



Department of Defense

OPERATION CLAYMORE

JSOTF-S – Target Package 05

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OPERATION CLAYMORE**Time Zone Used :** LOCAL TIME**From :** COMBINED AIR OPERATIONS CENTER**To :** PATROL LEADERS**Annexes :** ATO // AO // TGA**Risk level :** HIGH**A1 : Situation**

On the night of February 7–8, 2018, pro-regime Syrian forces, including Russian mercenaries, engaged in a direct assault on coalition positions near Khoucham, eastern Syria. In response to this unprovoked and coordinated aggression, POTUS has authorized precision retaliatory strikes targeting key leadership infrastructure in Damascus.

A2 : Weather**METAR:** 231100Z 27904KT 9999 FEW138 18/08 Q1013**SUNRISE:** 0737 LT**A3 : Enemy forces****A31 :** Syrian Arab Armed Forces

The Syrian Arab Army (SAA) is a degraded but battle-hardened force, rebuilt with substantial Russian and Iranian support. The Syrian Air Force maintains limited sortie generation capability, primarily with MiG-23, MiG-29, and Su-22 platforms focused on ground attack and point defense. Operational tempo is low, and the air-to-air threat remains minimal under current conditions.

A32 : IRGC Quds Force

Elements embedded with regime C2 infrastructure. Their presence is suspected within the Presidential Palace grounds. Likely advisors or signals intelligence personnel.

B1 : Mission

This mission consists of a coordinated multi-axis night strike against the Presidential Palace compound in Damascus. The objective is to degrade the regime's strategic leadership capability, deliver a proportional response to hostile actions, and project coalition resolve.

C1 : Execution

C11 : Weapons

JDAMs will be released using a TOSS (loft) delivery profile from low altitude.

GPS jamming is active near Damascus, focused on regime C2 nodes, but assessed as low-power and non-directional, likely from legacy systems (e.g., R-330ZH). PPS receivers remain effective, and JDAM accuracy is expected to stay within acceptable CEP thresholds.

C12 : Intelligence

The target complex is an elevated and fortified facility isolated from civilian areas. It serves as a command and symbolic power center for the Syrian regime. Multiple hardened roof sections identified. No major C2 signals detected at time of imagery, but transient presence expected.

C13 : Anti-aircraft defense

The **Presidential Palace is the most heavily defended site in Syria**, protected by a **multi-layered, overlapping SAM network** established to counter both high and low-altitude threats. Strategic SAM systems in the Damascus Air Defense Sector include:

- **SA-2 (S-75 Dvina)**
- **SA-3 (S-125 Pechora)**
- **SA-5 (S-200 Vega)** — coverage from Mezzeh and Ad Dumayr
- **SA-6 (Gainful)** batteries deployed forward for medium-altitude defense
- **SA-15 (Tor-M1)** and **SA-19 (Tunguska)** for point defense around regime leadership assets

These systems are integrated into a **legacy Soviet-era IADS**, with **limited mobility and degraded coordination capability** due to age and maintenance gaps. AAA emplacements are confirmed on palace perimeter security routes. **Radar density is high**, with continuous early warning coverage expected.

C14 : Strike Phasing

The strike package will follow a preemptive cruise missile salvo. US Navy TLAMs will impact known IADS nodes in Damascus 1 minute prior to TOT, aiming to disrupt and saturate enemy air defenses, creating a window of reduced threat for manned strikes.

C15 : ROE

- Weapons release only within approved TOT window.
- Jettison prohibited over populated zones.

C16 : Interception

No confirmed hostile air activity. SAAF unlikely to sortie during night ops. CAP not tasked unless activated.

C17 : Civilian traffic

Negligible during night window.

C18 : Support

TEXACO : TANKER 245.000 / AGL400 PROBE

FOCUS : AWACS 251.000

C19 : Remarks

- All strikes must be delivered within a ± 90 s window to ensure saturation of defenses.
- All strike elements will operate **at low altitude (200–500 ft AGL)** during flight to limit radar acquisition and engagement windows. Terrain masking is to be exploited where possible.

C20 : Compliance

Operation conducted under **Article 51 of the UN Charter** for self-defense. Target selection complies with LOAC. Collateral risk minimized. PID confirmed. No Russian assets present at time of intelligence collection.

C21 : Domestics

King Hussein Air Base, Jordan : 250.650 / RWY 31

King Abdullah II, Jordan : 253.000 / RWY 13

C22 : Operational Security

- **IFF Activation:** Transponders must remain off.
- **Open communications** in transit; radio discipline **only near the target area**.
- All tankers operate TACAN-silent.
- Use EMCON posture during ingress.

C23 : What if ?

To be discussed at the oral briefing. Anticipation of situations with measures to be taken.

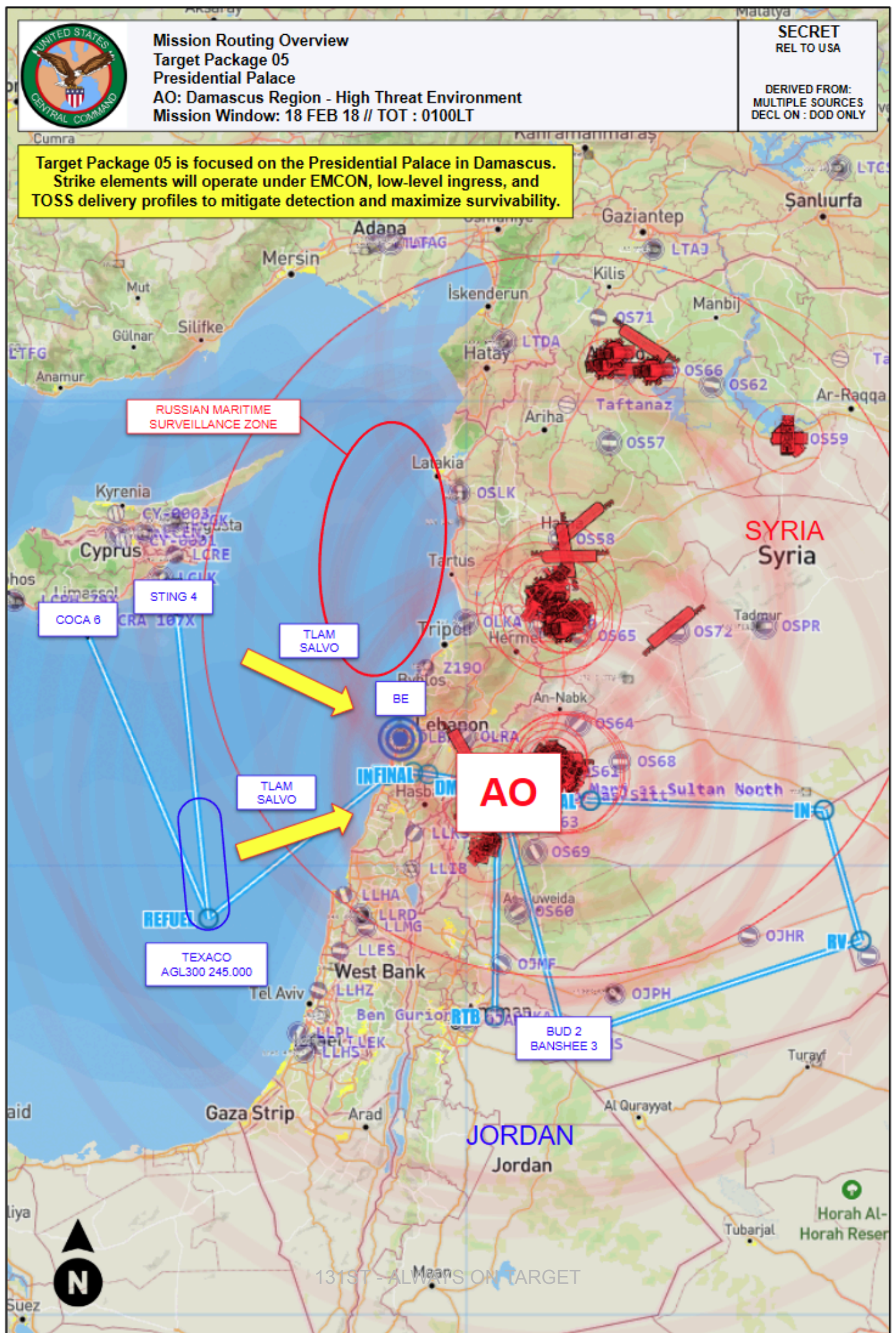
AIR TASKING ORDER**BOMBER TEAM ALPHA**

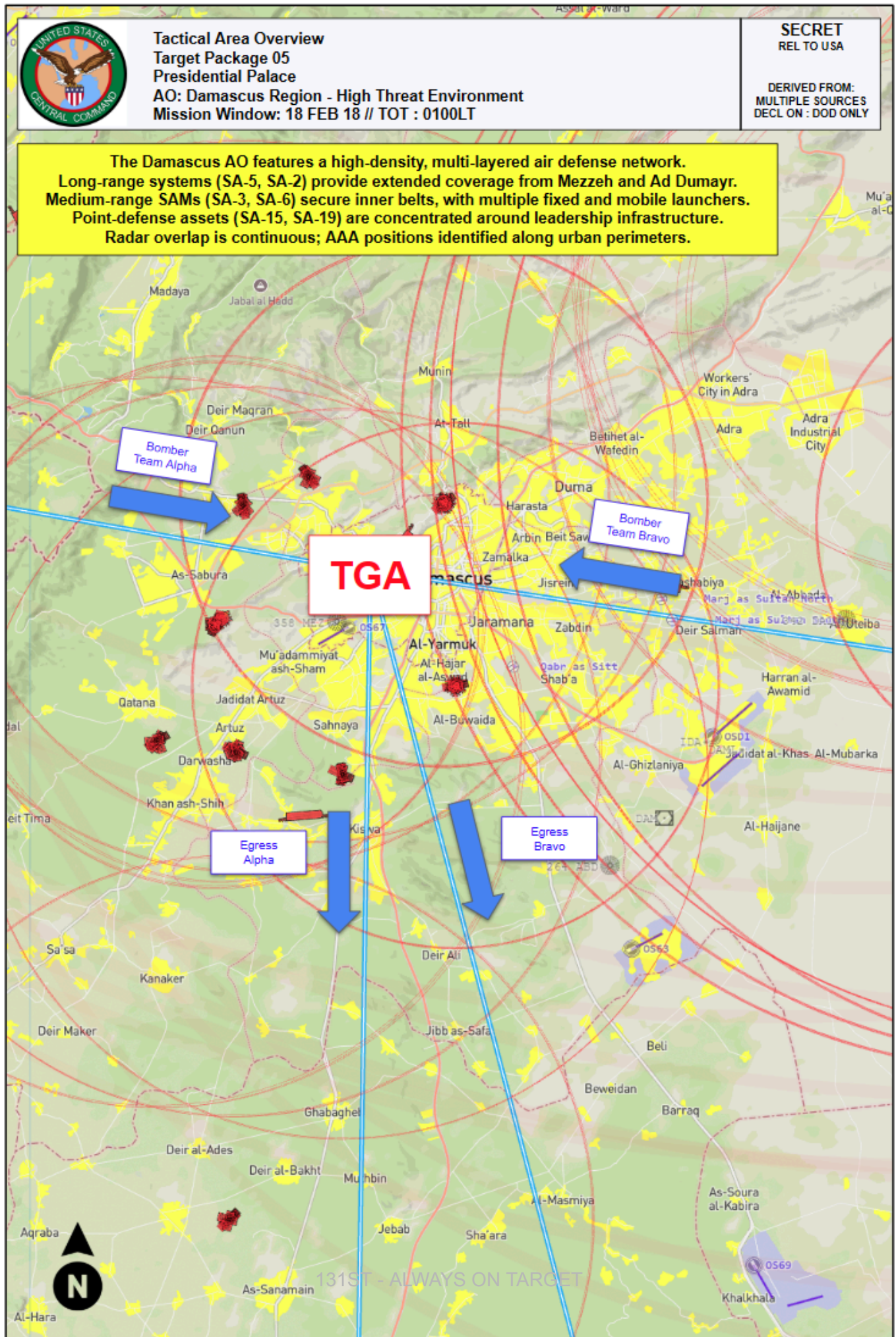
C/S	UNITS	TASK	TGT	ORD	T/O	TOT	BL	RMK
STING 4	4xF/A-18C	STRIKE	A	2xG31	0015	0101	AGL300	/
DEVIL 2	4xF/A-18C	STRIKE	A	2xG31	0010	0100	AGL300	/

BOMBER TEAM BRAVO

C/S	UNITS	TASK	TGT	ORD	T/O	TOT	BL	RMK
BUD 2	2xF15E	STRIKE	A	4xG31	0025	0101	AGL300	/
BANSHEE 3	4xF16C50	STRIKE	A	2xG31	0020	0100	AGL300	/

CODEWORDS**EMBER:** Abort mission.**PHANTOM:** Ingress ALPHA.**SABER:** Ingress BRAVO.







Target Graphic Alpha
Presidential Palace
IVO : Damascus, Syria
MGRS : 37 S BT 44771 12057 / Alt 2953ft
17 Feb 18 1046Z

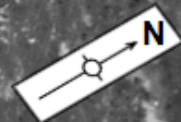


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Aimpoint	MEN	LOC	Fuzing	CE	DE	Altitude	Collateral Risk	HDG	TOT
DMPI01	2 x GBU-31	HIGH	DELAY	CE70 13 feet PPS ON	90%	2953 feet	LOW	280°/ 100°	0100 LT
DMPI02	2 x GBU-31	HIGH	DELAY	CE70 13 feet PPS ON	90%	2953 feet	LOW	280°/ 100°	0100 LT
DMPI03	2 x GBU-31	HIGH	DELAY	CE70 13 feet PPS ON	90%	2953 feet	LOW	280°/ 100°	0100 LT
DMPI04	2 x GBU-31	HIGH	DELAY	CE70 13 feet PPS ON	90%	2953 feet	LOW	280°/ 100°	0100 LT
DMPI05	2 x GBU-31	HIGH	DELAY	CE70 13 feet PPS ON	90%	2953 feet	LOW	280°/ 100°	0100 LT

Target location is geographically isolated on elevated terrain with no known civilian dwellings within a 500m radius. Collateral damage estimate (CDE) remains within CAT I parameters. Civilian presence assessed as negligible. Engagement deemed low-risk with respect to non-combatant impact.



DMPI05
Perimeter Access
Node

DMPI02
Presidential
Operations Center

DMPI04
State Reception
Hall Roof

DMPI03
State Reception
Hall Roof

DMPI01
Presidential Office

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