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Basing & Air Field Plan

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Agenda

- I. Scope of the Problem**
- II. Classification of Bases**
- III. Future Force Structure**
- IV. Strategic Overwatch**
- V. MNC-I Regional Bases**

Purpose

- **Provide MNF-I planners an overview of the MNC-I basing plan.**



Scope of the Problem

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✓ = complete, but requires periodic review and refinement.



Assumptions

Our evaluation based upon the following assumptions:

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Classification of Bases



“Sandbox” Definitions

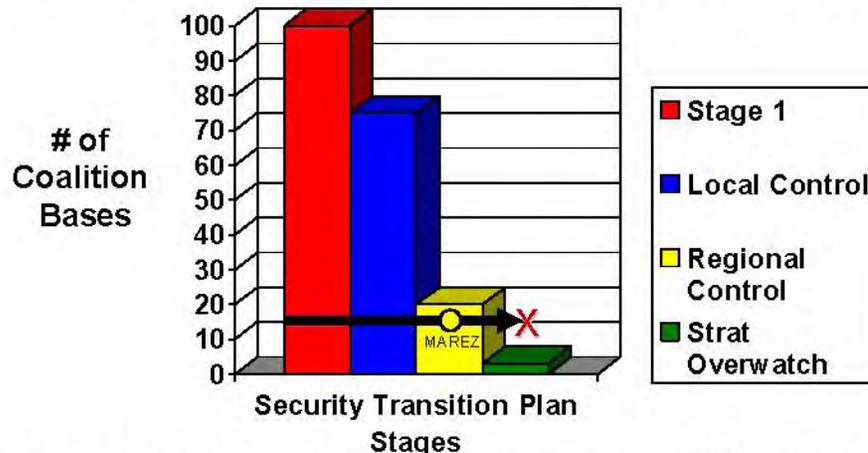
Contingency Base Camps			Long Term Base Camps	
Initial Expeditionary <90 Days	Initial Standard <6 Months	Temporary <24 Months	Warm Base	Enduring Presence 2+ years

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■ **Temporary** – Characterized by austere facilities requiring additional engineer effort above that required for initial standard facilities. Intended to increase efficiency of operations for use up to 24 months and provide for sustained operations. Replaces Initial Standards in some cases where requirements dictate. The Temporary Standard may be used initially if so directed by a Combatant Commander.
- **Warm Base** – Designed and constructed with materials and systems selected for sustaining a mobilization base site within the theater of operations. A Warm Base can be a separate facility with a caretaker function or a surge area within an operating base.
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■ **Enduring Presence** – Designed and constructed with materials and systems selected for long term (2+ years) occupation. The type and standard of construction used . . . may include permanent or semi-permanent construction. Focus of the Enduring Presence Base Camp is on **sustainment** and **survivability**.



Classification Methodology

- Classify bases and air fields according to the stage of the Security Transition Plan when they are open and operating. This classification is conditions-based and for internal MNF-I staff coordination only.



If a QRF is based in MAREZ during Regional Control, but MAREZ closes upon transition to Strategic Overwatch, then it would be a "Regional Base."

- In order to convert from condition-based classification to time-based classifications (used by CENTCOM):
 - Use MSC commander's projections for the security line of operations to determine when a base will close.
 - Based upon the anticipated time of closure, classify it as "enduring," "temporary," or "expeditionary" (CENTCOM Sandbook Definitions).



Definitions

Local Base:

A temporary FOB from which an MSC conducts *foreign internal defense* missions during Local Control and from which it can respond to threats that are beyond the capabilities of the local ISF.

MSCs may open, expand, and close at their discretion.

Regional Base:

A temporary FOB where a MSC commander desires to consolidate his troops during Regional Control and from which he can respond to Level III Threats that are beyond the capabilities of the ISF.

MSC nominated; Corps approved.

Overwatch Base:

An enduring FOB from which coalition forces conduct *security assistance* and *civic assistance* missions in support of the ISF and the new Iraqi government.

Corps nominated; MNF-I approved.

Supplements the CENTCOM *Sandbook* by adapting its definitions to the coalition campaign plan and to the unique operational circumstances in Iraq. These do not compromise the intent of the *Sandbook*: proper stewardship and appropriate use of resources. They do more accurately address the realities of camps in Iraq.



Future Force Structure

MNC-I & IAF

Force structure & operational requirements drive selection of bases.

On 21 February 2004, MSC commanders estimated the force required for each region during Iraqi Local Control and Iraqi Regional Control. This replaced the MDMP step, “Analyze Relative Combat Power,” in developing our COA.



Security Transition: Essential Criteria

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Regional Control

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Strategic Overwatch

MNC-I Bases & Airfields

The intent of coalition operations during 'Strategic Overwatch' is unclear. We cannot make sound recommendations for Overwatch Bases without more guidance at the national / combatant commander level.



Potential Coalition Roles During “Strategic Overwatch”

- COA 1: Continuous Presence for Foreign Internal Defense w/in Iraq

- COA 2: Periodic Security Cooperation Exercises
- COA 3: Lodgment Area for Foreign Internal Defense w/in Iraq
- COA 4: Lodgment Area for External Threats to Iraq
- COA 5: Staging Platform for Force Projection beyond adjacent areas in the CENTCOM AOR

Surge Into Iraq Scenarios

(see next slide)

If the coalition maintains bases in Iraq during Strategic Overwatch, there are five possible purposes for these bases.

- COA 1 involves maintaining a continuous presence.
- COAs 2-5 involve scenarios for surging coalition forces back into Iraq.



Surge Into Iraq Scenarios

Scenarios that would cause the redeployment of coalition forces to Iraq

COA 2: Periodic Security Cooperation Exercises

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COA 3: Lodgment Area for Foreign Internal Defense w/in Iraq

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COA 4: Lodgment Area for External Threats to Iraq

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COA 5: Staging Platform for Force Projection beyond adjacent areas in the CENTCOM AOR

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Overwatch Bases Comparison^{1/2}

Note: Selection of COA 1-5 changes the *evaluation criteria* and thus the recommendation.

	Al Asad	Balad	Talil	Kuwait	Rating Explanation
	●	●	●	●	● = has all facilities† required; ● = not all reqd. facilities; ● = major deficiency
	●	●	●	●	Space w/in existing boundaries
	●	●	●	●	● = C-5 capable strip; ● = runway requires repair; ● = too small or none.
	●	●	●	●	● = connected by rail; ● = requires rail spur; ● = no rail. (All are near MSR)
	●	●	●	●	● = uninhabited space outside base; ● = surrounded by city or farmland.
(b)(1)(1) 4a, (b)(1)(1) 4g	●	●	●	●	● = forces operate from base with minimal civil disruption; ● = major disruption.
	●	●	●	●	● = minimal concealment; ● = some concealment; ● = adjacent to urban area.
	●	●	●	●	Supports presence of an UA with minimal impact on civil life.
	●	●	●	●	Has airfield; training area; minimizes disruption of civil life.
	●	●	●	●	Positioned to facilitate Internal Defense and Development (IDAD) operations
	●	●	●	●	Close to western borders; standoff distant from Iran.
	●	●	●	●	Access to port and C-5 capable airfield.

†Facilities for JTF HQ, CEB-I, LSA for 2xUA, CSS (maint, supply, med, etc.), inter-agency, hanger space, rail spur, water, electrical, sewer, etc.



Overwatch Bases Comparison^{2/2}

Note: Selection of COA 1-5 changes the *evaluation criteria* and thus the recommendation.

	Q-West	Speicher	Taji	Victory	Rating Explanation
					=has all facilities† required; =not all reqd. facilities; =major deficiency
					Space w/in existing boundaries
					= C-5 capable strip; = runway requires repair; = too small or none.
					= connected by rail; = requires rail spur; = no rail. (All are near a MSR)
					= uninhabited space outside base; = surrounded by city or farmland.
(b)(1) 4a, (b)(1) 4j					= forces at base do not disturb civil population; = major disruption.
					= minimal concealment; = some concealment; = adjacent to urban area.
					Supports presence of an UA with minimal impact on civil life.
					Has airfield; training area; minimizes disruption of civil life.
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MNC-I Regional Bases

Although the following slides consider each region using the current MSC Areas of Operations (AO), this plan is independent of future boundaries.

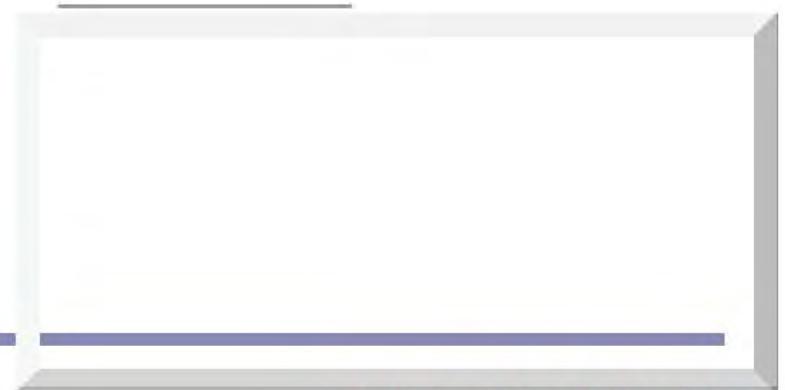
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Desired Characteristics of Regional Bases

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MNC-I Regional Bases

“Regional Base” Defined:

A temporary FOB where a MSC commander desires to consolidate his troops during Regional Control and from which he can respond to Level III Threats that are beyond the capabilities of the ISF.

MNC-I Regional Bases:

- **North**: MAREZ.
- **North Center**: SPEICHER, KIRKUK, BALAD, and KIRKUSH.
- **Baghdad**: VICTORY and TAJI.
- **West**: AL ASAD and TAQQADUM.
- **Center South**: CHARLIE, DELTA, ECHO, and LIMA.
- **South East**: CAMP SAMAWAH, AS SAMAWAH, TALIL, ABU NAJI, RIVERSIDE, SHAIBAH LOG BASE, BASRAH IAP, and SHATT AL ARAB HOTEL.

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Conclusion

- **Bottom up approach to**
 - **Provide structure and guidance to corps MSCs**
 - **Proposal to the Force**
- **Initial Concept**
 - **Proposed way ahead to consolidate the footprint and step out of the country**
 - **Enable mission accomplishment**
 - **Provide stewardship of resources**
 - **Support future ISF basing requirements**

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Questions

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IAF Locations September 2004

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Nation Assistance Programs

Foreign Internal Defense

- The total political, economic, informational, and military support provided to another nation to assist its fight against subversion and insurgency.

Security Assistance

- A group of programs by which the United States provides defense articles, military training, and other defense-related services.

Humanitarian and Civic Assistance

- Provided in conjunction with military operations and exercises. Must fulfill unit training requirements that incidentally create humanitarian benefits to the local populace.