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FROM: CINCUSNAVEUR DATE: 11 JUNE 67 INFO:

TO: COMSERVLANT
COMSIXTHFLT
COMFAIRMED
COMSERVFORSIXTHFLT
DIRNAVSECGRUEUR
USS LIBERTY
AMEMB MALTA
COMNAVSTA ROTA

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COMNAVSTA ROTA NOT AN ADDEE. DELIVERY TO RADM RENKEN AS HE PASSES THROUGH ROTA. COMFAIRMED ACT AS BACK UP AT NAPLES.

LIBERTY DRYDOCKING AT MALTA 13 JUNE (U)

CINCUSNAVEUR OPORD 15-67

1. ~~(S)~~ SITUATION

A. CINCUSNAVEUR ACTIVATES TF 1ØØ UNDER THE COMMAND OF RADM RENKEN (COMSERVLANT) AT 12ØØØØZ. THE FOLLOWING COMMANDS WILL PROVIDE PERSONNEL AND SUPPORT AS INDICATED IN PARA 3:

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DIRNAVSECGRUEUR

CO USS LIBERTY

B INCIDENT TO DAMAGE RECEIVED ON 8 JUNE, USS LIBERTY REQUIRES DRYDOCKING, REMOVAL OF CASUALTIES (KIA), AND REMOVAL OF SENSITIVE EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL FROM HULL SPACES. IN VIEW OF RECENT PRESS COMMENT, IT IS ESSENTIAL TO PRESERVE SECURITY OF LIBERTY'S CAPABILITIES AND MISSION.

2. ~~(S)~~ MISSION. TO SUPERVISE THE DRYDOCKING OF USS LIBERTY AT MALTA ON OR ABOUT 13 JUNE 1967 IN ORDER TO PREVENT DISCLOSURE OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION AND EQUIPMENT TO UNAUTHORIZED PERSONNEL.

3. ~~(S)~~ EXECUTION. ON OR ABOUT 13 JUNE 1967, USS LIBERTY (AGTR 5) WILL ARRIVE IN MALTA, WILL CHOP TO CINCUSNAVEUR AND WILL BE ASSIGNED TO CTF 100. CTF 100 WILL SUPERVISE THE DRYDOCKING, REMOVAL AND SHIPMENT OF REMAINS OF PERSONNEL, KIA, PROTECTION OF CLASSIFIED MATERIAL, AND WILL READY USS LIBERTY FOR REPAIR BY COMSERVFORSIXTH-FLT.

A. TG 100.1 MEDICAL GROUP. (PROVIDED BY COMFAIRED) PROVIDE FOR REMOVAL AND SHIPMENT OF REMAINS AND ARRANGE FOR TREATMENT OF CASUALTIES.

B. TG 100.2 DOCKING AND REPAIR GROUP (PROVIDED BY COMSERVFOR-SIXTHFLT) PROVIDE FOR DOKING AND NECESSARY SHIPYARD SERVICES REQUIRED INCIDENT TO COMPLETING THE F 100 MISSION.

C. TG 100.3 PUBLIC AFFAIRS GROUP. (PROVIDED BY CINCUSNAVEUR) ENSURE THAT PUBLIC AFFAIRS ARE HANDLED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO PROVIDE THE ESSENTIAL INFORMATION REQUIRED BY PRESS MEDIA, AND THAT SECURITY ASPECTS OF LIBERTY'S MISSION, CAPABILITIES AND DOCKING ARE SAFEGUARDED.

D. TG 100.4 SECURITY GROUP (DIRNAVSECGRUEUR PROVIDE) ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL MATERIALS REQUIRING SPECIAL HANDLING INCLUDING THEIR REMOVAL FROM USS LIBERTY, TRANSFER TO SECURE STOWAGE AND CONTINUOUS SECURITY AT ALL TIMES.

3. TG 100.5 SUPPLY GROUP (PROVIDED BY COMFAIRMED) ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS AND OTHER SERVICES INCIDENT TO TF 100 OPERATIONS, BILLETING OF PERSONNEL, TRANSPORTATION AD ALLIED FUNCTIONS.

F. TG 100.6 COMMUNICATIONS GROUP (SHIP PROVIDED BY COMSIXTHFLT IN MALTA) PROVIDES COMMUNICATIONS ARRANGEMENTS AND SERVICES REQUIRED BY TF 100.

G. TG 100.7 USS LIBERTY (AGTR 5) OPERATE AS DIRECTED BY CTF 100.

3. (U) COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) ALL CTG'S ASSIGNED ABOVE (EXCEPT CTG 100.7) REPORT COMPOSITION OF THEIR TASK GROUP TO CINCUSNAVEUR INFO AMEMB MALTA BY MSG AND REPORT TO CTF 100 IN PERSON AT US EMBASSY MALTA ON OR BEFORE 121200Z JUNE OR AS DIRECTED BY CTF 100.

(2) ALL PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO TF 100 ARE TO BE INFORMED THAT

TF 100'S FUNCTIONS ARE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT 2 DAYS AND THAT SUBSEQUENT SHIP REPAIRS WILL BE CONDUCTED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF COMSERVFORSIXTHFLT.

(3) CTF 100 REQUEST CINCUSNAVEUR TO ASSIGN FORCES AND UNITS TO TF 100, IN ADDITION TO THOSE LISTED ABOVE, AS NECESSARY.

(4) IN THE EVENT THAT CHANGES TO THIS OPORD ARE REQUIRED, CTF 100 MAY ISSUE INTERIM CHANGES.

4. (U) ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS:

A. COMFAIRMED PROVIDE OR ARRANGE FOR THE FOLLOWING LOGISTIC SUPPORT:

(1) AIR TRANSPORTATION FOR TASK FORCE 100 PERSONNEL AS REQUIRED.

(2) BILLETING AND MESSING FOR TF 100 PERS AT MALTA (USE COMMUNICATION SHIP AS APPROPRIATE)

B. USE NORMAL FISCAL PROCEDURES; KEEP RECORDS.

C. PROVIDE SITREPS TO CINCUSNAVEUR OF ALL SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENTS. MAKE A COMPLETE REPORT OF TF 100 OPERATIONS UPON COMPLETION.

5. ~~(S)~~ COMMAND AND SIGNAL

COMMUNICATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANNEX C. SECOND IN COMMAND IS NEXT SENIOR LINE OFFICE OF TF 100 OR AS DIRECTED BY CTF 100. CTF 100 IS AUTHORIZED DIRECT LIAISON WITH COMSIXTHFLT, COMFAIRMED AND SUBORDINATE COMMANDS; US EMBASSY, MALTA; ROYAL NAVAL FACILITIES,

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6. ~~(S)~~ ANNEXES:

ANNEX C. COMMUNICATIONS

A. COMMUNICATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH NWP-16B, CINCUSNAVEUR/USCOMEASTLANT COMMOPLAN, AND APPROPRIATE ALLIED/JOINT, AND NAVY DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS.

B. COMSIXTHFLT PROVIDE A COMMUNICATION GUARDSHIP FOR TASK FORCE 100 IN PORT MALTA. KEEP NAVCOMMUNIT (CAMS) MOROCCO ADVISED OF COMMUNICATIONS ARRANGEMENTS AND REQUIREMENTS.

C. UNTIL GUARDSHIP IS ESTABLISHED IN ACCORDANCE PARA B ABOVE, COMMUNICATIONS FOR TF 100 SHOULD BE ADDRESSED AMEMB MALTA WHO IS REQUESTED TO HOLD UNTIL ARRIVAL CTF 100.

ANNEX D. PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

TO BE DELIVERED TO CTF 100 AT MALTA BY PAOS PROVIDED BY CINCUSNAVEUR.

7. ACTION ADEES ACKNOWLEDGE BY IMMEDIATE MESSAGE.

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