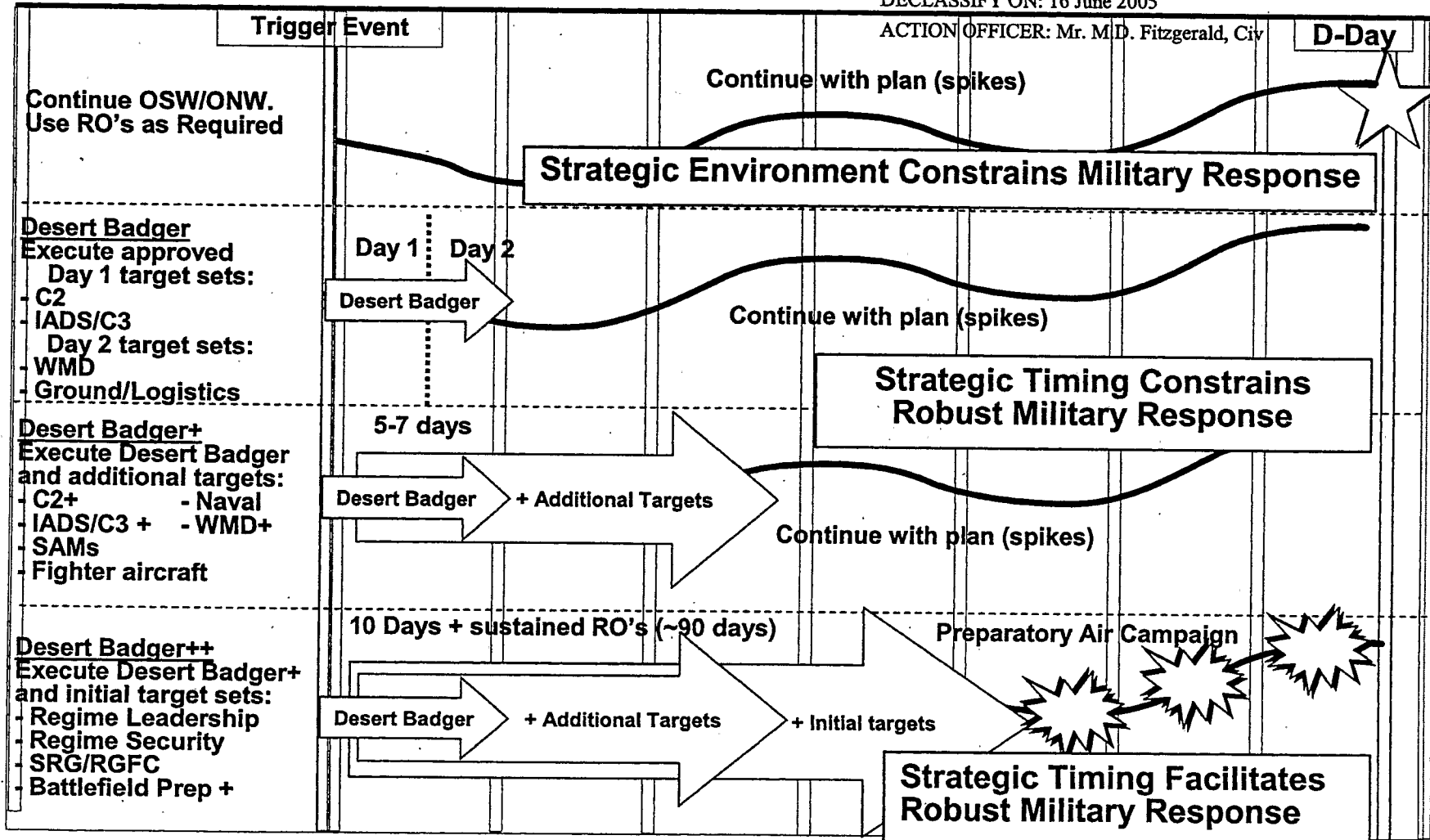
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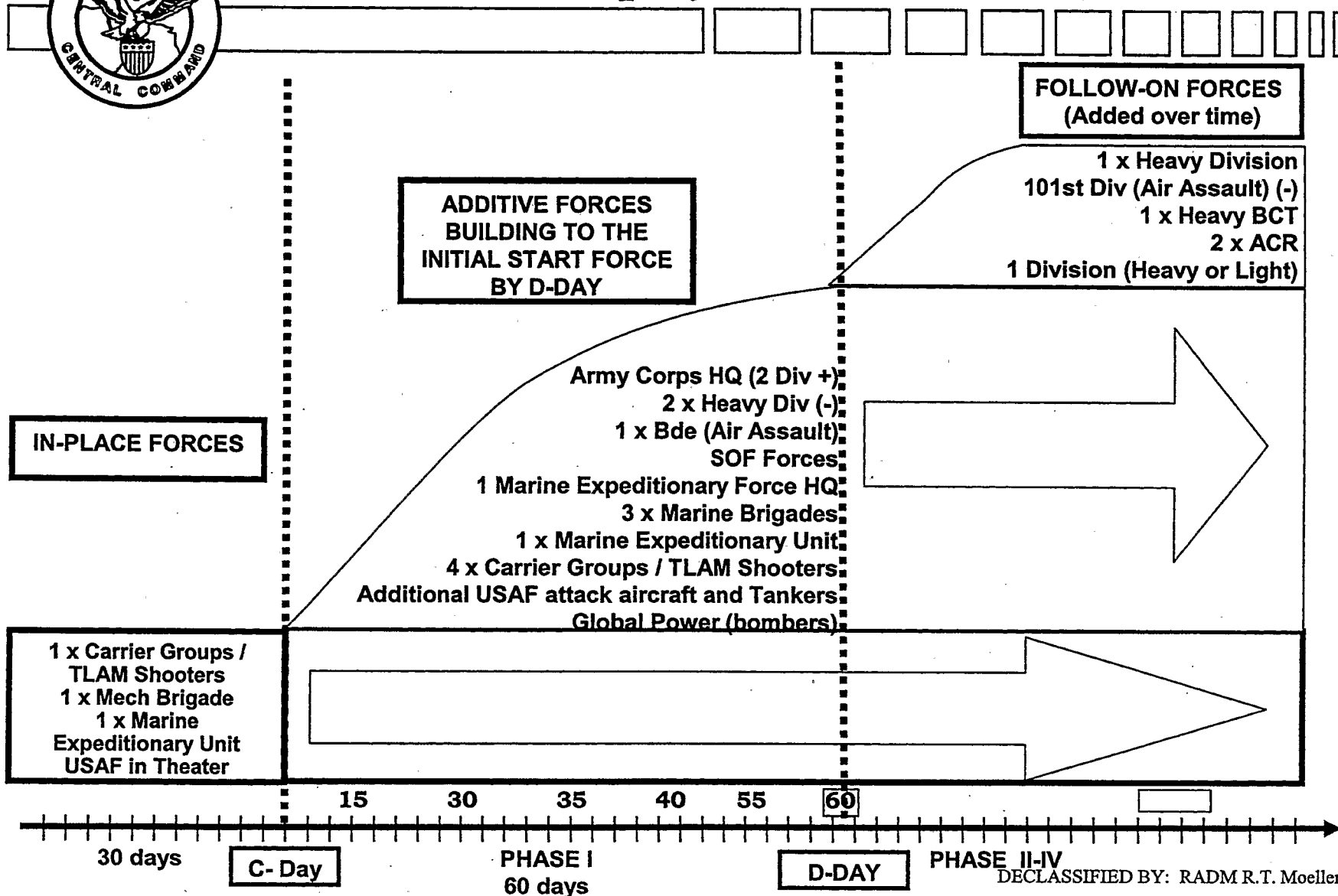


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# Force Deployment Construct

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