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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subj: CINCCENT AOR Trip 14 - 22 October 2002

1. CINCCENT conducted an AOR trip to Jordan, Yemen, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Turkey, and Egypt.
2. Summary of trip:
 - Jordan. The CINC visited Jordan on 15, 16, and 17 October 2002, attending an Embassy Country Team Meeting, office calls on LtGen Al-Saraireh, Chief of Staff, Royal Jordanian Armed Forces (RJAF) and King Abdullah II, a troop visit at the exercise site for U.S. / Jordanian bilateral Exercise EARLY VICTOR and the Jordanian SOF Exhibition.
 - Yemen. During a visit to Yemen on 18 October, the CINC attended a Country Team Meeting and an office call and luncheon with President Salih.
 - Pakistan. In Pakistan on 18 October, the CINC met with Ambassador Powell and the U.S. Country Team, and then conducted office calls on LTG Ehsan ul-Haq, Director Inter-Service Intelligence Directorate (ISID) and President Musharraf. The CINC also visited the site of U.S. / Pakistan bilateral Exercise INSPIRED GAMBIT.
 - Afghanistan. On 19 October, the CINC visited Kabul and met with President Karzai and had a working lunch with the U.S. Ambassador. Additionally, the CINC visited Bagram Air Base and conducted a troop visit, media availability, received an operations brief by CJTF-180, and conducted an office call with LTG McNeill, CJTF-180.
 - Turkey. During a visit to Ankara, Turkey, GEN Franks met with the U.S. Ambassador to Turkey and conducted a visit with the Chief of the Turkish General Staff (TGS) along with Gen Ralston, CINCEUR. On departure from Ankara, a short press briefing was conducted.
 - Egypt. On 20 October, General Franks met with the US Ambassador, Field Marshal (FM) Tantawi and President Mubarrak. A press briefing was conducted at the Presidential Palace with FM Tantawi.

3. Country visit results and actions to be taken:

- Jordan.

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- PAKISTAN.

A. The Ambassador and Country Team briefed the CINC on the current situation in Pakistan. Subjects included the recent Pakistan Parliament elections, potential for an anti-U.S. presence campaign, counter terrorism (C/T) efforts by the Pakistani government, FBI operations in Pakistan, U.S. liaison cell activities and a focus on C/T operations on the Pakistan / Afghan border.

ACTION: The FBI Special Agent requested to be able to interview any Pakistanis we detain in Afghanistan prior to return to Pakistani authorities. CCJ3 / ODRP - Coordinate with CJTF 180 to provide access to the FBI as opportunities allow.

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- AFGHANISTAN

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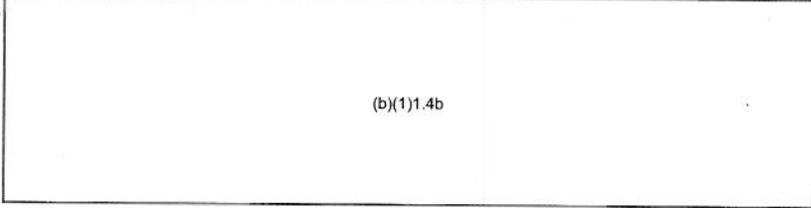
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ACTION: CCJ5 – Coordinate with CJTF-180 to develop plan for Joint Regional Teams (composition vs. location).

C. Discussion also centered on the reconstruction process. GEN Franks asked how to better publicize the efforts going on. LTG McNeill noted the PSYOPS program included some of this publicity, but that he had forwarded a request to purchase two radio transmitters and 10,000 hand-held radios to pass out to Afghan people in selected areas.

ACTION: CCJ5 / CCJ3 / PA – Coordinate with Embassy Kabul and CJTF-180 to actively publicize to the Afghan people the results of humanitarian efforts in Afghanistan.

ACTION: CCJ5 / CCJ8 – Determine status of CJTF-180's request for funds to purchase radio transmitters and hand-held radios. What needs to be done to expedite approval?

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ACTION: MG Zorlu requested GEN Franks' assistance in completing ISAF turnover to the Germans and Dutch in December. GEN Franks agreed to work the issues hard. CCJ5 – Track issues associated with ISAF turnover and provide recommendations to GEN Franks that will push for December turnover.

E. GEN Franks conducted a troop visit with CJTF-180 in Bagram and received an Operations / Intelligence update brief. No action resulted from the troop visit. During the operations brief, GEN Franks approved combining TF-82 with JTF-180's headquarters element, but took the recommendation to bring OMC Afghanistan (OMC-A) into CJTF-180 under advisement. GEN Franks also took under advisement the recommendation for a policy change to allow U.S. Forces to take action in case of conflict between warlords. In discussing the recommendation to bring ISAF under CJTF-180 Tactical Control (TACON), GEN Franks noted his thinking was (1) ISAF should work for CJTF-180, (2)