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**(U) OPERATIONS ORDER 204-2015-09 (Mission 09 – Comrades):**

**(U) A-10C Sortie of Area of Responsibility (AOR) – Patrol and On-Call CAS Support**

**(S) Task Organization:** JSOC / Operational Commander, Hawg Flight Lead, Hawg Flight Wingman.

**I. Situation**

(S) Hawg Flight (4 x A-10C Flight) is tasked with conducting patrol operations in and around Forward Operating Base Suse, Combat Outpost Moto, and Combat Outpost Eagles Nest. Hawg Flight will be On-Station for one (1) hour starting at 0835 hours local and provide On-Call CAS if required.

**A. Enemy Forces**

(U) 1. Weather conditions in the AOR are variable with high temperature in the low 70's. Partly cloudy conditions are most likely. Moonlight illumination is 1/8 strength within the next 24-48 hours.

(U) 2. Terrain: The region consists of heavily forested areas, man-made and natural obstacles, urban areas, and variable elevation.

(U) 3. Identification of enemy forces: Al-Doran and Rebel forces will range from semi-skilled militia fighters in mixed military gear, to highly skilled infantry and anti-tank personnel with full body armor and light to heavy weapons. Armored assets and motorized infantry units have been spotted in the region. Fixed wing Air Support for the enemy is not likely. However, rotary assets are possible.

(S) 4. Location(s): Enemy forces have been spotted by reconnaissance assets occupying various cities and villages in the region. S-2 reports a build-up of forces in and around the city of Bagdati. Random patrol patterns and defensive fighting positions (DFP)'s being analyzed by the S-2 section at this time.

(S) 5. Activity: Enemy activity in the region is on-going and imminent. Small scale to large scale indirect and direct attacks on coalition forces is prevalent.

(S) 6. Strength: Exact strength of the enemy force is unknown. Expect company, platoon, and squad size troop levels throughout the region. Morale of the enemy forces is very high. Enemy equipment ranges from small arms, crew-served weapons, heavy machine guns, anti-tank weapons, and light armor. The enemy force is believed to have the capability to reinforce key terrain within 4-6 hours with platoon to company size units.

(U) 7. Probable course(s) of action when the enemy is contacted: Contact Command with SITREP, Rules of Engagement are Weapons Free on confirmed enemy forces. Contact Command for authorization for force on non-positive identified forces in the region.

**B. Friendly Forces**

(S) 1. Mission and concept of next higher unit:

(S) Hotel Team: (HQ / Command Post) JSOC Commander / Operational Commander / Callsign - Whiplash-1

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(S) Regional Wing Commander, Squadron Commander, Executive Officer, Hawg Flight Leader.

(U) 2. Location and planned actions of units; conduct patrol operations along filed and designated flight plan. Air Units providing fire support / Close Air Support as directed.

**C. Attachments/Detachments**

(U) Attachment: None

**II. Mission**

(S)(1) Follow your established flight path around the Area of Responsibility.

(S)(2) Provide CAS to Ground Forces in the region if requested.

(S)(3) Complete tasks as directed by the Operational Commander in the region (Whiplash-1).

**III. Execution**

**Intent**

(U) Follow your established flight path around the Area of Responsibility.

**A. Concept of the Operation:**

(U) Follow your established flight path around the Area of Responsibility. Provide CAS to Ground Forces in the region if requested.

**B. Tasks to Maneuver Units**

N/A

**C. Tasks to Combat Support Units**

(S) CSAR assets are on alert and positioned at FOB Suse. Multiple Conventional and Non-Conventional Coalition Forces are operating in the region. Utilize emergency radio if ejected and on the ground. Follow SERE SOP for the AOR.

**D. Coordinating Instructions**

(S) Hawg Flight Leader will coordinate movement speed, type of formation, and monitor rules of engagement for their respective flight members. Hotel (CP) may dictate diversion in plans depending on the battlefield situation.

**IV. Service Support**

(S) Kutaisi Air Base is the main service and support airport for fixed wing assets in the AOR. Senaki Air Base is the designated alternate airfield in the AOR.

**A. General**

N/A

**B. Material and Services**

(S) Contact Hotel (CP) for resupply needs.

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**C. Medical Evacuation:**

CSAR assets are on alert and positioned at FOB Suse. Utilize emergency radio if ejected and on the ground. Follow SERE SOP for the AOR.

**D. Personnel:**

N/A

**E. Miscellaneous:**

N/A

**V. Command & Signal**

**A. Command**

(S) Hotel (CP) (Whiplash-1) has overall command of the region. Hawg Flight Leader has overall command of Hawg Flight personnel for this sortie.

**B. Signal**

(S) Main Communications will be long range encrypted radio signals.

Frequency: 251.000 UHF (Interflight and Command Communications)

Frequency: 135.000 VHF AM (Air-to-Air, Fire Direction Center)

Frequency: 33.000 VHF FM (Ground Operations)

(S) Loss of communications:

Return to Kutaisi Air Base. Fly upwind of airfield and flare six times to alert ground forces you are without radio communications. Tower will utilize light gun and give further instructions for landing. Pilot must be with 1.5 km's of airfield for proper utilization of manual / alternate communication methods.

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