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**(TS) OPERATIONS ORDER 002-2016-01 (Mission 14 – Deep Cover):**

**(TS) F-15E Sortie Hawg Flight is Tasked with Supporting Friendly Forces in a Rescue Operation inside Russian Territory.**

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

**I. Situation**

(TS) Hawg Flight is tasked with supporting friendly forces in the rescue operation of two American hostages believed to be held within Russian Territory at grid coordinates; 37T EJ 91707 78403. Hawg Flight will be available for CAS operations as requested in the AOR.

(TS) Actionable intelligence has revealed the location of two American hostages (Tom Phillips and Steve Honger) (CODENAMED: HERO-1 & HERO-2) being held by Al-Doran inside of Russia. Coalition forces are tasked with the safe rescue of the two hostages at all costs. Orders from the Joint Chairman Chief of Staff have directed all available Coalition assets be tasked with a rescue mission within the next 12 hours.

(TS) Multiple CIA assets and SIGINT intelligence in the region have confirmed the hostages location. Probability of the intelligence is 95% from the JSOC S-2. The suspected location is an Al-Dorn held village called atop mountainous terrain inside of Southern Russia. The area has two major Al-Doran camps / bases within 15 clicks of the hostage location (CODENAME: CAMP1 & CAMP2). These camps contain heavy armor, light armor, AAA, surface-to-air missiles, and enemy insurgents. The hostage location is believed to be at target building CODENAME: ANGEL. Reconnaissance of ANGEL has revealed multiple enemy insurgents, light armor, static heavy weapons, and AAA emplacements at the Target AO.

(TS) Enemy command at the ANGEL AO are expecting a resupply convoy from Sobulety to be delivered in the morning hours (1 Jan 2016) to ANGEL containing lethal aid and logistics supplies. US Army Delta Force and Russian Spetsnaz forces Callsign: Rawhide-1 seized the convoy and commandeered 2 x M35 transport trucks 25 miles from ANGEL; Rawhide-1 is currently standing by, awaiting mission launch (Hawg Flight in position at WP3).

**A. Enemy Forces**

(U) 1. Weather conditions in the AOR are variable with high temperature in the high 30's. Partly cloudy conditions are most likely. Moonlight illumination is 1/4 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.

(TS) 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.

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(TS) 4. Location(s): Enemy forces are located at ANGEL grid coordinates; 37T EJ 91707 78403. Enemy forces are also located in and around enemy base camps identified as CAMP1, grid coordinates; 37 T EJ 91281 72508 and CAMP2, grid coordinates; 37 T EJ 902723.

(TS) 5. Activity: Enemy activity in the region is on-going and imminent. Al-Doran control the region in and around the ANGEL AO. In addition, anti-aircraft, enemy insurgents, and enemy armor units have been spotted at CAMP1 and CAMP2.

(TS) 6. Strength: Exact strength of the enemy force at ANGEL is estimated between 85-100 fighters. 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 to heavy armor. The enemy force is believed to have the capability to reinforce key terrain within 1-2 hours with platoon to company size units.

(U) 7. Probable course(s) of action when the enemy is contacted: Enemy units at ANGEL are expected hold their positions, kill hostages, and possible detonate explosives. Many fighters have been observed wearing IED vests. Armor units at CAMP1 and CAMP2 are expected to reinforce ANGEL fighters once rescue operations begin. Rules of Engagement are Weapons Free on confirmed enemy forces once cleared. Contact Command for authorization for force on non-positive identified forces in the region.

**B. Friendly Forces**

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

(TS) Rawhide-1 (US Army; Delta Force, Russian Defense Forces; Spetsnaz Alpha Group, SF Units): (Callsign: Rawhide-1)

2 x Team Leader (with laser designator), 17 x Operators, 4 x Grenadier, 6 x Medic, 4 x Support Gunner, 2 x Demolition Specialist

(S) Saber-1 (US Army, 75<sup>th</sup> Battalion Rangers, SF Unit): (Callsign: Saber-1)

1 x Platoon Leader (with laser designator), 30 x Operators, 4 x Grenadier, 4x Medic, 4 x Support Gunner, 6 x Sniper / Recon

(S) Saber-2 (US Army, 75<sup>th</sup> Battalion Rangers, SF Unit): (Callsign: Saber-2)

1 x Platoon Leader (with laser designator), 30 x Operators, 4 x Grenadier, 4x Medic, 4 x Support Gunner, 6 x Sniper / Recon

(TS) Overwatch-1 (OGA UAV, Predator) (Callsign: Overwatch-1)

1 x UAV Operator (Overwatch Flight) (Flight Lead): (Overwatch-1)

(S) Bone Flight (Bombing Support, 2 x B-52) (Callsign: Bone 1-1)

12 x B-52 Crew (Bone Flight) (Flight Lead): (Bone 1-1)

(S) Uzi Flight (Close Air Support, 2 x F-16) (Callsign: Uzi Flight)

2 x F-16 Pilots (Uzi Flight) (Flight Lead): (Uzi 1-1)

(S) Victor Flight (Transports, 3 x CH-47) (Callsign: Victor 2-1)

18 x CH-47 Crew (Victor Flight) (Flight Lead): (Victor 2-1)

(S) Hawg Flight (Close Air Support): (Callsign: Hawg 1-1)

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4 x F-15E pilots (Hawg Flight) (Flight Lead): (Hawg 1-1)

(TS) 2. Location and planned actions of units; Hawg Flight will depart Kutaisi AB and follow the established flight plan at Angels 18 to WP3 (HOLD). Rawhide-1 is located in 2 x M35 Transport Trucks 25 miles from ANGEL AO. Rawhide-1 is tasked with rescuing the hostages at ANGEL. Saber-1 and Saber-2 were HALO dropped into the AO are located in the treelines NW and SE of ANGEL conducting reconnaissance awaiting the launch order. Saber-1 and Saber-2 is tasked with providing suppressive fire and a defensive perimeter around ANGEL. Overwatch-1 is orbiting over the Target AO providing reconnaissance and situational awareness to friendly forces. Bone 1-1 and 1-2 will be orbiting to the East of ANGEL awaiting bombing run requests from ground commanders. Uzi Flight will depart Kutaisi AB and follow their established flight plan at Angels 18 to WP3 (HOLD). Uzi Flight is tasked with neutralizing enemy anti-air units at CAMP2 at mission launch. Victor Flight will be staged West of the Target AO awaiting EZFIL order. Victor Flight is tasked with EZFIL of all friendly ground forces from the AO. Units providing fire support as directed: Hawg Flight (CAS), Bone Flight (Bombing Attack), Uzi Flight (Anti-Air Suppression)

### **C. Attachments/Detachments**

(U) Attachment: Multiple Coalition Forces

## **II. Mission**

(TS)(1) Provide On-Call CAS for Friendly Forces performing hostage rescue operations.

(TS)(2) Destroy armor (light & heavy), heavy weapon emplacements, enemy troops, and AAA units at ANGEL location.

(TS)(3) Support safe EXFIL of all Friendly Forces from the AO.

## **III. Execution**

### **Intent**

(TS) The immediate rescue of hostages located at ANGEL. Neutralize enemy forces at ANGEL, CAMP1, and CAMP2.

#### **A. Concept of the Operation:**

(TS) The sortie will be conducted during early morning hours. Follow your established flight path to WP3 (HOLD). Once Hawg Flight is in the Target AO (WP3) Rawhide-1 will begin their approach to ANGEL via 2 x M35 via a main roadway called Apache. Rawhide-1 will provide SITREP's to friendly forces throughout the ingress into the Target AO. Once Rawhide-1 infiltrates the main perimeter of ANGEL AO they will announce the CODEWORD: RODEO over the radio net. RODEO is the green light for friendly forces to begin the rescue operation.

(TS) Once Rawhide-1 announces RODEO and assaults the ANGEL building, Saber-1 and Saber-2 will begin engaging enemy forces on the perimeter of ANGEL. Saber-1 will be the JTAC for this operation. Hawg Flight will provide CAS as requested by Saber-1. Hawg Flight will HOLD FIRE and remain at WP3 (HOLD) until instructed.

(TS) Uzi Flight will engage anti-air units at CAMP2 once RODEO is announced.

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(TS) Overwatch-1 will provide reconnaissance and situation awareness of the battlespace for friendly forces.

(TS) Bone Flight will be orbiting East of the Target AO for Ground Attack / Bombing Run Request support if requested.

(TS) Once hostages have been rescued, and the AO is free of major enemy forces; Rawhide-1, Saber-1, and Saber-2 will EXFIL via Victor Flight on predesignated LZ's on Apache.

### **B. Tasks to Maneuver Units**

(S) 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. Whiplash-1 will task assets for search and rescue or support for DURESS calls from friendly forces in the AO. Always announce when crossing into another teams AOR or Sector to avoid friendly fire.

### **C. Tasks to Combat Support Units**

(S) CAS Flights will provide CAS as directed by ground force commanders.

### **D. Coordinating Instructions**

(S) Team leaders will coordinate what movement speed, type of formation, and rules of engagement for their respective members. Whiplash-1 and ground commanders 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 for this operation. Whiplash-1 will task CSAR assets from FOB Suse or COP Moto with additional CASEVAC transport if required. Texaco 1-1 (KC-135) is on-station in the AO for aerial refueling.

### **A. General**

(S) RV FOB Suse with CASEVAC patients.

### **B. Material and Services**

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

### **C. Medical Evacuation:**

(S) CSAR assets are on alert and positioned at various locations throughout the AO. Utilize emergency radio if ejected and on the ground. Follow SERE SOP for the AOR.

### **D. Personnel:**

(S) EPW's will be transported to FOB SUSE and held at the TIF Cropper.

### **E. Miscellaneous:**

(S) Special equipment. Biometrics scanner, Tear Gas, Advanced Reconnaissance Equipment.

## **V. Command & Signal**

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**A. Command**

(S) Hotel (CP) (Whiplash-1) has overall command of the region. Rawhide-1 has overall command of ground forces in the Target AO. Saber-1 has overall command for coordinating CAS at the Target AO's. Hawg Flight Leader has overall command of Hawg Flight personnel for this sortie.

**B. Signal**

(S) Main Communications will be portable and long range encrypted radio signals. Ground teams must meet with the COMSEC NCOIC to ensure CCI keys are current before mission start. (Will be present at airstrip on FOB SUSE)

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:

(S) Ground forces: Deploy WHITE smoke if in need of immediate help, with no communications. Closest friendly unit will backup team in duress. Inter-personal communications devices and manual hand and arm signals should be used by team for movements. Fixed wing assets: 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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