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Subject: Event Mighty Derringer, Sitrep No.4 OCONUS

Prepared at 09:40, on 12/07/86

1. Summary

JSOC assault has occurred. NEST personnel moving to establish a forward control point.

2. Current Situation

JSOC is in control of both north and south sites. South site appears to be clear of booby traps, and no devices were found. The north site is bobby trapped, and a box with radiation signature has been observed. Resources to establish a forward control point and forward staging area have been ready since 0330.

3. NEST personnel on site: Total 278 personnel.

DOE 199

DOD/EOD 79

4. Status of Specific Topics (as appropriate)

A. Command and Control

No reportable activities.

B. Intelligence

Device

(b) (3)

It was surrounded by armed guards in a plant assumed to be at Uuga. This data tends to support the original set of estimated yields versus probabilities, which remain unchanged.

(b) (3)

Operation Assessment - Cinco North and South now in control of U. S. detachment. Evidence of numerous booby traps and anti-intrusion systems. Only one hot spot has been located in the north target. There is no current evidence of a second nuclear device.

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Behavioral Assessment - Adversary intensity of resolve is greater and appears to have a complex plan, is patient and perceived to be in control.

Intel - Booby trap documents have been found in the south target. Whereabouts or existence of second device remains uncertain.

C. Search

No search for the device was required.

D. Access

Six EOD techs on north tower. Backup EOD staged and ready to move out when released.

E. Diagnostics

(b)(1)

F. Device (Forward Staging Area) Assessment

No reportable activities.

G. Disablement

Implementation of the emergency disablement plan has started. EOD personnel have been refreshed in the installation of the firing system and have the equipment in their possession.

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Remote control fire set checked out on both radio repeater and telephone circuit. Recommend radio option be used.

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H. Damage Limitation

(b) (3)

Containment system concepts have been discussed for North Tower Site, assuming second-story WP location.

(b) (3)

I. Weather

Arrangements have been made with U.S. National Weather Service in Las Vegas to provide periodic, site-specific forecasts to assist in evaluating potential hazards and effects. These tailored forecasts will be acquired on an as-needed basis as NEST activities continue.

J. Hazards & Effects

Provided potential-effects briefing information to NEST Scientific Advisor to assist in briefing Montrev officials for possible need for evacuation in the event of an unsuccessful assault.

Anticontamination equipment for use in the unlikely event that the working point site is found to be contaminated. Arrangements have been made to check assault personnel for contamination upon their return from the forward assault sites.

K. Public Affairs

Contacted HQ/OPA at 0620. No change in real-world situation resulting from Indianapolis TV broadcast on 5 December 1986. No text available.

No change in media-handling policy.

L. Legal

No reportable activities.

M. Security

No reportable activities.

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N. Communications

Communications preparations to support forward-area operations continue. The microwave repeater has been installed, and testing and alignment of the data and video circuits is in process.

O. Logistics

0943 Support contingent at main staging area given permission to deploy.

0952 Support personnel and equipment moving in convoy to forward staging area.

Mechanical, communications, photo equipment and personnel were included in the convoy prepared to support the EOD forward area operations. Crew members and drivers were placed on standby for immediate deployment.

Numerous logistics support requests for the Commander for Science, the EOD, and the NEST CP have been carried out.

5. General Comments

Safety

The Mighty Derringer Medical Emergency Response draft has been written. It is now being reviewed.

6. Actions Requested of DOE/HQ

None.

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