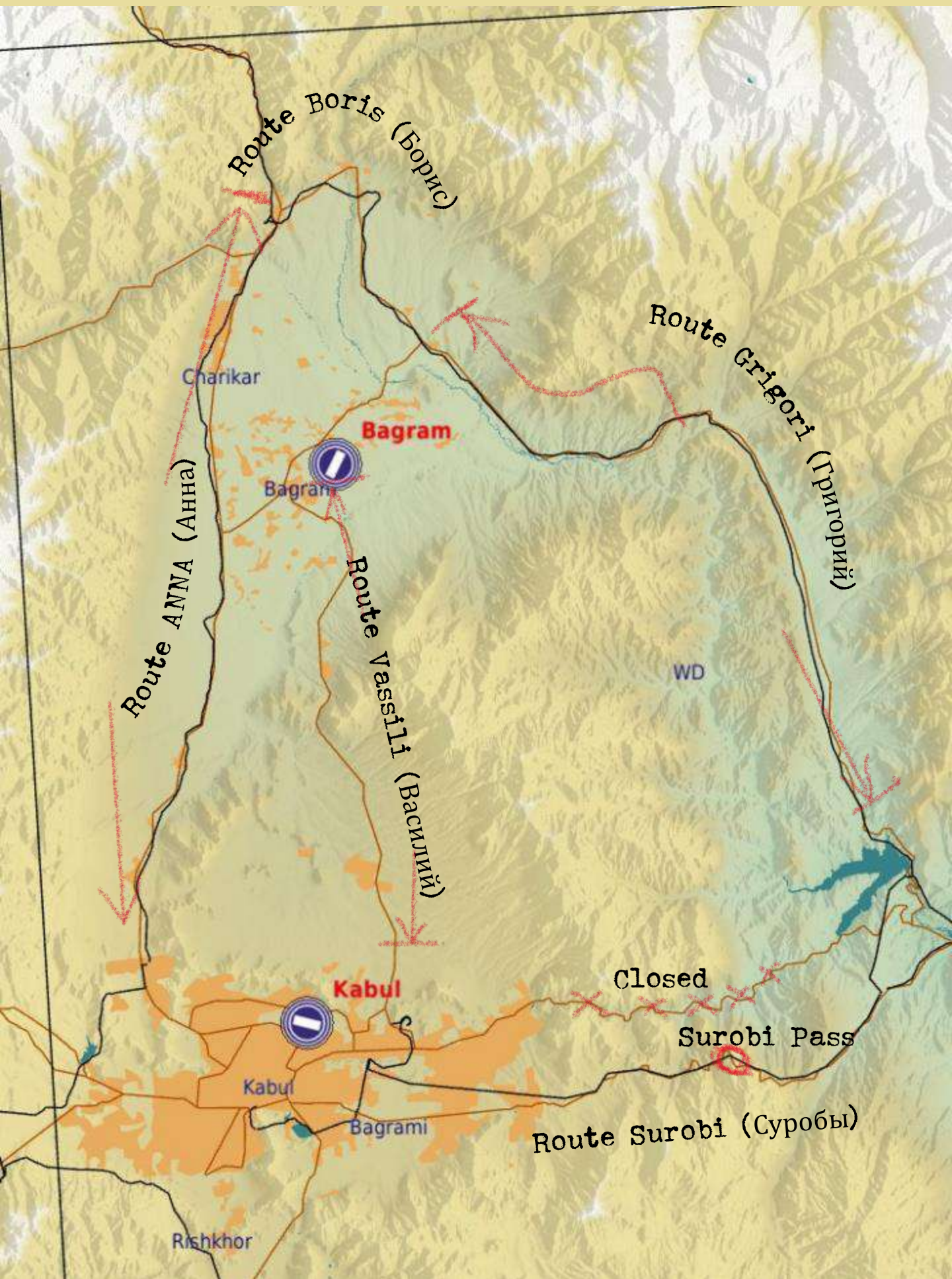
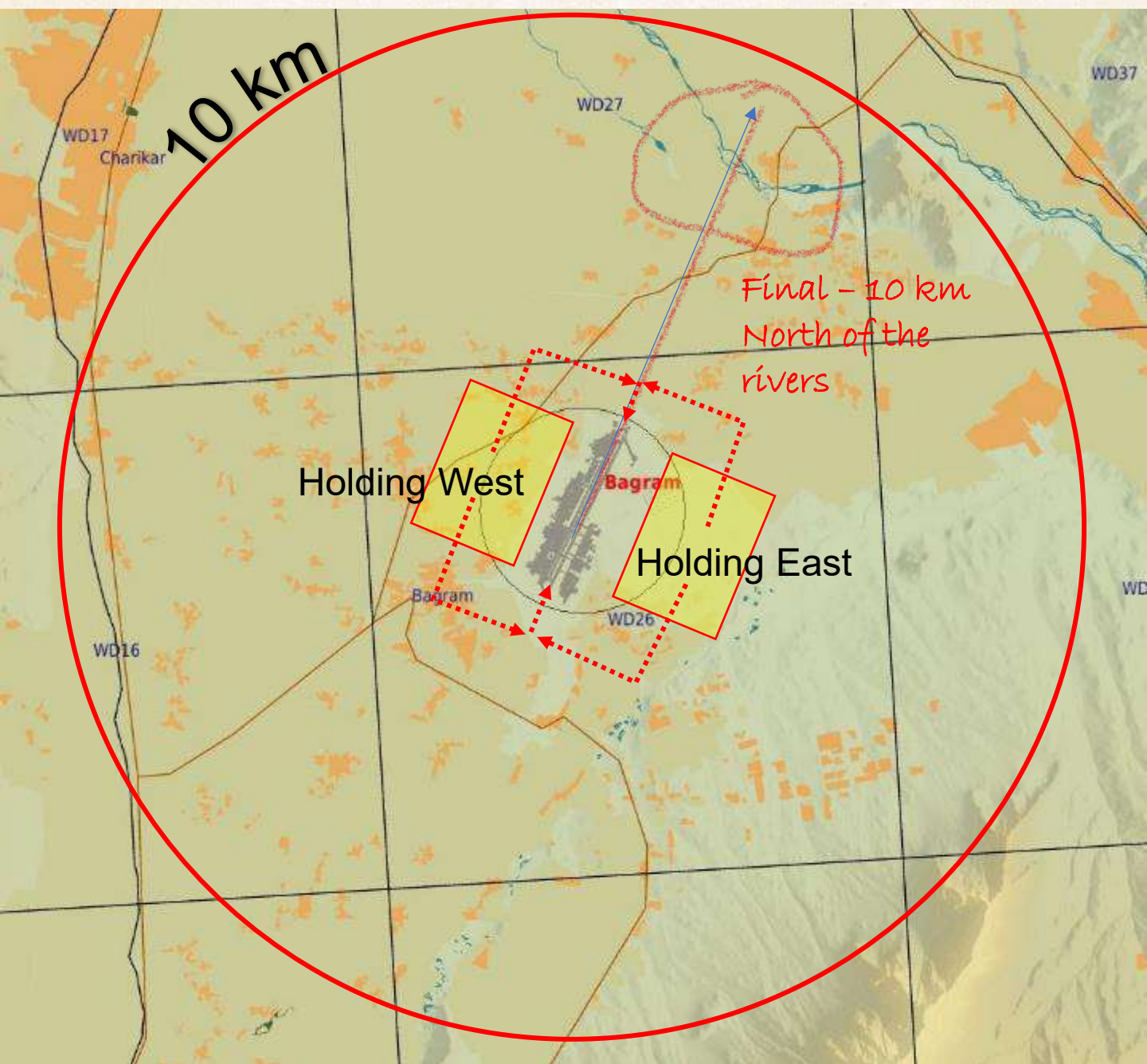


AREA MAP - ROUTES



APPROACH CHART – БАГРАМ ДБ



Approach Procedure for Bagram Airbase:

- Call the tower at 10 km on final approach for runway 03/21.
- Unless otherwise instructed, perform a running landing on runway 21R or 03L.
- When cleared to land from a holding area (East or West), proceed via a base leg and a short final. Execute a running landing.
- Exit the runway at the second taxiway and proceed to the parking area via Alpha.

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BAGRAM AIR BASE

Charlie
Ramp



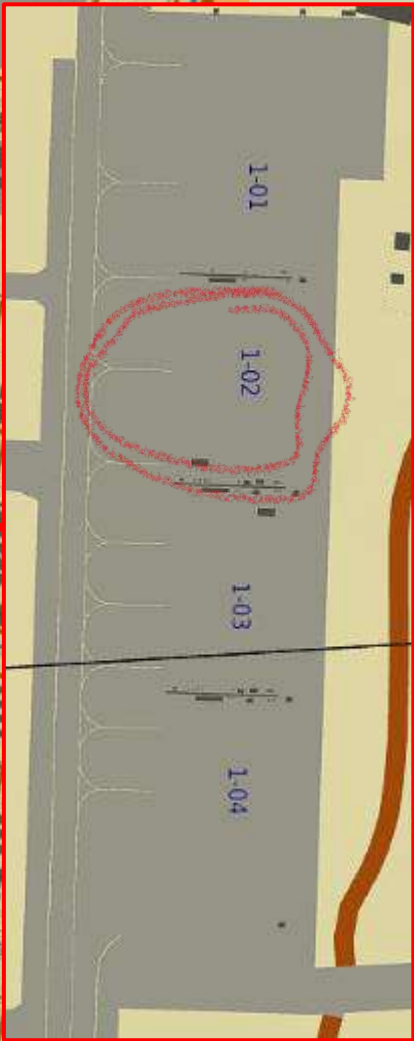
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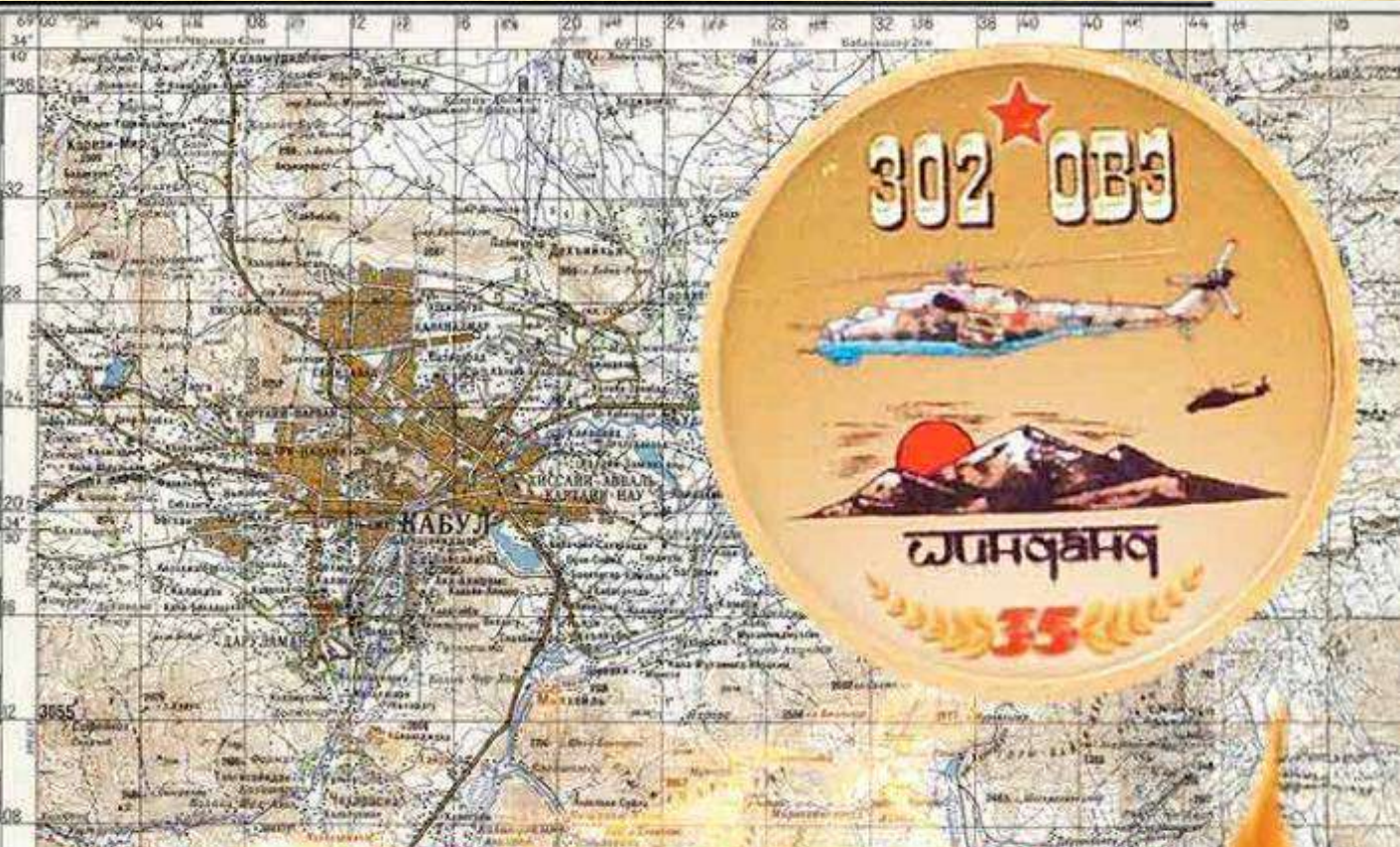
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KABUL AIR BASE

Charlie
Ramp





МИССИЯ № 1

Операция «Граница»

MI-24 HIND CAMPAIGN

24 DECEMBER 1979

22:00 LT



THE DAWN OF THE SOVIET-AFGHAN WAR

1: OPERATION 'GRANITSA'

AD	ELEV	RWY	R-863	R-828	HF
DEP TERMEZ AB	1492	03/21	2/118.7	2/35.00	NIL
ARR BAGRAM AB	1492	03/21	4/120.1	2/39.15	4.125
ALT KABUL AB	1789	11/29	6/120.6	6/39.30	4.200

COM CH. (R-863/R-828):

UNIT	CHANNEL
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EMERGENCY	0 / 0
FLIGHT	1 / 1
TERMEZ AB	2 / 2
SKLAD	3 / -
BAGRAM AB	4 / 4
KABUL	6 / 6

PACKAGE/OTHER:

A/C	TASK	CALLSIGN
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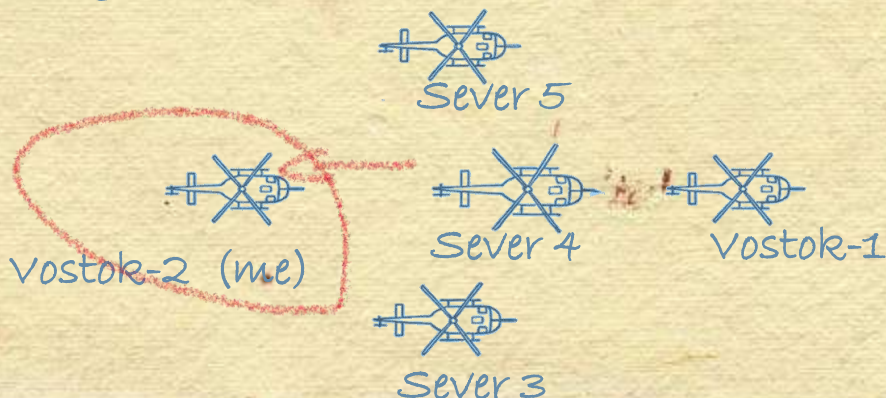
4 x Mi-24	ESCORT	VOSTOK
6 x MI-8	TRANSP	SEVER
1 x AN-12	JAMMING	SKLAD
	COM RELAY	
MiG-21	ILLUMINATION	

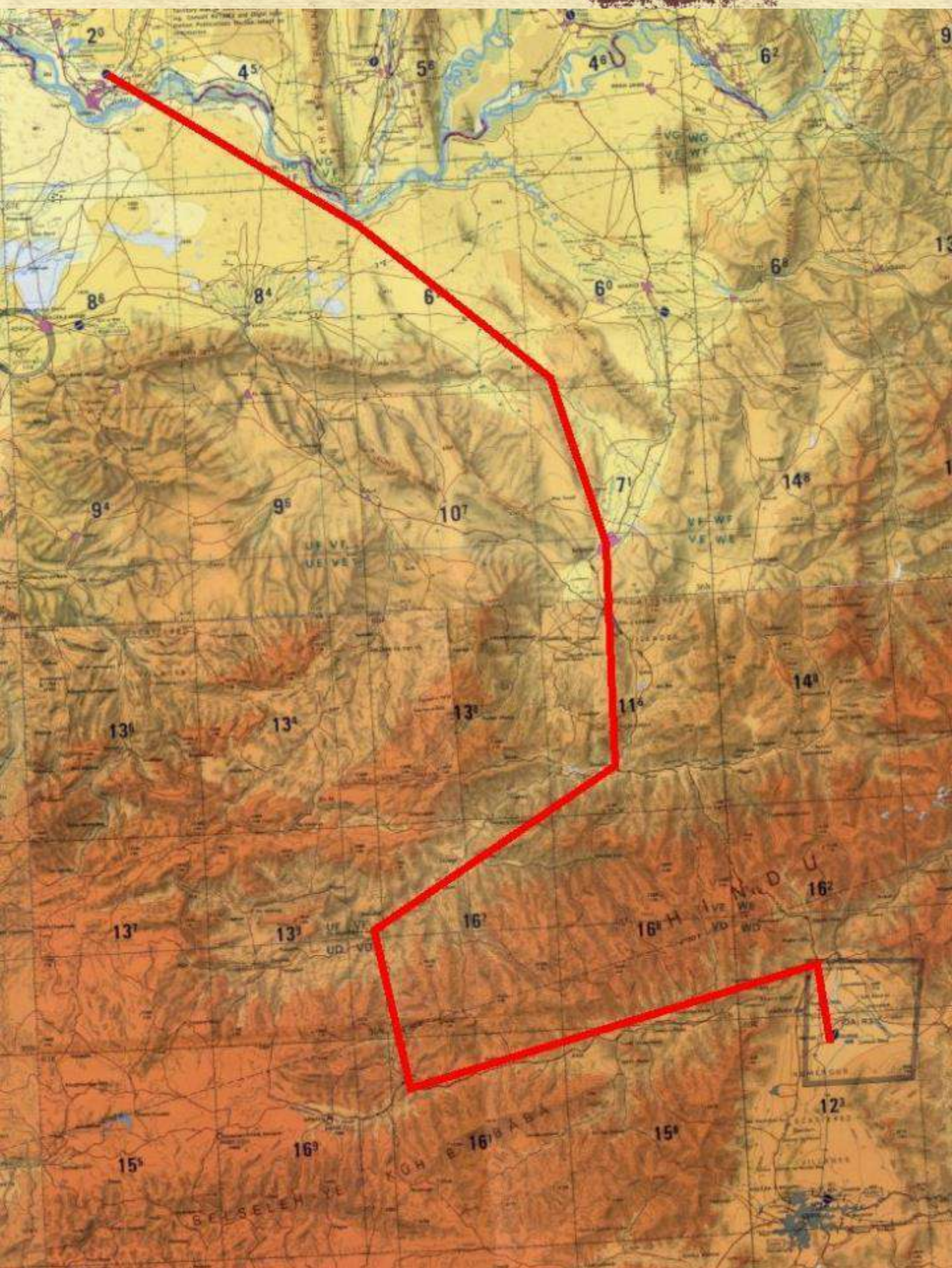
FLIGHT PLAN:

LEG	WPT	HDG	DIST	REMARK
DEP	TERMEZ AB			
1	SOUT SHARTUZ	117	76	UNDER RADAR COV (<1500 m)
2	KARA-BATUR P	124	64.8	
3	BAGHLAN	158	46.3	CLIMB TO 2800 M
4	DOWSHI	174	57.4	
5	MIKHE-ZARIN	232	74	
6	BAMIAN VALLEY	165	42.6	CLIMB 3000 M
7	GOLBAHAR	70	111.1	ALT. 2000 M
8	BAGRAM AB	162	18	

NOTES:

490.2 km





From: Headquarters of the 40th Army
To: 302nd Assault Aviation Division (302 OVE)
MISSION 1: OPERATION 'BAGRAM' № 092-ДБГ-32/24.12.1979

SITUATION:

- Soviet forces mobilizing for Afghan intervention under Order № 312/12/008
- Bagram Airfield must be secured before 01:00, 25 DEC
- Afghan radar coverage patchy in mountain regions

MISSION OBJECTIVES:

1. PAIR "VOSTOK" (Your flight - Mi-24D x2):

- Escort 3x Mi-8 (SEVER-4/5/6) carrying: 45x VDV para (SEVER-4), 2x AGS-17 crews (SEVER-5), Command staff + secure comms (SEVER-6)
 - Route: Termez → Salang Pass → Bagram (320km)
- PAIR ZAPAD Mi-24D x2
- Escort 3x Mi-8 (SEVER-1/2/3)

2. SUPPORT ELEMENTS:

- AN-12 "FABRICK": Jamming support along border

EXECUTION:

- Takeoff in trail formation (2min after ZAPAD)
- No radio contact until crossing 38th parallel
- Salang Pass transit
- Bagram approach via northern valley
- The artillery already deployed on Afghan territory will fire illuminations at critical points.

THREAT ASSESSMENT:

- Primary:
 - . Afghan radar at Mazar-i-Sharif (50% operational)
- Secondary:
 - . Mountain wind shear (December turbulence)
 - . Icing risk above 3,000m

COMMS:

- Code word "METEOR" = abort mission
- Emergency: UHF 224.00 (AN-12 relay)
- Radio SILENCE break for emergency only!

WEATHER:

- Clear, -12°C, 15kt headwind (fuel +7% reserve required)

On behalf of Lieutenant-General Yuri Tukharinov
Commander of the 40th Army



МИССИЯ № 2

Операция «Граница»

MI-24 HIND CAMPAIGN



THE DAWN OF THE SOVIET-AFGHAN WAR

25 24 DECEMBER 1979

22:00 LT 8:00

2 1: OPERATION 'GRANITSA'

AD	ELEV	RWY	R-863	R-828	HF
DEP TERMEZ AB	1492	03/21	2/118.7	2/35.00	NIL
ARR BAGRAM AB	1492	03/21	4/120.1	2/39.15	4.125
ALT KABUL AB	1789	11/29	6/120.6	6/39.30	4.200

COM CH. (R-863/R-828):

UNIT CHANNEL

EMERGENCY 0 / 0

FLIGHT 1 / 1

TERMEZ AB 2 / 2

SKLAD 3 / -

BAGRAM AB 4 / 4

KABUL 6 / 6

PACKAGE/OTHER:

A/C TASK CALLSIGN

14 x Mi-24 ESCORT VOSTOK-2

16 x MI-8 TRANSP SEVER-5

1 x AN-12 JAMMING SKLAD

COM RELAY

MIG-21 ILLUMINATION

FLIGHT PLAN:

LEG	WPT	HDG	DIST	REMARK
DEP	TERMEZ AB			
1	SOUT SHARTUZ	117	76	UNDER RADAR COV (<1500 m)
2	KARA-BATUR P	124	64.8	
3	BAGHLAN	158	46.3	CLIMB TO 2800 M
4	DOWSHI	174	57.4	
5	MIKHE-ZARIN	232	74	
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8	BAGRAM AB	162	18	

NOTES:

490.2 km

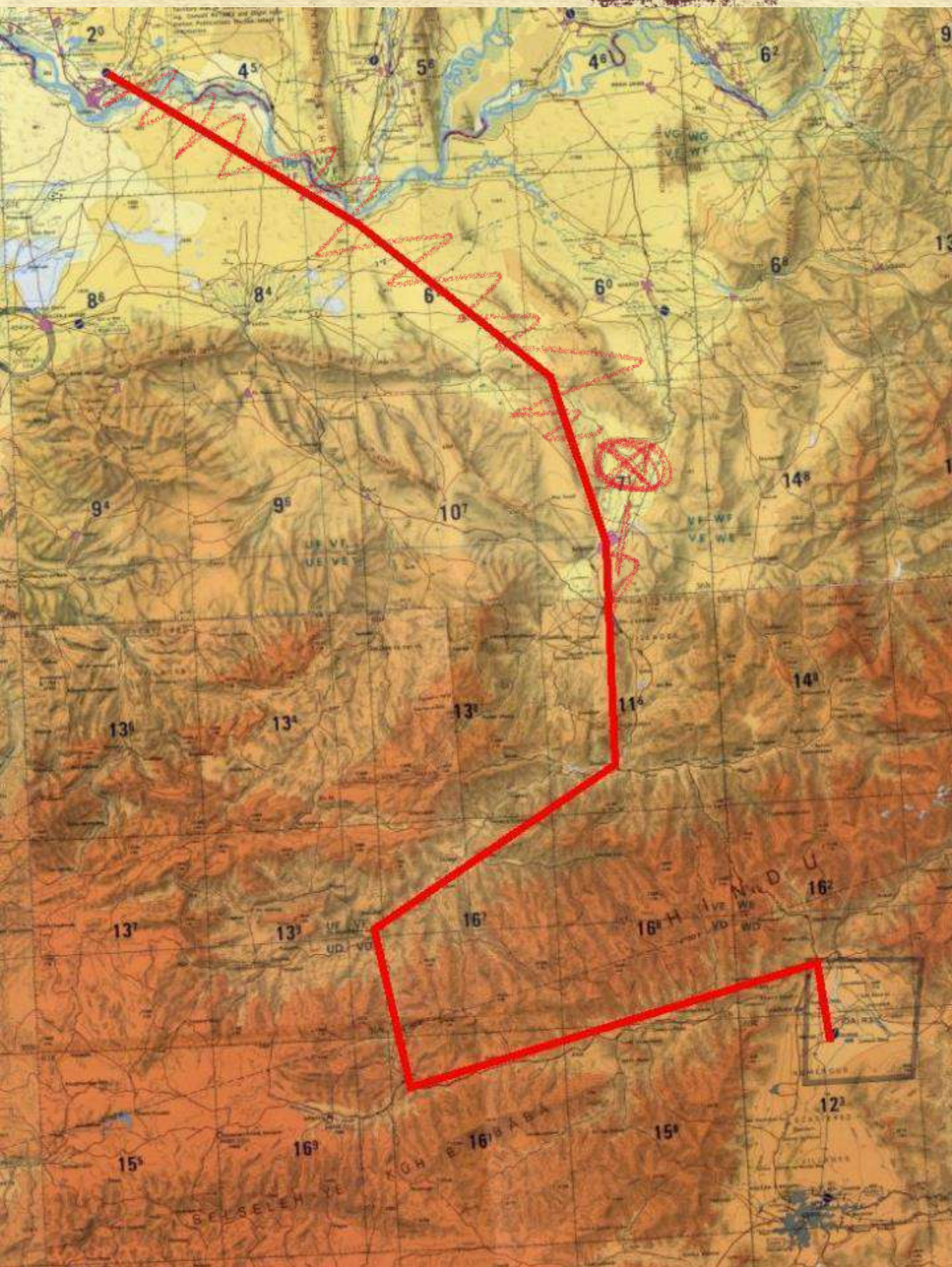
Vostok-2

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Vostok-1
2

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Sever-5



From: Capt. Igor Ivanovitch
To: Sever 5, Mi-8
MISSION 2 : OPERATION 'BAGRAM' (End)

SITUATION (received at 0730 from 302 OVE HQ Bagram) :

The operation proceeded as planned.

- At 0300 hours, Spetsnaz GRU elements neutralized Afghan guards. Evidence: GRU report states, "Three Afghan sentries secured, no resistance encountered."

- At 0600 hours, Bagram Airbase was fully secured and under Soviet control.

Summary: Eight Afghan aircraft captured-six MiG-21s (disarmed, keys removed), two An-26s (operational, requisitioned by the USSR).

- At 0700 hours, large-scale airlift initiated: one Il-76 landing every 20 minutes (total: 50 sorties in 24 hours). Mi-6 heavy-lift helicopters deployed to transport artillery components.

MISSION OBJECTIVES:

Maintenance team arrived on site (Baglan aera) at dawn. Mi-8 helicopter has been repaired. We are cleared to fly to Bagram Airbase.

Escort the Mi-8 to Bagram.

1. "VOSTOK-2" (Your flight - Mi-24D x1):

- Escort 1x Mi-8 (SEVER-5) carrying :
2x AGS-17 crews
- Route: Baglan → Salang Pass → Bagram

2. SUPPORT ELEMENTS: NIL

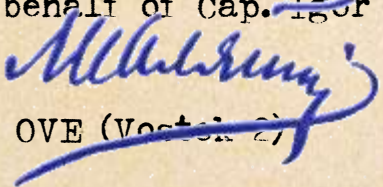
EXECUTION:

- Takeoff in trail formation (Vostok-2 followed by Sever-5)
- No radio contact until crossing 38th parallel
- Salang Pass transit
- Bagram approach via northern valley

THREAT ASSESSMENT:

- Primary:
Mountain wind shear (December turbulence)
Icing risk above 3,000m
Afghan radar at Mazar-i-Sharif (Out of order)

On behalf of Cap. Igor Ivanovitch


302 OVE (Vostok 2)



MI-24 HIND CAMPAIGN



THE DAWN OF THE SOVIET-AFGHAN WAR

25 DECEMBER 1979

15:00 LT

3: OPERATION 'MOLINYA'

AD	ELEV	RWY	R-863	R-828	HF
DEP BAGRAM AB	1492	03/21	2/120.1	2/39.15	4.125
ARR BAGRAM AB	1492	03/21	2/120.1	2/39.15	4.125
ALT KABUL AB	1789	11/29	4/120.6	4/39.30	4.200

COM CH. (R-863/R-828):

PACKAGE/OTHER:

UNIT	CHANNEL	A/C	TASK	CALLSIGN
EMERGENCY	0 / 0	2 x Mi-24	STRIKE	VaMPIRE
FLIGHT	1 / 1	2 x SU-17	STRIKE	STORM
DEP AD	2 / 2			
CENTER ZENIT	3 / -			
ALT AD	4 / 4			
GROUND FORCES	5 / -			

FLIGHT PLAN:

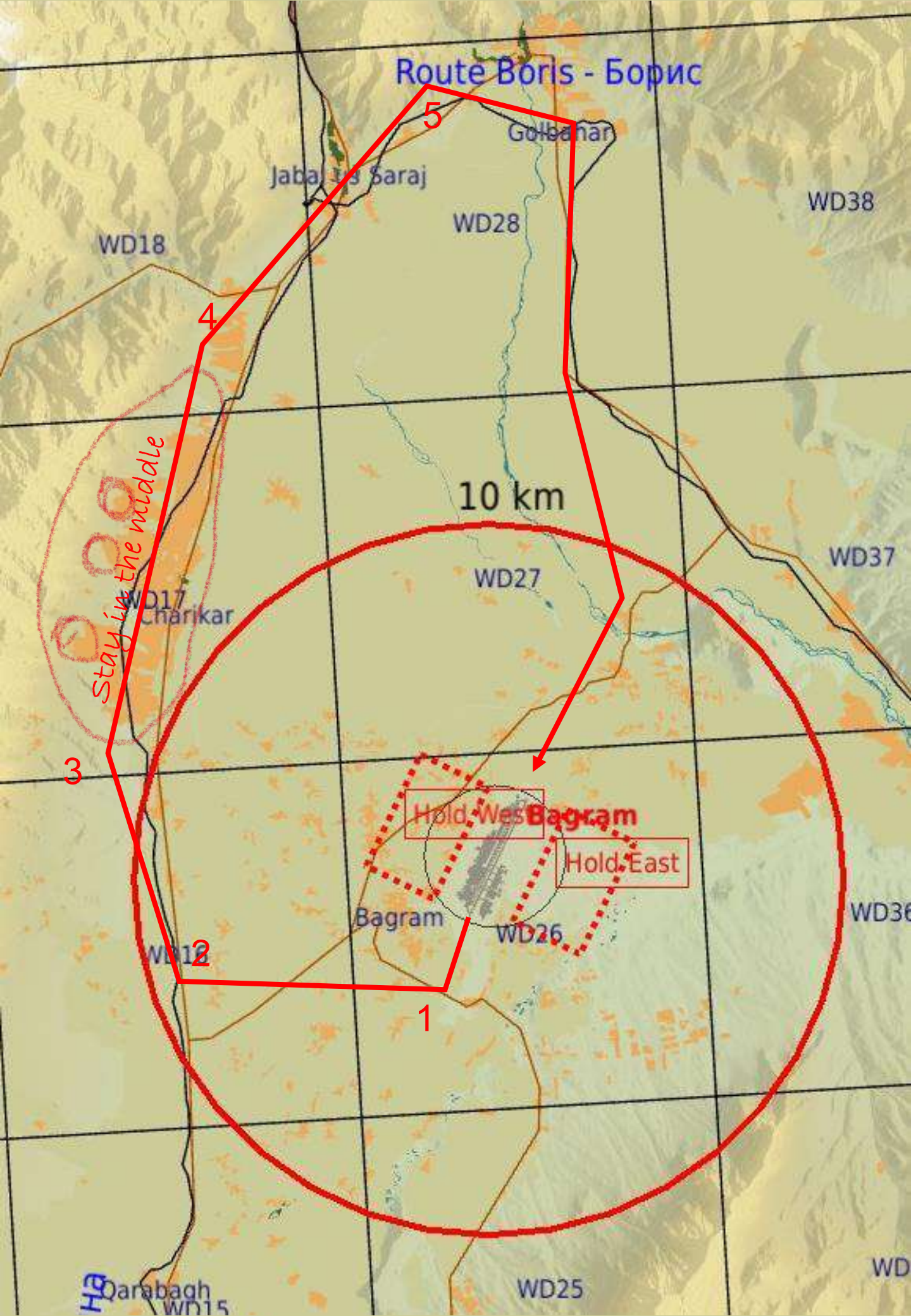
LEG	WPT	HDG	DIST	REMARK
DEP	BAGRAM AB			
1	OUTBOUND	196	3.7	5 KM RUNWAY HEADING
2	WP2	269	7.4	CTR
3	INGRESS	347	7.4	STAY WELL IN THE MIDDLE
4	EGRESS	10	11.1	ALT 2000
5-8	ROUTE BORIS	35	7.4	ALT 50-100
9	10 KM RWY 21	107	13	10 KM FINAL
10	BAGRAM AB	202	9.2	

NOTES:

Cave/Bunker Strike:

1. Lead Mi-24: Rocket barrage for suppression
- 1.Trailing Mi-24: Follow-up for destruction).
- 2.Lead again then wingman, etc... until full destruction.

The depot is most likely located on the outskirts of the village, on higher ground where incoming vehicles can be easily spotted.



From: Headquarters of the 40th Army

To: 302nd Assault Aviation Division (302 OVE)

MISSION 3 - OPERATION 'THUNDER' № 232-MJ/J-12/25.12.1979

Bagram Airfield, 25 DEC 1979 13:30

SITUATION:

- Bagram perimeter secured, but insurgent activity reported near Kabul and Charikar.
- Afghan 25th Division intelligence indicates hidden ammunition depot near Charikar.
- KGB confirms depot supplies Mujahideen groups in Kabul region.

MISSION OBJECTIVES:

1. PAIR "VAMPIRE" (Your flight - Mi-24 x2):

- Locate and destroy ammunition depot in Charikar foothills (suspected cave complex).
- Rules of Engagement: Weapons free. No civilian structures nearby.
- Primary loadout: 4x S-8 rocket pods.

EXECUTION:

- VAMPIRE Flight:

- Depart Bagram 15:00.
- Depot likely camouflaged near cliff face.
- Mark target for Su-17 follow-up if needed.

THREATS:

- Possible DShK AA positions near Charikar.
- No SAM expected.

WEATHER :

Clear, -5°C, light snow possible.

COMMS:

- Codeword "RASPUTIN" if depot confirmed.

On behalf of Lieutenant-General Yuri Tukharinov
Commander of the 40th Army



МИССИЯ № 4

Операция «Грозовой Вал»

MI-24 HIND CAMPAIGN



THE DAWN OF THE SOVIET-AFGHAN WAR

26 DECEMBER 1979

16:30 LT

4: OPERATION 'GRAZAVOY SURGE'

AD	ELEV	RWY	R-863	R-828	HF
DEP BAGRAM AB	1492	03/21	2/120.1	2/39.15	4.125
ARR BAGRAM AB	1492	03/21	2/120.1	2/39.15	4.125
ALT KABUL AB	1789	11/29	4/120.6	4/39.30	4.200

COM CH. (R-863/R-828):

UNIT	CHANNEL
EMERGENCY	0 / 0
FLIGHT	1 / 1
DEP AD	2 / 2
CENTER ZENIT	3 / -
ALT AD	4 / 4
GROUND FORCES	5 / -

PACKAGE/OTHER:

A/C	TASK	CALLSIGN
2 x Mi-24	SHOW F.	VAMPIRE
2 x Mi-24	SHOW F.	THUNDER
2 x SU-17	STRIKE	STORM

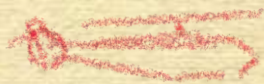
*vampire T/O first. Followed by
Thunder. Separation at WPT 4*

FLIGHT PLAN:

LEG	WPT	HDG	DIST	REMARK
DEP	BAGRAM AB			
1	OUTBOUND	196	5.6	
2	QARABAGH	224	9.2	
3	ROUTE ALPHA	193	20.4	
4	SEPARATION	171	16.7	
5	INGRESS	93	7.4	VERY LOW ALT (< 50M)
6	TARGET	85	1.8	AFGHAN MILITARY BARRACKS
7	EGRESS	42	11.1	ENTER CHARLIE ROUTE
8	INBOUND	355	37	

NOTES:

*Wolf Howl maneuver: Minimum 230 km/h. Shortly after
overflying the target, pull back on the stick to climb, then roll left
into level flight.*



TARGET



10 km

WD07

WD17
Charkai

WD27

WD37

WD47

WD06

WD16

Bagram

Bagram

Hold West
Hold East

WD36

WD46

WD05

Route Anna - Анна

WD15

WD25

WD35

WD4

WD04

Mir Bachah K

WD13

WD14

WD34

WD03

WD23

WD33

VD92

WD02

WD12

Kabul

WD22

WD32

4

WD11

Bagrami

WD31

Ettefaq

VD91

WD01

Thunder's TGT : Presidential Palace

5

6 : TGT Barracks

7

1

8

Thunder's TGT : Presidential Palace



From: Headquarters of the 40th Army

To: 302nd Assault Aviation Division (302 OVE)

MISSION 4 - OPERATION 'STEEL SHOW' № 411-ЦYA-02/26.12.1979

Bagram Airfield, 26 DEC 1979 16:30

SITUATION:

- Bagram fully secured. Kabul regime collapsing.
- Afghan Army units show mixed loyalty - some may resist Soviet entry.
- Political objective: Demonstrate overwhelming air power to prevent bloodshed.

MISSION OBJECTIVES: Show of force over 2 POI.

1. 'VAMPIRE' (Your flight - Mi-24 x2): Target Kabul military barracks.
 - Loadout: 2 rocket pods + gunner (visual intimidation)
 2. 'THUNDER' (Mi-24 x2): Presidential Palace flyovers.
- ROE : Weapons tight - Only return fire if directly targeted.

2. SUPPORT ELEMENTS:

- 'STORM' (Su-17 x2): Orbiting at high altitude as QRF.

EXECUTION:

SHADOW Flight Profile:

- 100m altitude passes over barracks (50 m during final run).
- 250 KPH speed (visible but hard to target).
- Execute "Wolf Howl" maneuver for max noise (sudden climb with side-slip at 200 m).

THREATS:

- Possible: DShK positions on barracks rooftops (mark but do not engage unless fired upon).
 - RPG teams in courtyard (watch for flash signatures).
- Improbable: SAM systems (all reportedly deactivated by KGB teams).

POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- Do NOT damage civilian areas - Kabul streets are crowded.

COMMS:

- Codeword: "TSAR BELL" if Afghan units surrender.

WEATHER:

- Clear, -2°C, light wind from NW (smoke drifts toward city center).

On behalf of Lieutenant-General Yuri Tukharinov
Commander of the 40th Army



MI-24 HIND CAMPAIGN



THE DAWN OF THE SOVIET-AFGHAN WAR

27 DECEMBER 1979

00:00 LT 19:50

5: OPERATION 'Шторм-333'

AD	ELEV	RWY	R-863	R-828	HF
DEP BAGRAM AB	1492	03/21	2/120.1	2/39.15	4.125
ARR BAGRAM AB	1492	03/21	2/120.1	2/39.15	4.125
ALT KABUL AB	1789	11/29	4/120.6	4/39.30	4.200

COM CH. (R-863/R-828):

PACKAGE/OTHER:

UNIT	CHANNEL	A/C	TASK	CALLSIGN
EMERGENCY	0 / 0	2 x Mi-24	CAS	VAMPIRE
FLIGHT	1 / 1	3 x Mi-8	TRANSP	VOLNA
DEP AD	2 / 2	2 x Mi-24	STRIKE	GRUZ
CENTER ZENIT	3 / -	3 x Mi-8	TRANSP	RUBKA
ALT AD	4 / 4			
GROUND FORCES	5 / -			

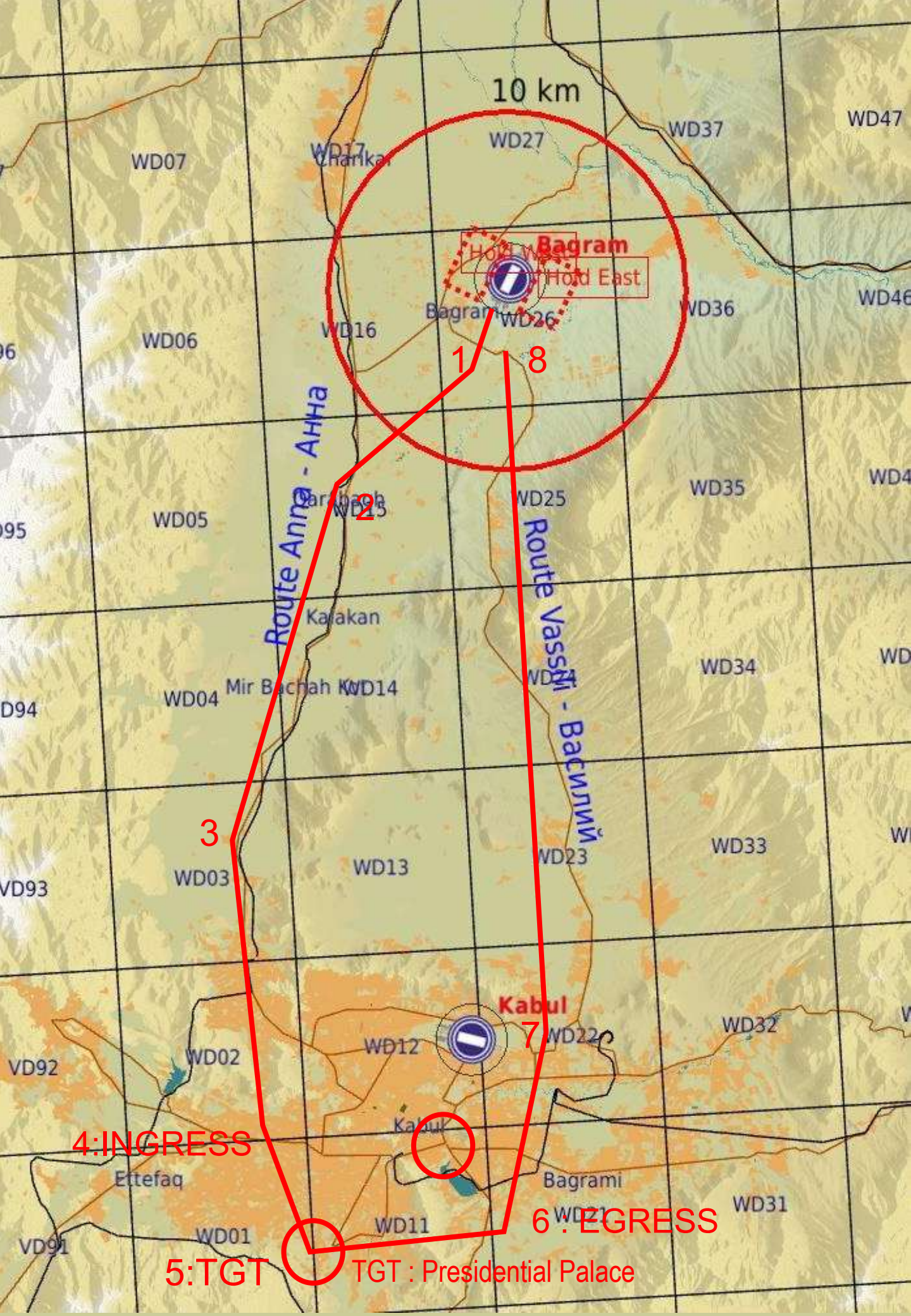
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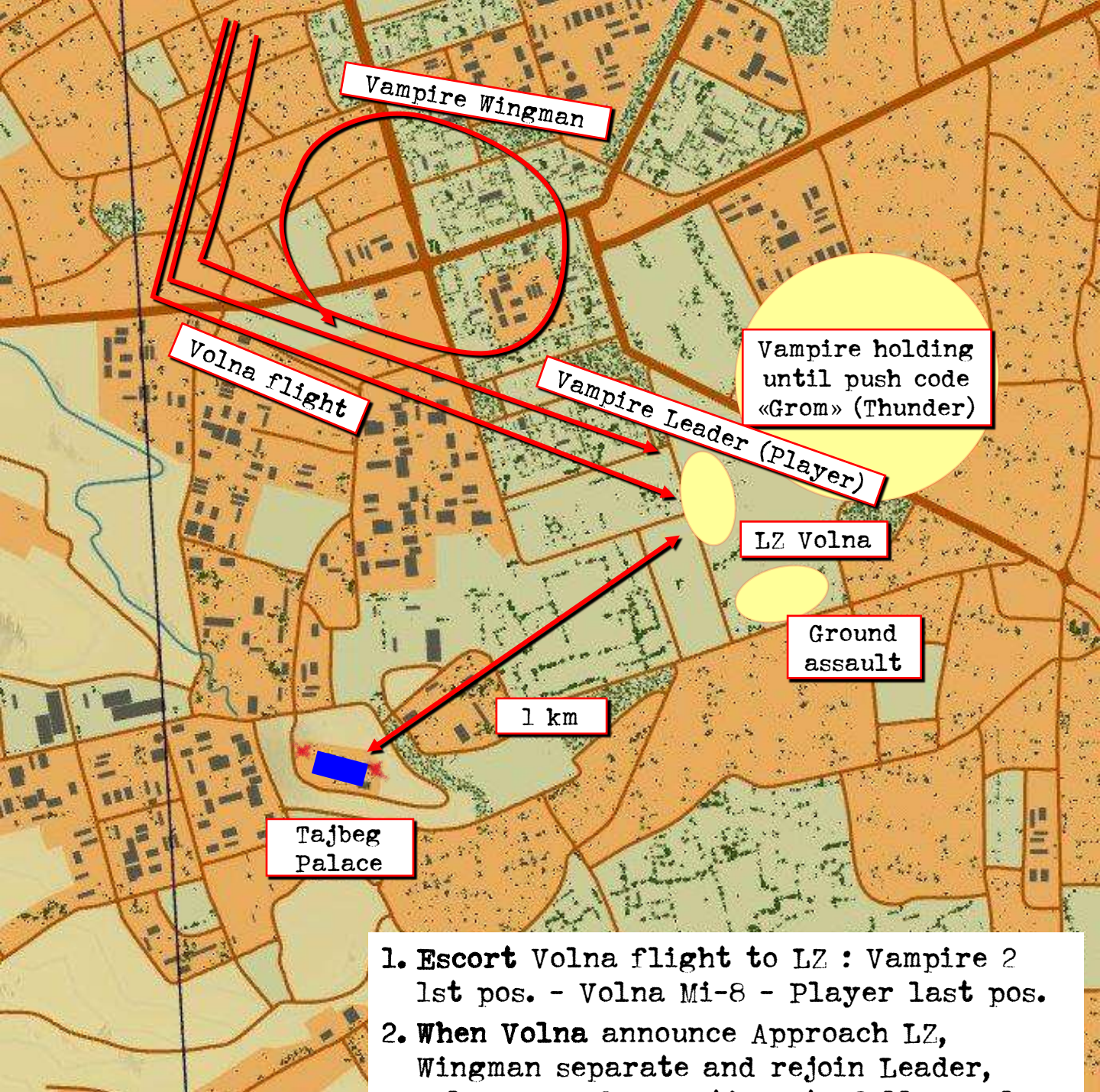
LEG	WPT	HDG	DIST	REMARK
DEP	BAGRAM AB			
1	OUTBOUND	196	5.6	
2	QARABAGH	224	9.2	
3	ROUTE ALPHA	194	22.2	2500 M
4	ZAHRA-I-BAGHAL	167	7.4	
5	INGRESS	128	3.7	LOW (< 2000M)
6	SEPARATION	177	5.6	FOLLOW VOLNA TO LZ
7	LZ	156	5.6	COVER NORTH OF THE LZ
8	TARGET	225	1.8	
9	EGRESS	16	10.0	
10	BAGRAM AB	5	46.3	

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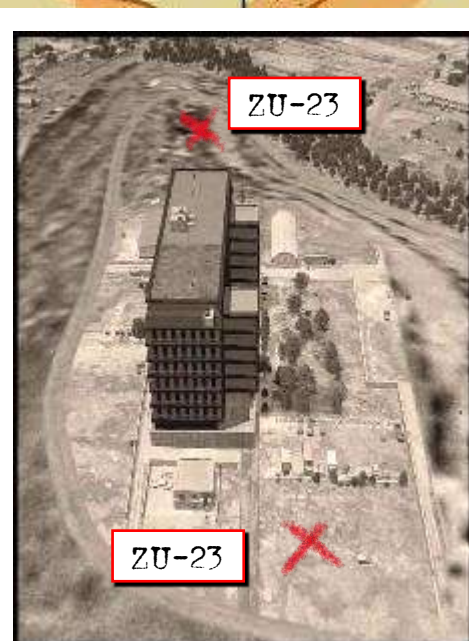
TAKOff in last position behind wingman (vampire 1) and Volna 1-3. At separation, follow Volna (wingman form in column with me).

wait for Assault signal - 3 x Grom



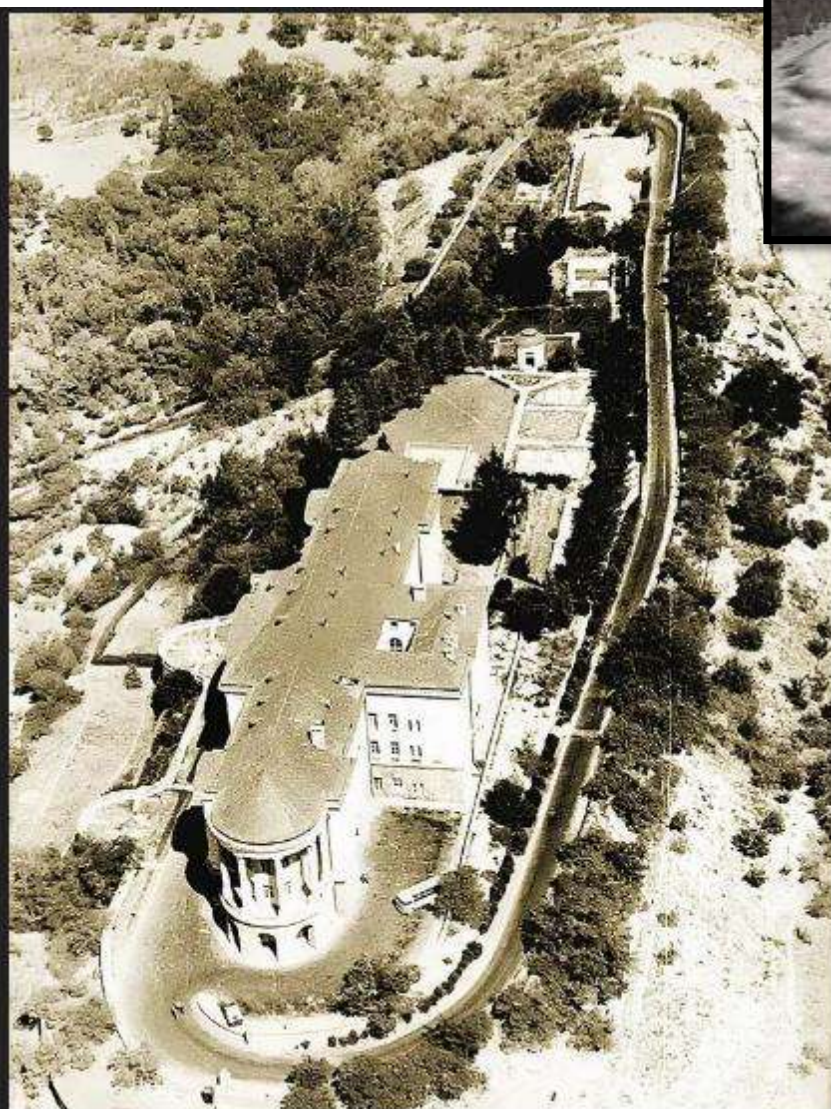


1. **Escort Volna flight to LZ** : Vampire 2 1st pos. - Volna Mi-8 - Player last pos.
2. **When Volna announce Approach LZ**, Wingman separate and rejoin Leader, column. Leader continue to follow Volna to the LZ.
3. **Hold position north of LZ during insertion.**
4. **On signal "Grom" (x3):** Execute low-altitude pass over palace (psychological suppression).
5. **Confirm AA/guard positions.**
6. **Engage and destroy AA assets.**
7. **Once perimeter secure:** Return to holding point (Spetsnaz assault phase).
8. **On confirmation "Object-777 eliminated":** RTB.





Tajbeg Palace 1979
True vs DCS



From: Headquarters of the 40th Army

To: 302nd Assault Aviation Division (302 OVE)

MISSION 5 - OPERATION 'STORM-333' N° 121-WTM-05/27.12.1979

Bagram Airfield, 27 DEC 1979 14:30

SITUATION:

- 345th VDV secured Kabul AB overnight via Il-76 deception.
- Tajbeg Palace guarded by 100x Afghan troops (loyal to Amin), possible ZU-23-2 AA positions.

MISSION OBJECTIVES:

1. PAIR "VAMPIRE" (Your flight - Mi-24 x2):
 - Escort 3x Mi-8 (Spetsnaz teams) to palace LZ
 - Destroy all resistance around the palace after clearance GROM
2. SUPPORT ELEMENTS:
 - Pair "GRUZ" (Mi-24 x2): Army HQ perimeter security

EXECUTION:

1. Escort Volna flight to LZ.
2. Hold position north of LZ during insertion.
3. On signal "Grom" (x3): Execute low-altitude pass over palace (psychological suppression).
4. Confirm AA/guard positions.
5. Engage and destroy AA assets.
6. Once perimeter secured: Return to holding point (Spetsnaz assault phase).
7. On confirmation "Object-777 eliminated": RTB.

THREATS: - Critical: ZU-23-2 AA - Moderate: RPG-7 teams in gardens -
Minimal: Small arms

POLITICAL CONSTRAINTS:

- No strikes before codeword 3x "GROM" (THUNDER)
- Avoid main palace structure (KGB needs documents intact)

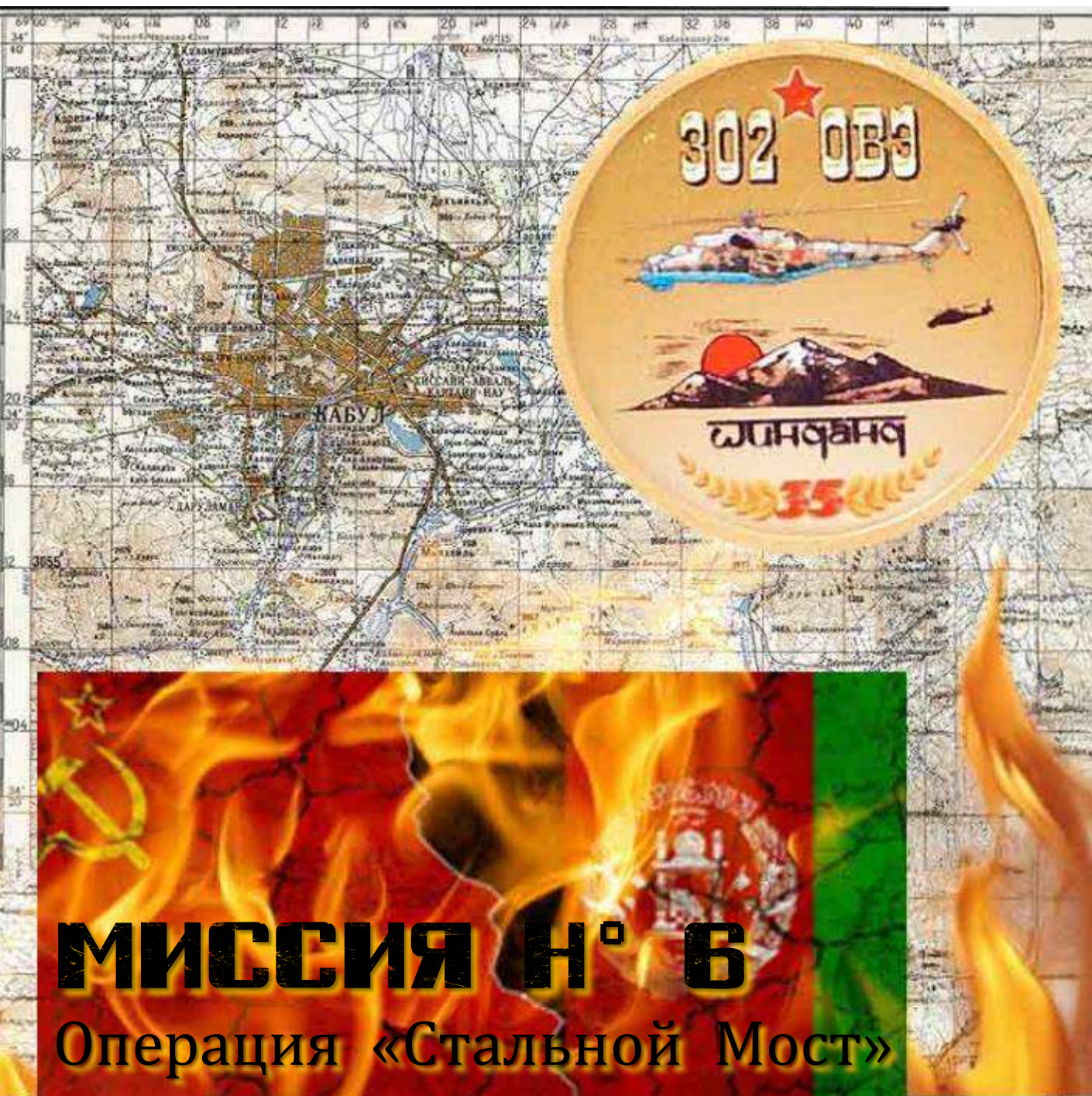
CODEWORDS:

- "SNOW" = Spetsnaz deployed
- "WOLF" = Spetsnaz in position ready for the assault
- "GROM" = (THUNDER) ! Launch Assault clearance (true)

WEATHER:

- Clear, -4°C, no moon (NVG compatible)

On behalf of Lieutenant-General Yuri Tukharinov
Commander of the 40th Army



МИССИЯ № 6

Операция «Стальной Мост»

MI-24 HIND CAMPAIGN



THE DAWN OF THE SOVIET-AFGHAN WAR

30 DECEMBER 1979

08:30 LT

6: OPERATION 'STALNOY MOST'

AD	ELEV	RWY	R-863	R-828	HF
DEP BAGRAM AB	1492	03/21	2/120.1	2/39.15	4.125
ARR BAGRAM AB	1492	03/21	2/120.1	2/39.15	4.125
ALT KABUL AB	1789	11/29	4/120.6	4/39.30	4.200

COM CH. (R-863/R-828):

UNIT	CHANNEL
EMERGENCY	0 / 0
FLIGHT	1 / 1
DEP AD	2 / 2
CENTER ZENIT	3 / -
ALT AD	4 / 4
GROUND FORCES	5 / -

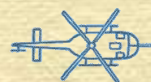
PACKAGE/OTHER:

A/C	TASK	CALLSIGN
2 x Mi-24	ESCORT	VAMPIRE
2 x Mi-26	TRANSP	ATLAS
2 x SU-17	CAS	UDAR

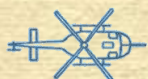
FLIGHT PLAN:

LEG	WPT	HDG	DIST	REMARK
DEP	BAGRAM AB			
1	OUTBOUND	196	5.6	
2	East Kabul AB	172	38.9	ROUTE VASSILI
3	INGRESS	108	14.8	CLIMB >2500 M
4	WPT4	73	14.8	
5	PASS	100	7.4	ALT 2200M
6	FOB SORUBI	39	9.2	
7	GRIGORI	344	11.1	MAX ALT 2000M
8-10	ROUTE GRIGORI		44.4	
11	BAGRAM AB	266	20.4	

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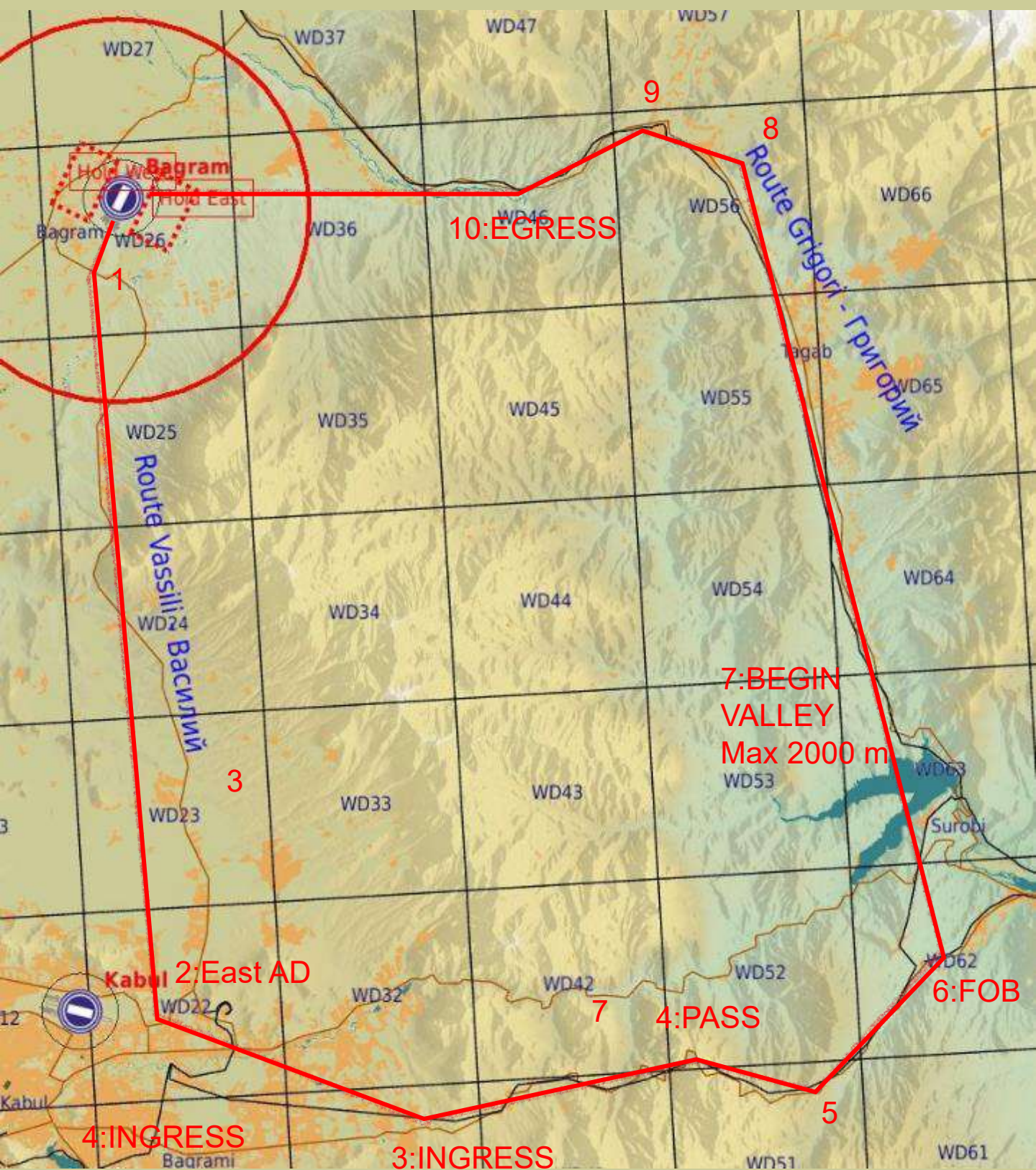
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ATLAS



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From: Headquarters of the 40th Army

To: 302nd Assault Aviation Division (302 OVE)

MISSION 6 - OPERATION 'STEEL BRIDGE' № 731-FOX-6H/30.12.1979

Bagram Airfield, 30 DEC 1979 5:30

SITUATION:

- Kabul fully secured (Radio/Tajbeg/Army HQ under Soviet control)
- Surobi FOB construction at 60% completion (Critical need: Heavy lift of engineering equipment and reco vehicle)

MISSION OBJECTIVES:

1. PAIR "VAMPIRE" (Your flight - Mi-24D x2):

- Escort 2x Mi-6 ("ATLAS-1/2") transporting:
 - 1x BRD-M (ATLAS-1)
 - engineering equipment (ATLAS-2)
- Route: Kabul → Surobi FOB (72km east)
- Threat Avoidance: Minimum 2,500m altitude over hostile zones

2. RTB via Tagab Valley : Reco (Max alt. 2000m)

2. SUPPORT ELEMENTS:

- Pair "UDAR" (Su-17): On-call CAS
- Kabul ATC: Full airspace control during cargo loading

EXECUTION PHASES:

- Phase 1: VAMPIRE departs Bagram → Rendezvous with ATLAS at Kabul AB
- Phase 2: High-altitude escort (2,500m) through hostile valleys
- Phase 3: Back to Bagram via Route Vassili. Reco. Keep weapons cold.

THREAT ASSESSMENT:

- Likely: DShK positions near Mahipar Pass, RPG teams along Kabul River bends
- Minimal: Small arms (ineffective -1,800m)

SPECIAL RULES:

- Weapons Tight: No engagement unless directly targeted
- Altitude Discipline: No descent below 2,000m east of Kabul City.

WEATHER:

- Clear skies, -2°C, light wind from NW (crosswinds at Surobi)

On behalf of Lieutenant-General Yuri Tukharinov
Commander of the 40th Army



МИССИЯ № 7

Операция «Карающий Меч»

MI-24 HIND CAMPAIGN



THE DAWN OF THE SOVIET-AFGHAN WAR

1 JANUARY 1980

06:30 LT

7: OPERATION 'Karyashchiy Mech'

AD	ELEV	RWY	R-863	R-828	HF
DEP BAGRAM AB	1492	03/21	2/120.1	2/39.15	4.125
ARR KABUL AB	1789	11/29	4/120.6	4/2/39.30	4.125
FOB SORUBI	1213	-	6/236.0	6/28.15	4.150

COM CH. (R-863/R-828):

PACKAGE/OTHER:

UNIT	CHANNEL	A/C	TASK	CALLSIGN
EMERGENCY	0 / 0	2 x Mi-24	ESCORT	VAMPIRE
FLIGHT	1 / 1	2 x Mi-26	TRANSP	ATLAS
DEP AD	2 / 2	2 x SU-17	CAS	UDAR
CENTER ZENIT	3 / -			
ALT AD KABUL AB	4 / 4			
GROUND FORCES	5 / -			

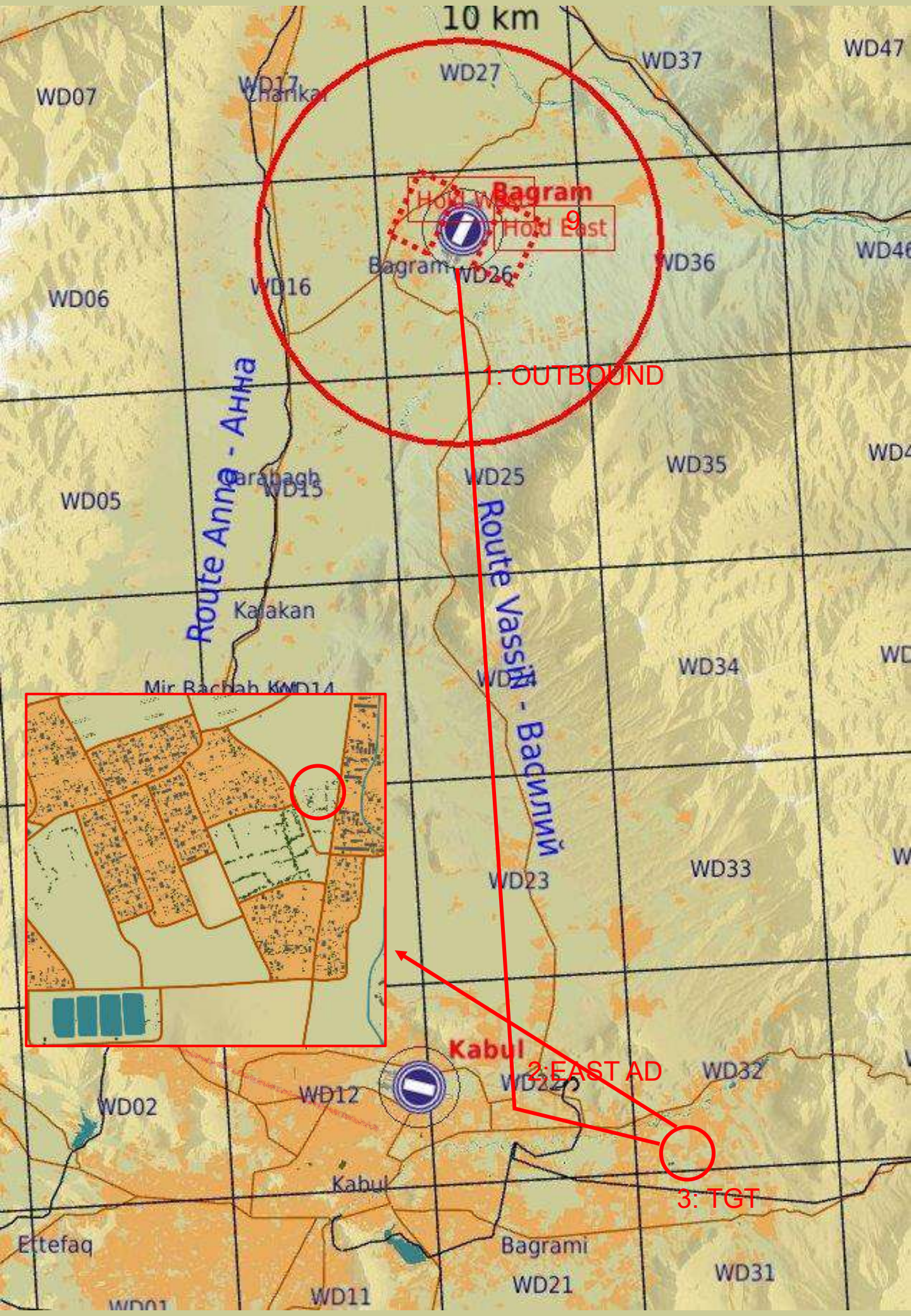
FLIGHT PLAN:

LEG	WPT	HDG	DIST	REMARK
DEP	BAGRAM AB			
1	OUTBOUND	196	5.6	
2	East Kabul AB	172	38.9	ROUTE VASSILI
3	TGT	100	9.2	
4	BAGRAM AB	343	46.3	

NOTES:

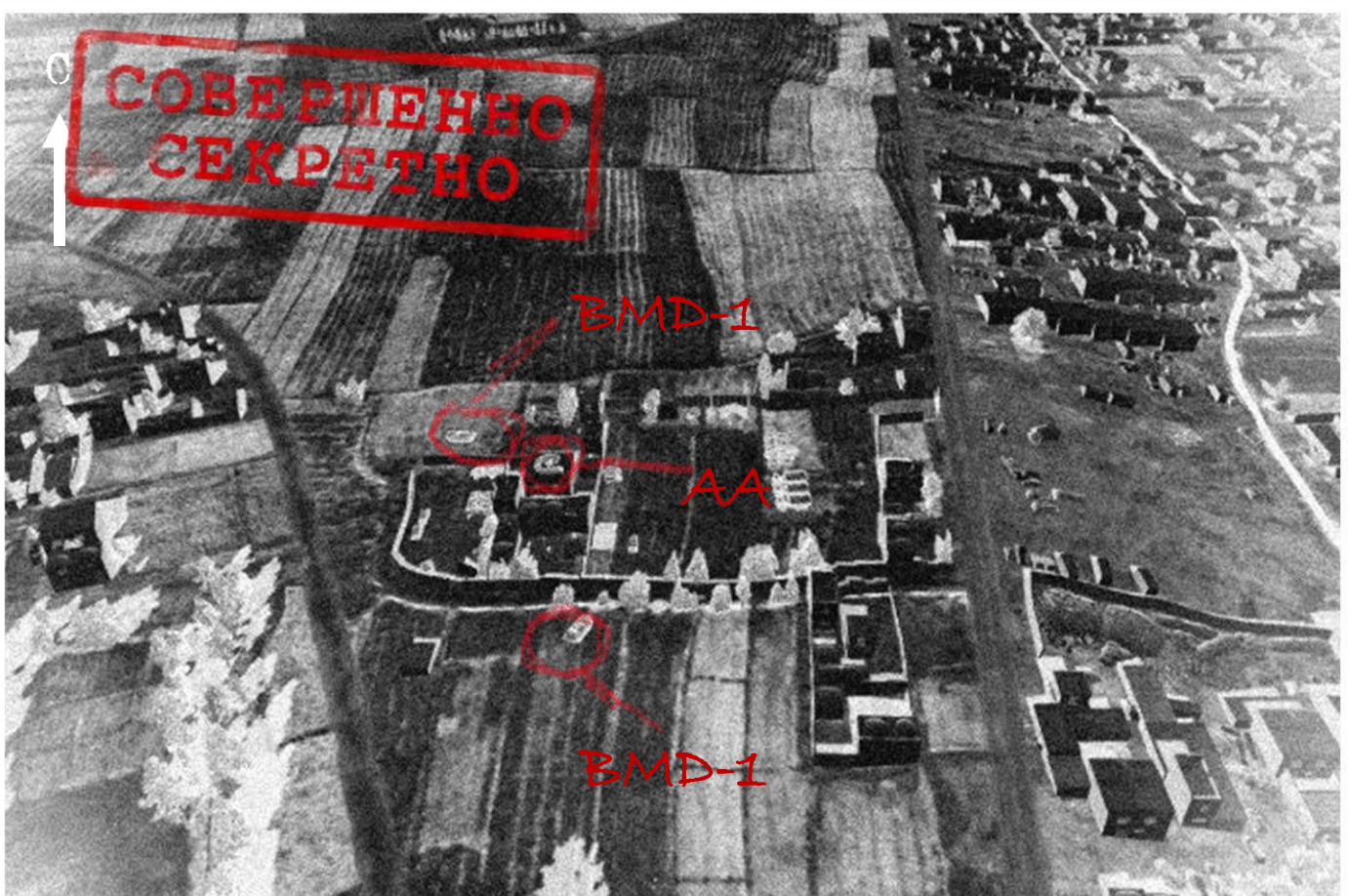
Ground forces: Vydra-3

Priority targets: AA and armored vehicles





12:00 PM OVERHEAD



04:00 AM - FROM SOUTH

From: Headquarters of the 40th Army

To: 302nd Assault Aviation Division (302 OVE)

MISSION 7 - OPERATION 'PUNISHING SWORD' № 731-БЦУ-31-01.01.1980

Bagram Airfield, 1 JAN 1980 4:30

SITUATION:

- Pro-Amin holdouts occupy Police HQ in eastern Kabul
- 40th Army mechanized units approaching from west

MISSION OBJECTIVES:

1. PAIR "VAMPIRE" (Your Mi-24 x2):

- Primary : Eliminate any DSHK / AA threat
- ROE: Weapons free - Structure cleared of civilians
- Secondary: CAS during Ground assault

2. SUPPORT ELEMENTS:

- VYDRA-3 (Spetsnaz) approached the HQ during the night

THREATS:

- Confirmed:
 - 1x ZU-23 AA guns on roof (14.5mm)
 - 2+ Technicals /BMP and or BMD
- Intel Gap: Underground tunnels may exist

EXECUTION:

- 07:05 - Takeoff from Bagram
- 07:30 - Contact with VYDRA-3 (assault coordination)
- 07:40 - Strike window opens (first light)
- CAS during VYDRA-3 assault

COMMS:

- Codewords:
 - "RASPUTIN" = HVT not present
 - "ICEBOX" = Abort mission

WEATHER:

- Scattered clouds, -12°C, wind 190 at 5 m/s.

On behalf of Lieutenant-General Yuri Tukharinov
Commander of the 40th Army

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МИССИЯ № 8

Операция «Железный Кулак»

MI-24 HIND CAMPAIGN



THE DAWN OF THE SOVIET-AFGHAN WAR

2 JANUARY 1980

08:00 LT

8: OPERATION 'ZHELEZNI KULAK'

AD	ELEV	RWY	R-863	R-828	HF
DEP KABUL AB	1789	11/29	4/120.6	4/39.30	4.125
ARR KABUL AB	1789	11/29	4/120.6	4/39.30	4.125
FOB SORUBI	1213	-	6/236.0	6/28.15	4.150

COM CH. (R-863/R-828):

PACKAGE/OTHER:

UNIT	CHANNEL
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A/C	TASK	CALLSIGN
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EMERGENCY 0 / 0

2 x Mi-24 CAS VOLK

FLIGHT 1 / 1

ALT AD (BAGRAM) 2 / 2

CENTER ZENIT 3 / -

KABUL AB 4 / 4

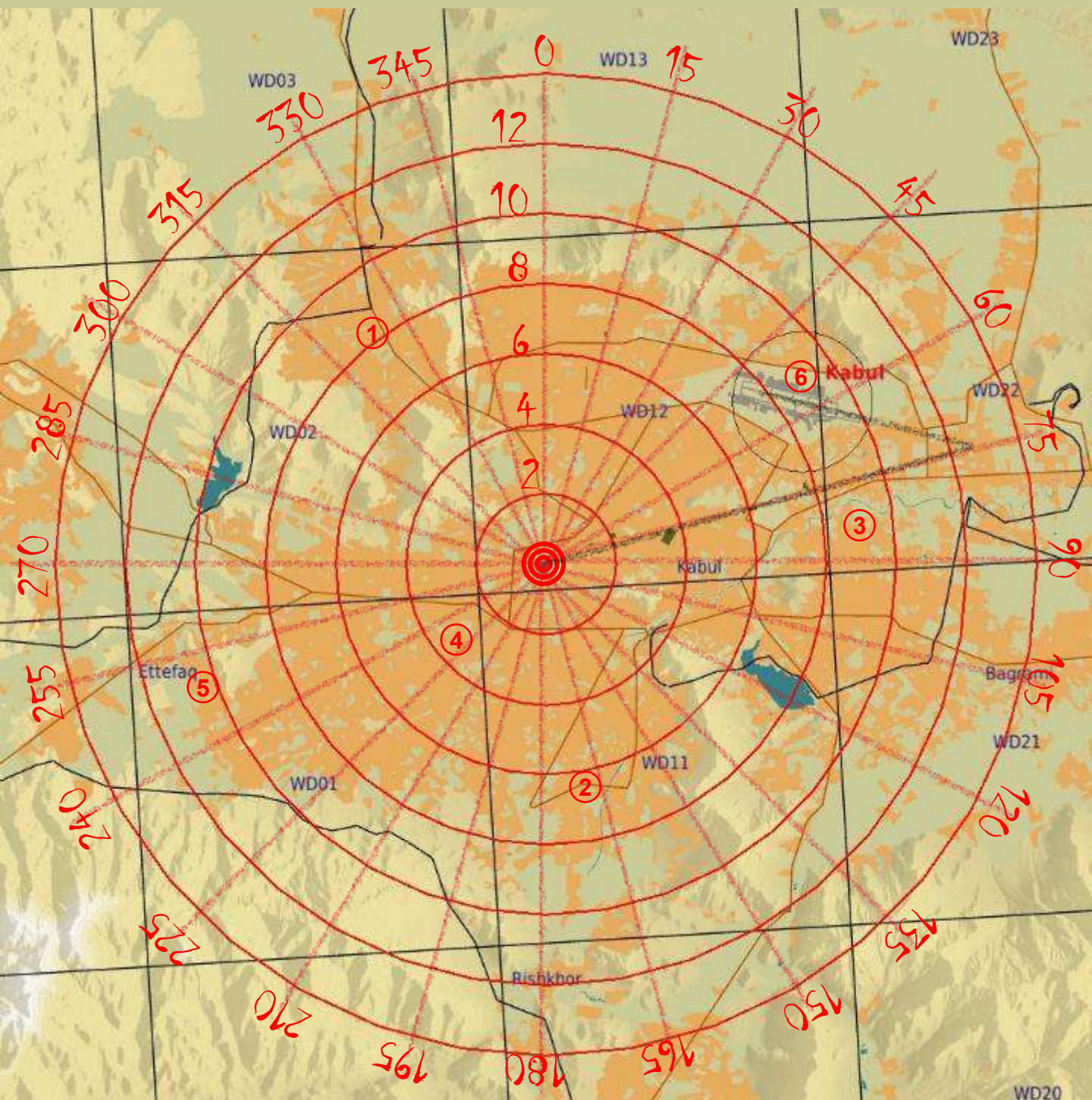
GROUND FORCES 5 / - (CALLSIGN : SHTORM - HQ: SHTORM-6)

FLIGHT PLAN:

LEG	WPT	HDG	DIST	REMARK
DEP	KABUL AB			
1	OUTBOUND	104	7.4	
2	BULLSEYE ZOYA	254	13.0	ORBIT ABOVE 2400M

NOTES:

STAY ABOVE 2400 M OVER BULLSEYE (LIGHT GUN
AVOIDANCE)



Bullseye
Zoya - Зоя



Storm Co's Position – HQ : SHTORM 6
Позиция штурмовых рот – КР : ШТОРМ 6

From: Headquarters of the 40th Army

To: 302nd Assault Aviation Division (302 OVE)

MISSION 8 - OPERATION 'IRON FIST' № 421-БЦЧ-58/03.01.1980

Kabul Airbase, 2 JAN 1980 7:30

SITUATION:

- Soviet forces control Kabul International Airport and key sectors of the city.
- Mujahideen insurgents are entrenched in western and southern districts, conducting ambushes and harassing our troops.
- Spetsnaz unit "Shtorm-6" is pinned down near different insurgent spots and requests immediate CAS.

MISSION:

- Volk Flight (Mi-24P x2) will conduct a close air support (CAS) mission in support of Shtorm-6.
- Primary targets: Enemy strongpoints and technicals near the palace.
- Secondary targets: Any identified mortar/AA positions.

EXECUTION:

- Volk 1 (Lead) and Volk 2 (Wingman) will depart Kabul Airport at 0830.
- Route: Direct to WPT3 / RDV with Shtorm-6
- Shtorm-6 will mark targets with red smoke when able.
- RTB when Winchester or at Shtorm-6's discretion.

WEATHER:

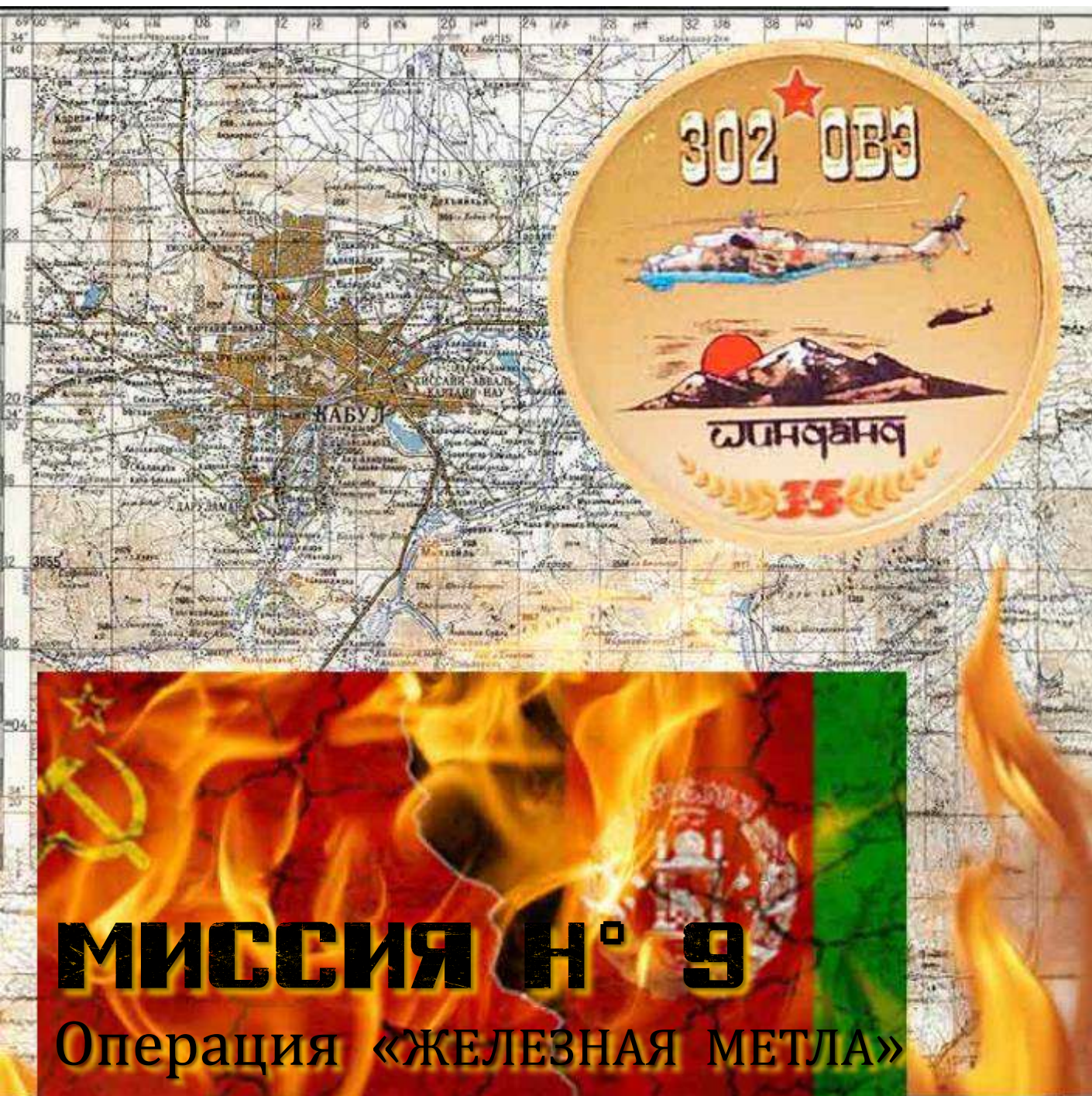
Clear, light snow, wind 5 kts NE.

THREATS:

- Very likely Light AAA (ZU-23-2 suspected).
- Confirmed RPG in urban areas.
- Not seen yet : Stinger

On behalf of Lieutenant-General Yuri Tukharinov
Commander of the 40th Army

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MI-24 HIND CAMPAIGN



THE DAWN OF THE SOVIET-AFGHAN WAR

2 JANUARY 1980

15:30 LT

9: OPERATION 'ZHELEZNAYA METLA'

AD	ELEV	RWY	R-863	R-828	HF
DEP KABUL AB	1789	11/29	4/120.6	4/39.30	4.125
ARR KABUL AB	1789	11/29	4/120.6	4/39.30	4.125
FOB SORUBI	1213	-	6/236.0	6/28.15	4.150

COM CH. (R-863/R-828):

PACKAGE/OTHER:

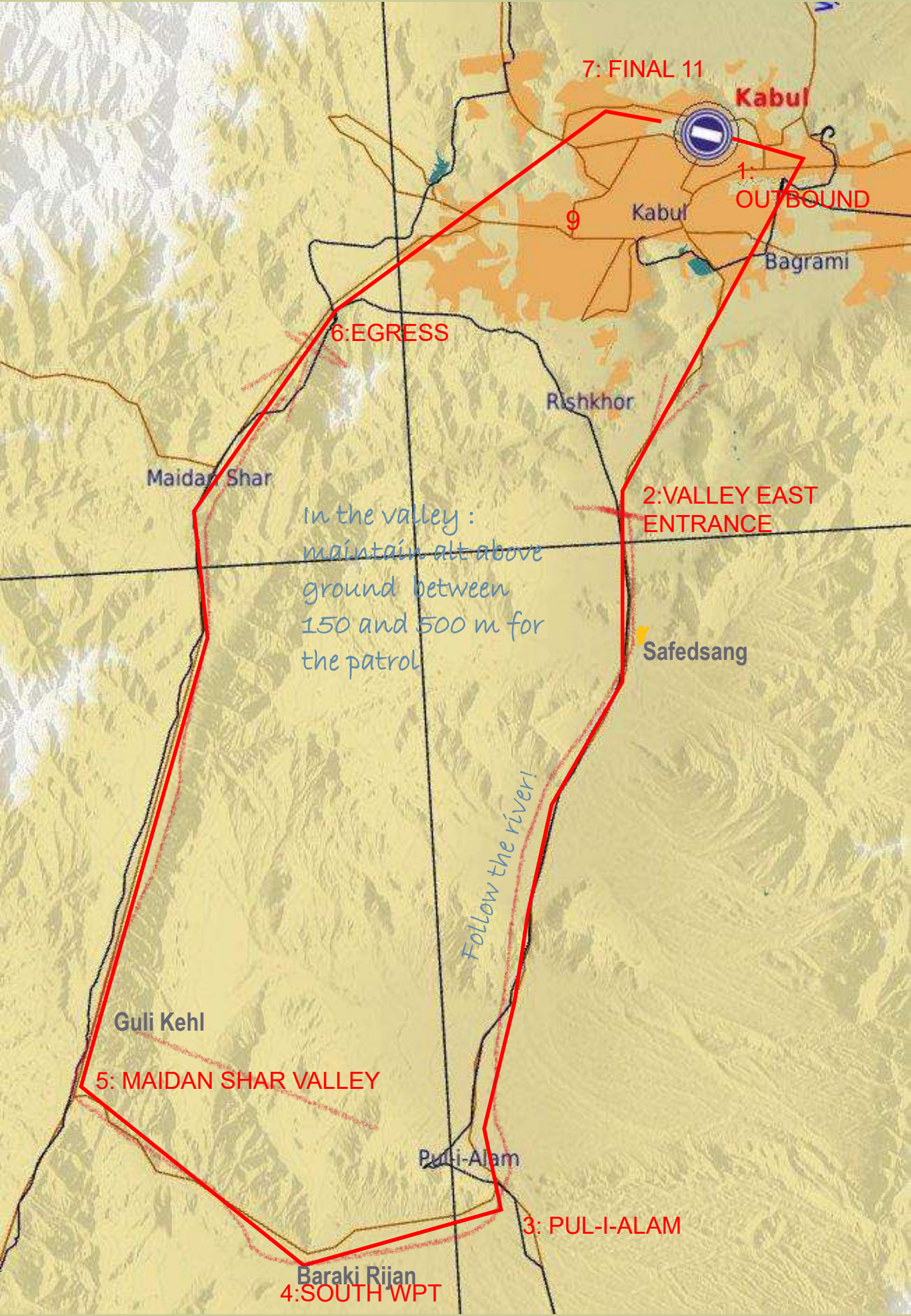
UNIT	CHANNEL	A/C	TASK	CALLSIGN
EMERGENCY	0 / 0	4 x Mi-24	STRIKE	VOLK
FLIGHT	1 / 1			
ALT AD (BAGRAM)	2 / 2			
CENTER ZENIT	3 / -			
KABUL AB	4 / 4			
GROUND FORCES	5 / -			

FLIGHT PLAN:

LEG	WPT	HDG	DIST	REMARK
DEP	KABUL AB			
1	OUTBOUND	104	7.4	
2	LOGAR VALLEY	205	24.0	150-500M
3	PUL-I-ALAM	187	44.4	
4	SOUTH WPT	250	13.0	
5	MAIDANSHAR V	304	16.7	
6	EGRESS	15	51.9	
7	FINAL 11	51	20.4	
8	KABUL AB	100	7.4	

NOTES:

In the valley : maintain alt above ground between 150 and 500 m for the patrol



From: Headquarters of the 40th Army

To: 302nd Assault Aviation Division (302 OVE)

MISSION 9 - OPERATION 'IRON BROOM' № 731-БЦЧ-63/01.01.1980

Kabul Airbase, 2 JAN 1980 15:30

SITUATION:

- Logar Valley remains Muj stronghold after Kabul capture.
- Local warlord Gulbuddin reported receiving Stinger (unconfirmed).
- 40th Army convoy ambushed near Pul-i-Alam yesterday.
- 108th Motor Rifle Division assault failed. Bn withdrawn SW of Safedsang.

MISSION OBJECTIVES :

Group Volk (x 4) tasked with clearing valley of rebel presence.

FORCES:

- VOLK Flight (Mi-24D x4):
 - Route: East Valley → Pul-i-Alam → West Valley
 - Loadout: 8x AT-6 Storm + S-24 rockets

THREATS:

- Confirmed: DShK nests, RPG teams
- Unlikely: SAMs (no recent CIA drops)
- Possible: Stinger (maintain ~1500m near ridges)

RULES OF ENGAGEMENT:

- WEAPONS FREE on:
 - Armed personnel
 - Technicals
 - Cave entrances
- RESTRICTED:
 - No mosque strikes (per Politburo Order nr.781)
 - Farms only if taking fire

COMMS:

- Codeword: "КУЗНЕЧИК" (Koosnetchik/Grasshopper) if Stinger detected

On behalf of Lieutenant-General Yuri Tukharinov
Commander of the 40th Army

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МИССИЯ № 10

Операция «Перевал-12»

MI-24 HIND CAMPAIGN



THE DAWN OF THE SOVIET-AFGHAN WAR

3 JANUARY 1980

9:00 LT

10: OPERATION 'PEREVAL-12'

AD	ELEV	RWY	R-863	R-828	HF
DEP KABUL AB	1789	11/29	4/120.6	4/39.30	4.125
ARR KABUL AB	1789	11/29	4/120.6	4/39.30	4.125
FOB SORUBI	1213	-	6/236.0	6/28.15	4.150

COM CH. (R-863/R-828):

UNIT	CHANNEL
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EMERGENCY	0 / 0
FLIGHT	1 / 1
ALT AD (BAGRAM)	2 / 2
CENTER ZENIT	3 / -
KABUL AB	4 / 4
GROUND FORCES	5 / -
FOB SORUBI	6 / 6

PACKAGE/OTHER:

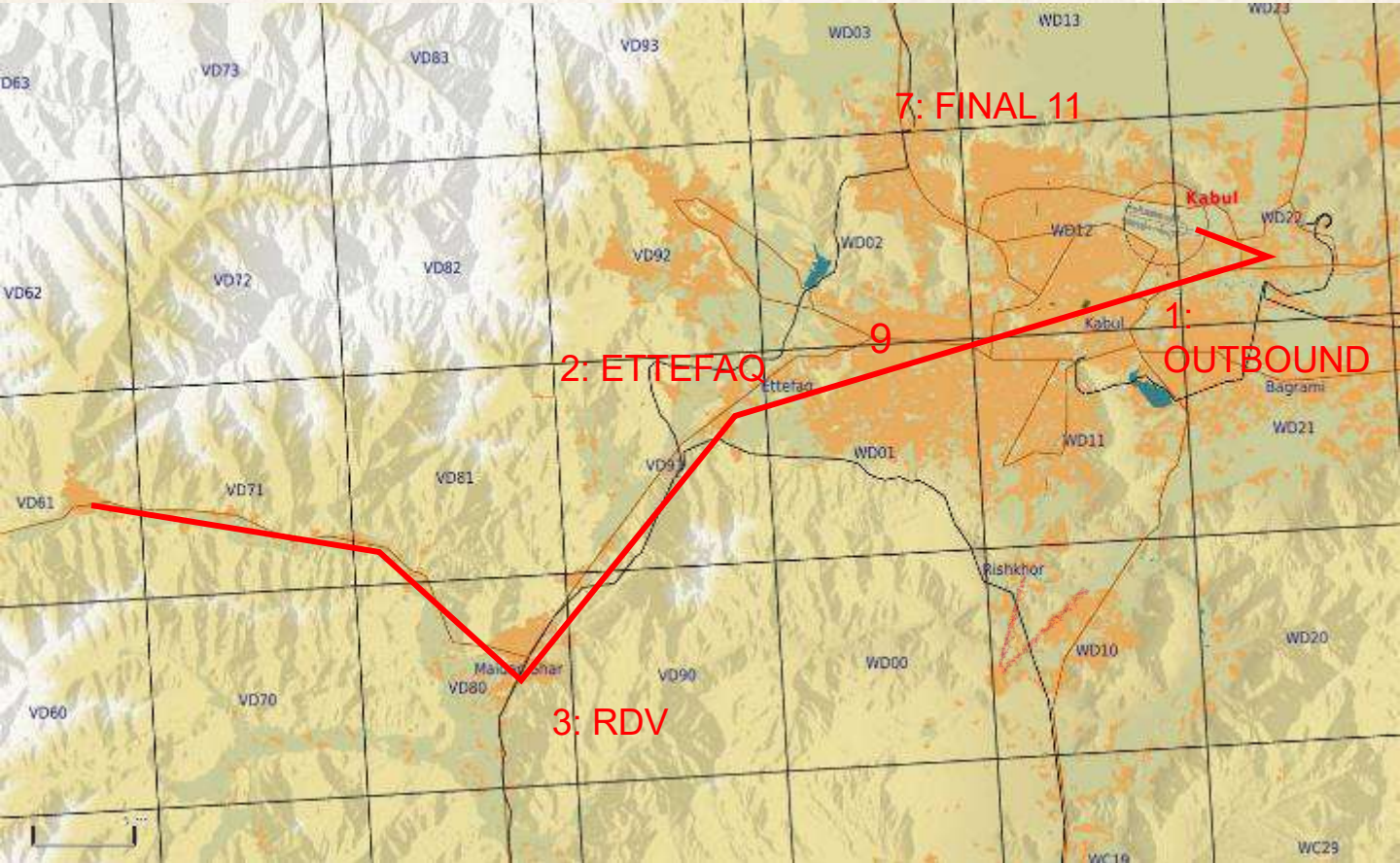
A/C	TASK	CALLSIGN
2 x Mi-24	ESCORT	VOLK

FLIGHT PLAN:

LEG	WPT	HDG	DIST	REMARK
DEP	KABUL AB			
1	OUTBOUND	104	7.4	
2	ETTEFAC	254	24.2	
3	PASS	219	16.4	RENDEZ-VOUS WITH KAMAZ-12
4	VALLEY WPT 1	305	9.5	
5	VALLEY WPT 2	277	13.0	

NOTES:

In the valley : maintain alt above ground between 150 and 500 m for the patrol



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ground between
150 and 500 m for
the patrol

From: Headquarters of the 40th Army
To: 302nd Assault Aviation Division (302 OVE)
MISSION 10 - OPERATION 'PASS-12' - ' № 550-зцц-31/02.01.1980
Western Corridor Offensive
Kabul Airbase, 3 JAN 1980 9:30

SITUATION

West: Soviet forces advancing toward Herat (urban assault prep underway).
East: Kabul fully secured.
South: Mujahideen resistance crushed in Safid Sang after brutal counterattacks.
New Priority: Secure Kabul-Herat highway to enable armored convoys.

MISSION OBJECTIVE

Escort convoy KAMAZ-12 (8x Ural trucks + 2x BTR-70) from Maydan Shar to Herat FOB (120km).
Primary Threat: Ambushes in Zarghun Gorge.

FORCES:

- VOLK Flight (Mi-24 x2):
- Loadout: 4x AT-6 Storm + S-24 rockets

THREATS (Confirmed Intel)

Anti-Aircraft: 2x ZPU-4 nests near Qala-e-Naw.
MANPADS teams reported in Chishti Sharif ruins.
Ground Forces: Mujahideen technicals (DShK-mounted trucks) operating near Obek.
IED warnings: Highway shoulders mined between Maydan Shar and Zarghun.

EXECUTION

DEPARTURE (09:40)
Rendez vous with KAMAZ-12 at Maydan Shar (10:00).

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

ROE : Weapons free on all hostile elements (exception: urban areas).
STRICT ROE: No cannon fire within 500m of villages (political restriction).

WEATHER

Morning fog until 08:30 (visibility 3km). Clear by 09:00, moderate nw wind.

On behalf of Lieutenant-General Yuri Tukharinov
Commander of the 40th Army

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МИССИЯ № 11

Операция «ПОИСК ПРИЗРАКОВ»

MI-24 HIND CAMPAIGN



THE DAWN OF THE SOVIET-AFGHAN WAR

4 JANUARY 1980

15:00 LT

11: OPERATION 'GHOST HUNTING'

AD	ELEV	RWY	R-863	R-828	HF
DEP FOB SORUBI	1213	11/29	6/236.0	6/28.15	4.150
ARR FOB SORUBI	1213	11/29	4/120.6	4/39.30	4.125
KABUL AB	1789	11/29	4/120.6	4/39.30	4.125

COM CH. (R-863/R-828):

PACKAGE/OTHER:

UNIT	CHANNEL
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A/C	TASK	CALLSIGN
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EMERGENCY	0 / 0
FLIGHT	1 / 1
ALT AD (BAGRAM)	2 / 2
CENTER ZENIT	3 / -
KABUL AB	4 / 4
GROUND FORCES	5 / -
FOB SORUBI	6 / 6

2 x Mi-24 SEARCH VOLK

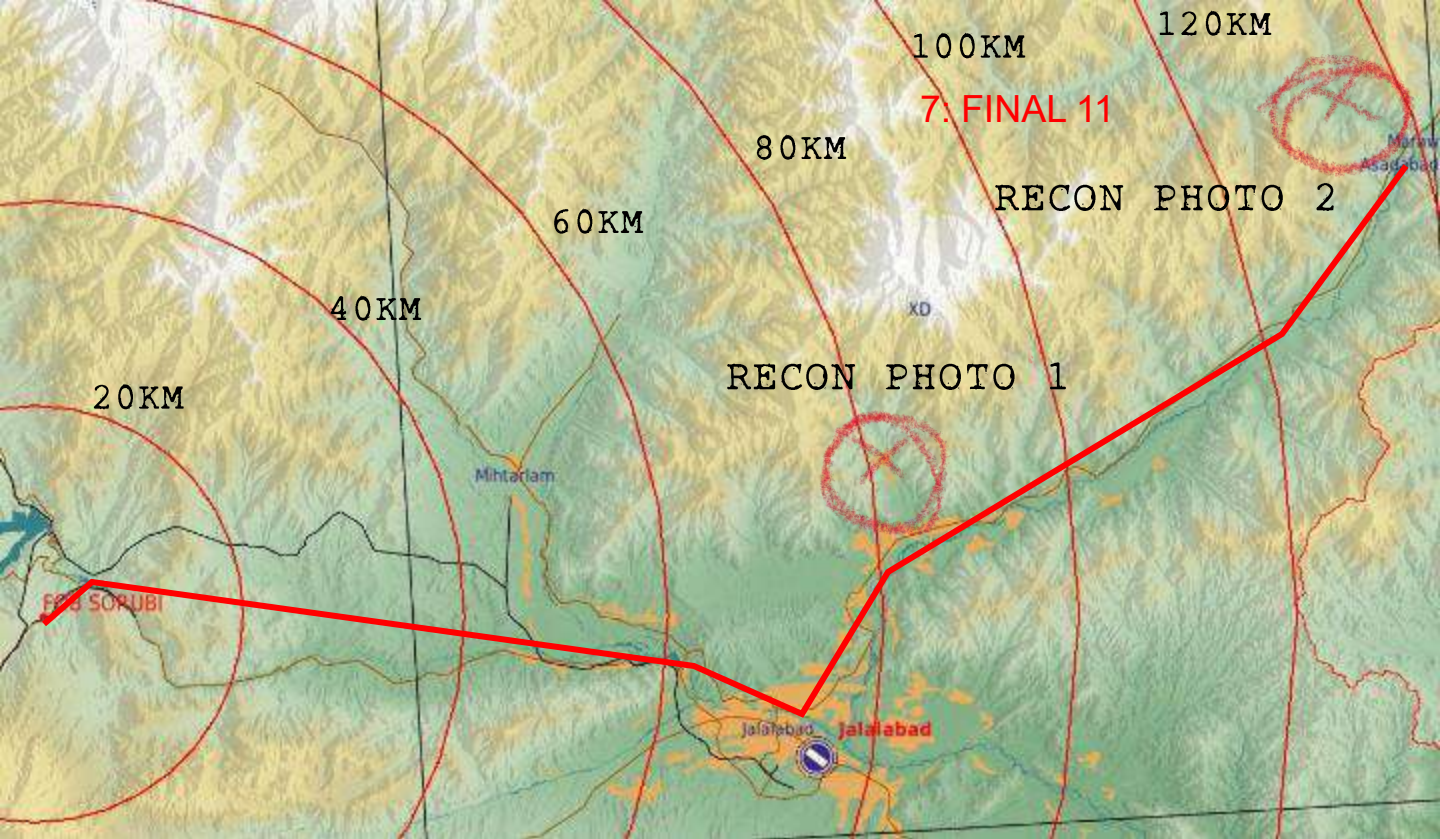
FLIGHT PLAN:

LEG	WPT	HDG	DIST	REMARK
DEP	SORUBI			
1	KUNAR VALLEY	86	83.0	
2	TOWARD AMLAH	44	3.6	
3	AMLAH	336	9.6	SPOT-1 TO CHECK
4	VALLEY	157	11.0	
5	ASADABAD	53	58.0	
6	VALLEY	328	13.0	SPOT-2 TO CHECK

NOTES:

1st Mi-8 found: Volk 2 land and drop the first crew. 1 secure.

2nd Mi-8: 1 land, Volk 2 secure.





RECON PHOTO 1



RECON PHOTO 2

From: Headquarters of the 40th Army

To: 302nd Assault Aviation Division (302 OVE)

MISSION 11 : OPERATION 'GHOST HUNT' - № 322-зщщ-55/04.01.1980

Kabul Airbase, 4 JAN 1980 9:30

SITUATION

- Enemy: Remnants of Afghan Army/Mujahideen sympathizers. Two Afghan Mi-8 helicopters (callsigns "Scorpion-1/2") escaped during the Jalalabad Airport assault (2 JAN). Last tracked heading east toward Kunar Valley before radar contact lost.
- Terrain: Mountainous, limited LZ options. Possible hostile villages in Kunar.
- Friendly Forces:
 - Jalalabad Garrison (108th MRD) reports no Muj massing in the area.
 - Soviet 40th Army controls Jalalabad airfield (secured by 56th Air Assault Brigade on 03 JAN).

MISSION

VOLK Flight (2x Mi-24P) will locate and recover the two missing Afghan Mi-8s in Kunar Valley.

Su-17M3 reconnaissance confirms 2x high-activity zones (see Recon Annex).

EXECUTION

Search Grid (Kunar Valley - Priority to the 2 spots see Recon Annex)

- Neutralize enemy forces guarding the helicopters.
- Insert recovery teams (Mi-8 crews).
- Escort recovered assets to Jalalabad.
- RTB via high-altitude route (avoid canyon ambushes).

ROE : Weapons free :

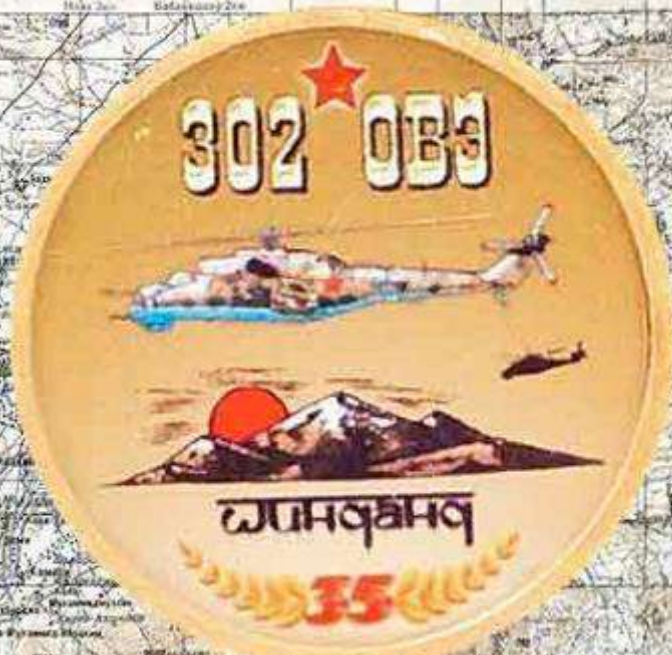
- if Mi-8s are armed or hostile intent confirmed.
- on any resistance.

SUPPORT : ARTY on standby: BM-21 Grad batteries pre-sighted near both suspect zones (5 min response). Callsign GRAD-2.

COMMS Abort Code: "RED MOON" (immediate RTB if compromised).

On behalf of Lieutenant-General Yuri Tukharinov
Commander of the 40th Army

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МИССИЯ № 12

Операция «Зимний Шторм»

Mi-24 Hind Campaign



THE DAWN OF THE SOVIET-AFGHAN WAR

5 JANUARY 1980

08:40 LT

12: OPERATION 'WINTER STORM'

AD	ELEV	RWY	R-863	R-828	HF
DEP FOB SORUBI	1213	11/29	6/236.0	6/28.15	4.150
ARR BAGRAM AB	1492	03/21	2/120.1	2/39.15	4.125
KABUL AB	1789	11/29	4/120.6	4/39.30	4.125

COM CH. (R-863/R-828):

UNIT	CHANNEL
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EMERGENCY	0 / 0
FLIGHT	1 / 1
BAGRAM AB	2 / 2
CENTER ZENIT	3 / -
KABUL AB	4 / 4
GROUND FORCES	5 / -
FOB SORUBI	6 / 6

PACKAGE/OTHER:

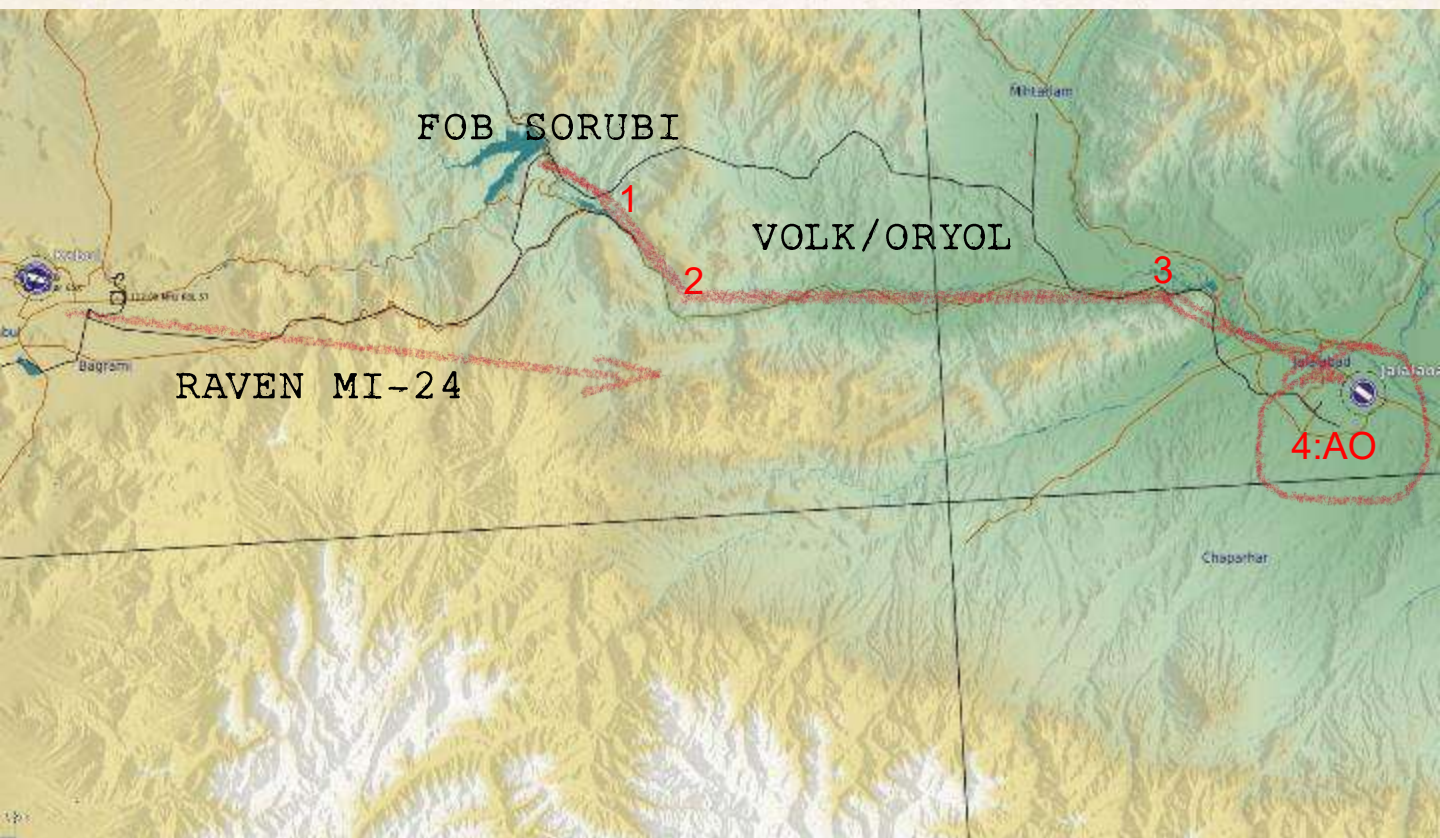
A/C	TASK	CALLSIGN
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2 x Mi-24 CAS		VOLK
2 x Mi-24 CAS		ORYOL
2 x Mi-24 CAS		RAVEN*
*RAVEN DEPART FROM KABUL		

FLIGHT PLAN:

LEG	WPT	HDG	DIST	REMARK
DEP	FOB SORUBI			
1	OUTBOUND	114	9.3	
2	WPT 2	132	13.0	
3	RV MALATOK	85	46.3	RENDEZ-VOUS MALATOK
4	JALALABAD AD	120	18.5	

NOTES:



From: Headquarters of the 40th Army

To: 302nd Assault Aviation Division (302 OVE) - Sorubi Detachment.

MISSION 12 : OPERATION 'WINTER STORM' - № 978-ЛДБ-2/05.01.1980

Kabul Airbase, 5 JAN 1980 6:30

SITUATION:

- Soviet forces secured Jalalabad Airbase after 24 hours of heavy fighting.
- Kabul Front: 357th and 360th MRDs pushing south toward Kandahar against mujahideen resistance.
- Western Front: 201st MRD still encountering heavy resistance in Herat sector.

MISSION PRIORITY TARGETS (JALALABAD URBAN ZONE):

- 1) Police HQ - Last organized resistance stronghold
- 2) Eastern Army Command Center ("Object 74") - Former 11th Inf Division HQ
- 3) Radio Freedom Complex - Enemy propaganda broadcast station

AIR COMPONENT:

- Volk Flight (2x Mi-24) - CAS/BAI (Western Jalalabad)
- Oryol Flight (2x Mi-24) - CAS/BAI (Eastern Jalalabad)

GROUND COMPONENT:

- 40th Army - 108th MRD (Main assault force)
- Spetsnaz Detachment "Kaskad" (Marking targets)

EXECUTION: RV with Hammer (Forward Air Controller) before entering AO.
On RTB clearance, return to Bagram AB.

ROE: Weapons free on all military-aged males in combat zones

WEATHER WARNING:

- Heavy snowfall (Visibility -3km)
- -15°C with icing conditions above 1,500m
- Expect crosswinds from Hindu Kush mountains (15-20kt gusts)

SPECIAL NOTES:

- Volk 2 remains combat ineffective at Jalalabad Airbase (Left motor must be replaced)
- New replacement Mi-24 arrived at Sorubi FOB
- Intel reports possible Stinger teams in operational area (Unconfirmed)

On behalf of Lieutenant-General Yuri Tukharinov
Commander of the 40th Army

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