

MEMORANDUM

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To Temporary Committee on the Transportation and Illegal Detention of Prisoners of the European Parliament

From Stephen H. Oleskey

Re **Rendition Of Six Bosnian Citizens and Former Residents to Guantanamo Bay**

This memorandum summarizes the official information we have received from the United States Government in response to a lawsuit under the U.S. Freedom of Information Act regarding the transportation of the six Bosnian citizens and former residents from the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Copies of the relevant documents accompany this memorandum

Summary of Documents Obtained From U.S. Government

1. The U.S. military dedicated at least two aircraft to transport the six Bosnians from the U.S. base at Tuzla (Bosnia and Herzegovina) to the U.S. Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay (Cuba). The “primary” C-130 aircraft is identified by number UJM166301019; the “back up” as number UQU09Z10L019.

- “Primary C-130 transporting the detainees is Msn # UJM166301019. Departs [redacted]. Back up C-130 is UQU09Z10L019 [redacted].”

“Centcom Update for Friday, 18 Jan 02,” OLE 3531-3532

2. At least one of the aircraft originated at the U.S. Base at Ramstein, Germany, before departing for Tuzla.

- “Back up C-130 is UQU09Z10L019 [redacted]. Will not return to Ramstein until primary C-130 is in the air enroute to Incirlik with detainees.”

“Centcom Update for Friday, 18 Jan 02,” OLE 3532 (emphasis added)

- “Detainee mission scheduled to depart for Tuzla at 190930Z. Total detainees transported to date: 110.”¹

Situation Report 130 of the U.S. Commander-In-Chief, Europe (USCINCEUR), 19 January 2002, OLE 3546 (emphasis added)

¹ We understand “190930Z” to refer to 09:30 Greenwich Mean Time on 19 January 2002.

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3. During the rendition, the Bosnian citizens and former residents were shackled, their eyes were covered by opaque goggles, and their hands were covered by mittens. These are the same measures used for other renditions to Guantanamo Bay.

- “Same security procedures (i.e. shackled, mittens on hands and goggled).”
“Centcom Update for Friday, 18 Jan 02,” OLE 3532

4. The Bosnian citizens and former residents were transported via the U.S. Air Force Base at Incirlik, Turkey.

- “[Back up C-130 aircraft] Will not return to Ramstein until primary C-130 is in the air enroute to Incirlik w/detainees.”
“Centcom Update for Friday, 18 Jan 02,” OLE 3532 (emphasis added)
- “[P]lan to pick-up 6 Algerians in Incirlik moved by EUCOM assets.”
“Future Detainee Mission Flow” and attached spreadsheet entitled “Gitmo Incirlik Mission Flow,” OLE 3517-3519

5. The Incirlik base in Turkey was a hub for the transportation of prisoners to Guantanamo.

- “Follow-on missions depart Incirlik: 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 29, 30, 31 Jan, 1 Feb”
“SOUTHCOM Current Operations,” OLE 3530

6. The six Bosnian citizens and former residents were then flown to Guantanamo, along with 28 other prisoners who had originated in Qandahar, Afghanistan. The aircraft arrived at Guantanamo at or around 19:30 GMT on 20 January 2002.

- “5th Mission: - En route to Guantanamo, ETA 201930Z
- 34 total detainees
- 28 from Qandahar
- 6 Algerians [redacted]”
“SOUTHCOM Current Operations,” OLE 3555

7. The U.S. Government took over 30 hours to transport the six Bosnian citizens and former residents from Tuzla to Guantanamo.

- The six Bosnians *left* Incirlik at 12:00 GMT on 19 January 2002, meaning that they had been picked up in Tuzla sometime before then.
“SOUTHCOM Current Operations,” OLE 3530
- The six Bosnians did not arrive at Guantanamo until 19:30 GMT the next day, 20 January 2002.
“SOUTHCOM Current Operations,” OLE 3555

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Analysis

U.S. aircraft made use of airports located in Germany (an EU Member State), Turkey (an EU candidate country), and Bosnia and Herzegovina (a potential EU candidate country), and of those countries' airspace, in order to carry out the mission of abducting and rendering citizens and former residents of Bosnia and Herzegovina to Guantanamo Bay, where they remain indefinitely detained without charge.

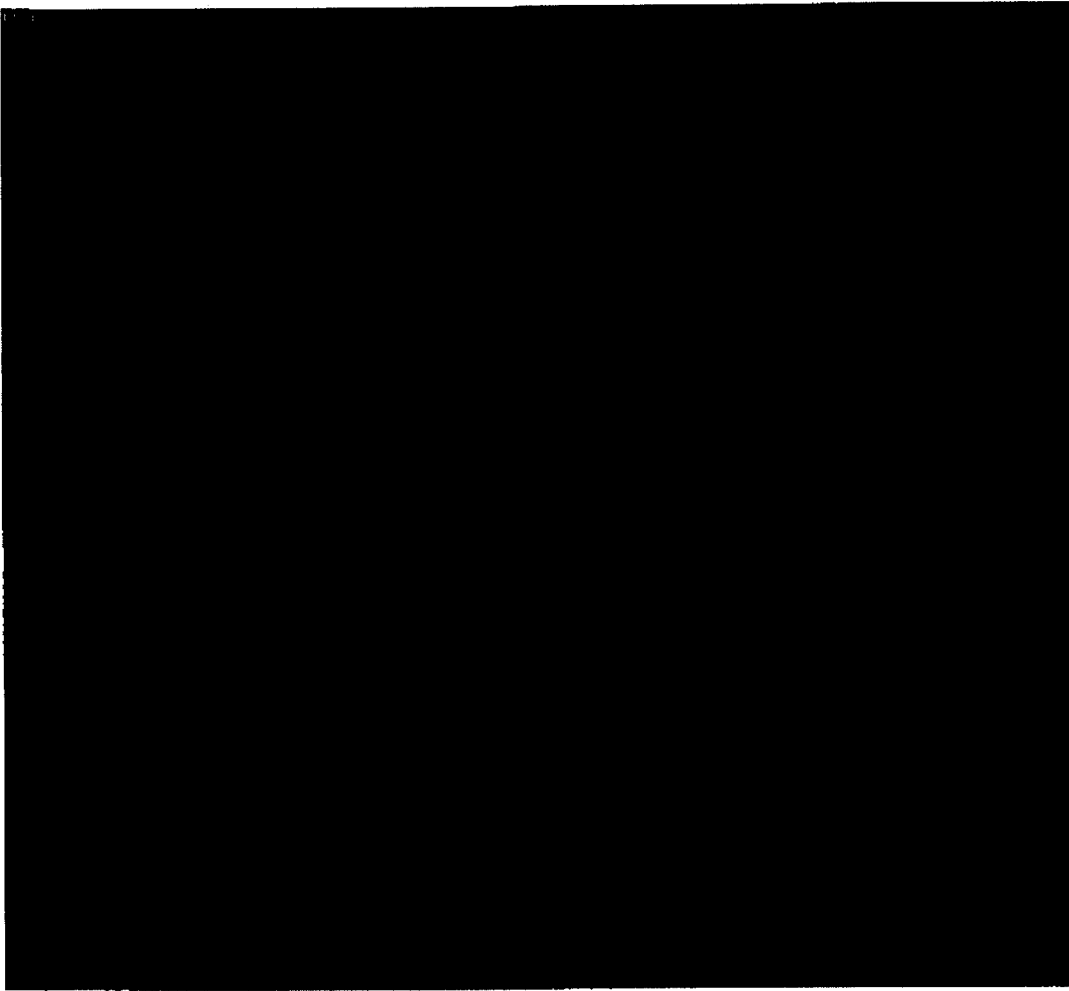
It is also highly likely that the aircraft carrying out this mission or similar missions utilized the airspace of other EU Member States, candidate countries, or potential candidate countries while en route to Guantanamo.

The Committee is urged to investigate the flight plans of the aircraft identified in this memorandum between 18 and 20 January 2002.

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Subject: Future Detainee Mission Flow



Gitmo Incirlik
Mission Flow17 ...

Attachment is the revised detainee flow through 3 Feb. Some key changes to the approved one from last week.

- As you know, Mission #5 has slipped from 18 to 19 Jan.
 - Based on a forthcoming message from the JS and coord with EUCOM - plan to pick-up 6 Algerians in Incirlik moved by EUCOM assets.
 - Would like to take 28 detainees from CENTCOM and the 6 Algerians for a total of 34.
- Missions #6 and #7 will slip 24 hours.

- Mission #8 was to be our first ambulatory patient move - however - ^{b6} passed on that "walking wounded" need to move on mission #6. Will work this with and get back to you tomorrow.
- Mission #9 was cancelled per your request due to CODEL into GTMO.
- Mission #10 will be the first litter detainee move. Expect 17 litter detainees. We will have AE Crews, an AE configured C-141. This fits with recent word that JTF 160 will have the hospital ready on 24 Jan. Ambulance for JTF 160 should arrive GTMO 18 Jan at 2150Z.
- Mission #11 is being firmed. It will move the Turkish nationals and other detainees - no stop in

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Incirlik.

- Missions #12 through #15 will move as previously planned - may be revised for litter detainees.

- This flow is as complete as we now know it. Per our conversation this morning, will let you know soonest when/if we can increase the numbers of detainees per flight. The chart will be updated accordingly.

- We're working post Mission #15 planning.

- Planning dependent on impact of increase to numbers of detainees moved through mission #15 and other impacts.

- We know we have another litter move - missions 12 through 15 could be a litter detainee move. We've heard there are between 19 and 29 litter detainees and up to 37 ambulatory detainees.

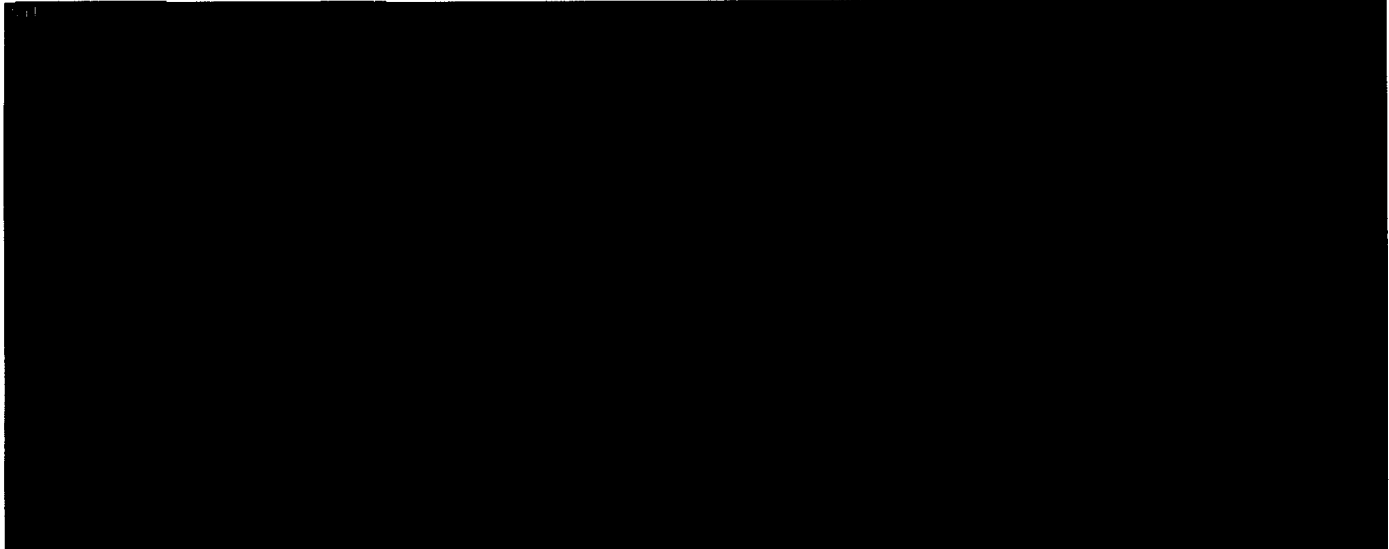
- The move of Algerian detainees has highlighted the Multi-CINC "global" nature of the detainee moves. The communication between your staff, CENTCOM, and EUCOM made this coordination work flawlessly.

V/R, [REDACTED]

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as of 8/11/2005 8:30 AM

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Current Operations

SOUTHCOM

- Guantanamo -- Detainees
 - Closed to date: 110 detainees
 - 5th mission
 - Postponed 24 hrs at CENTCOM's request
 - Incirlik to Qandahar 19/1200Z
 - 34 total detainees
 - 28 from Qandahar
 - 6 Algerian to [REDACTED]
- Follow on missions depart Incirlik: 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 29, 30, 31 Jan, 1 Feb
- Fleet Hospital ready by 24 Jan
- C-141 Ops at Qandahar on or about 25 Jan

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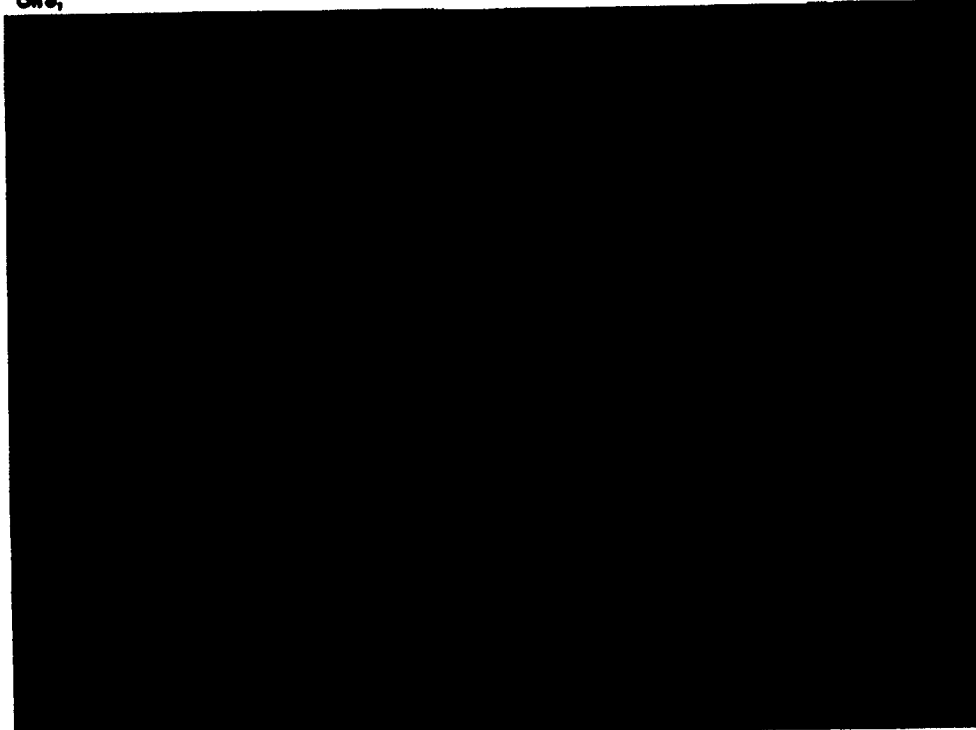
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CAT-TRANS
Friday, January 18, 2002 6:48 PM



Subject: CENTCOM Update for Friday, 18 Jan 02

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4. ALGERIAN DETAINEES

* 6XAlgerians will be [redacted] and transferred to GTMO

They will be accompanied by security personnel and medical team (1 flight surgeon and 1 senior aeromedical technician).

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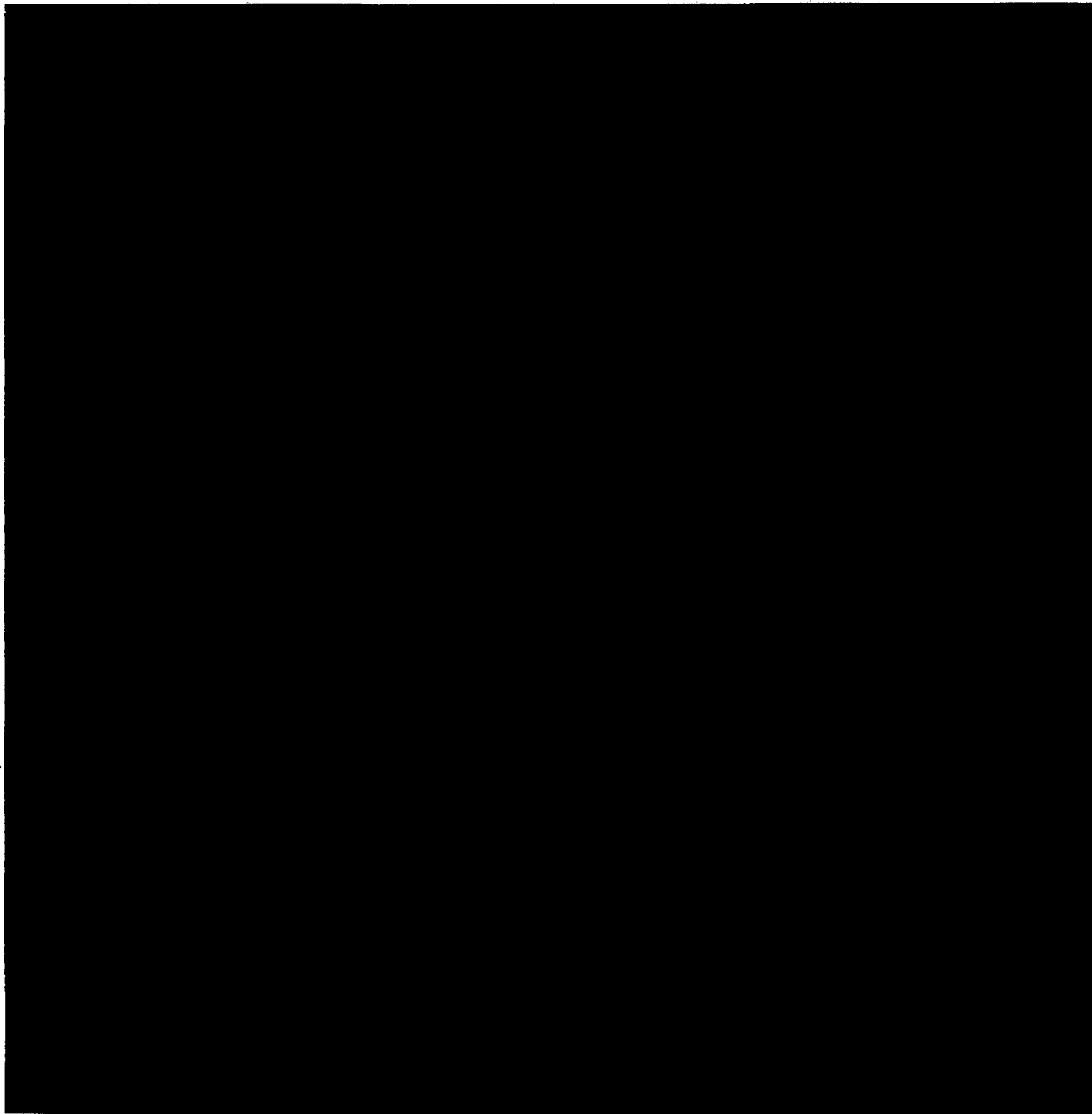
* Same security procedures (i.e. shackled, mittens on hands and goggled).

Algerians are reported healthy and have been medically cleared for flight. They do not require medical care en-route.

* Primary C-130 transporting the detainees is Man # UJM166301019.

Departs [REDACTED]

* Back up C-130 is UQU09Z10L018 [REDACTED]. Will not return to Ramstein until primary C-130 is in the air enroute to Incirlik w/detainees.



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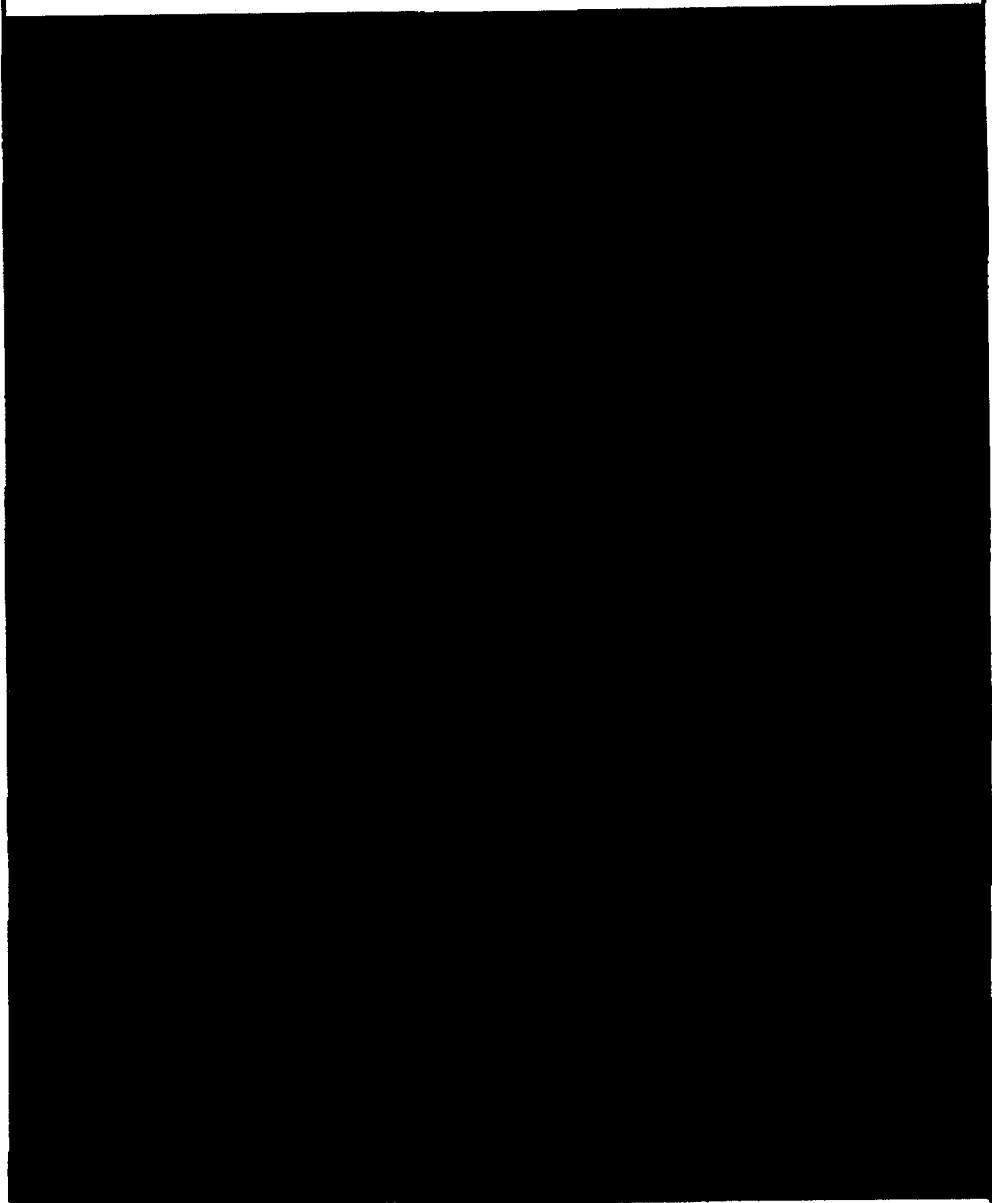
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AMPN//~~S~~ CEASE C-17 AIRDROP OPERATIONS AND MAINTAIN CAPABILITY TO
SUPPORT TWO C-17 AIRDROP MISSIONS PER DAY GIVEN 96 HOURS NOTICE.//
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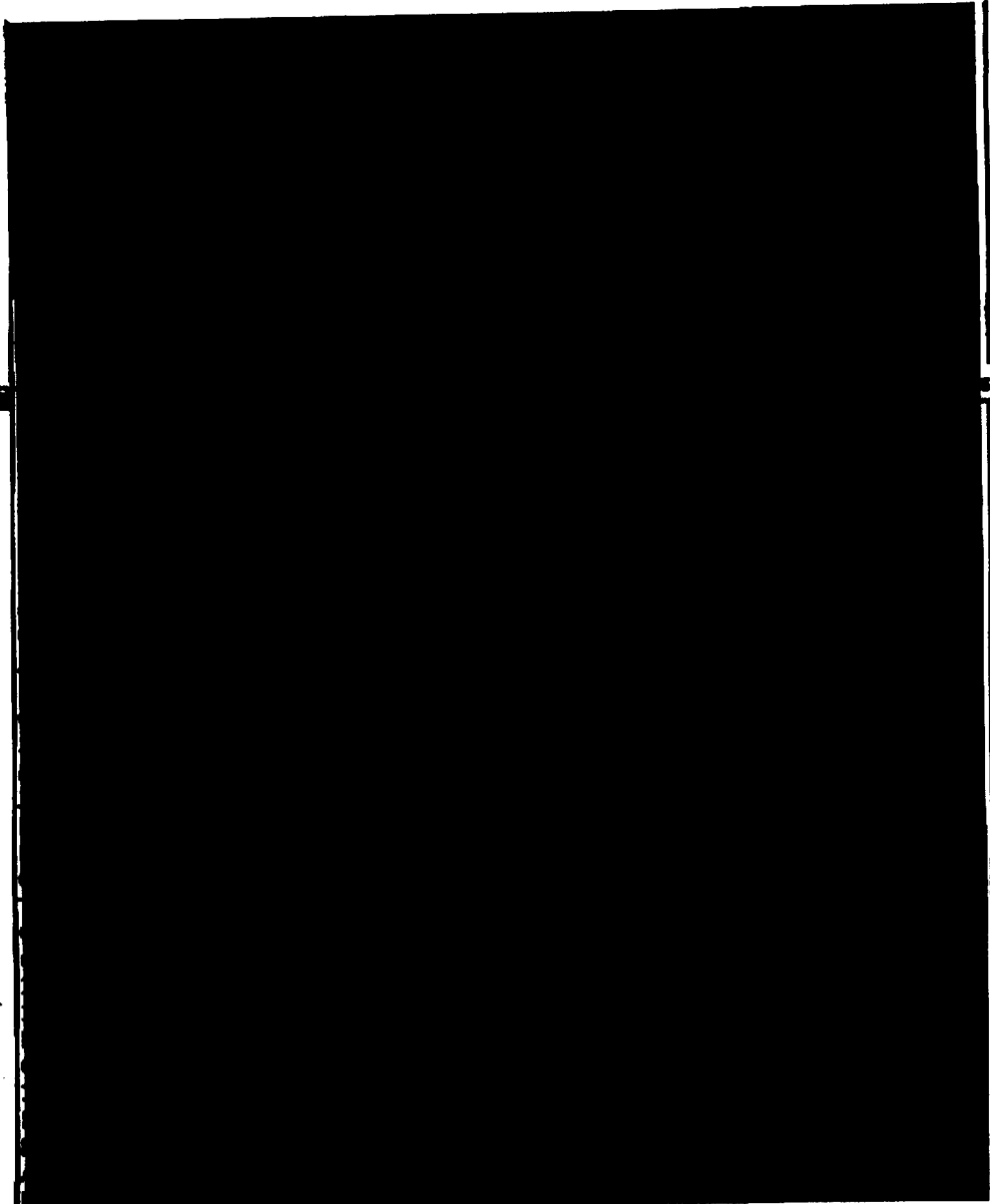
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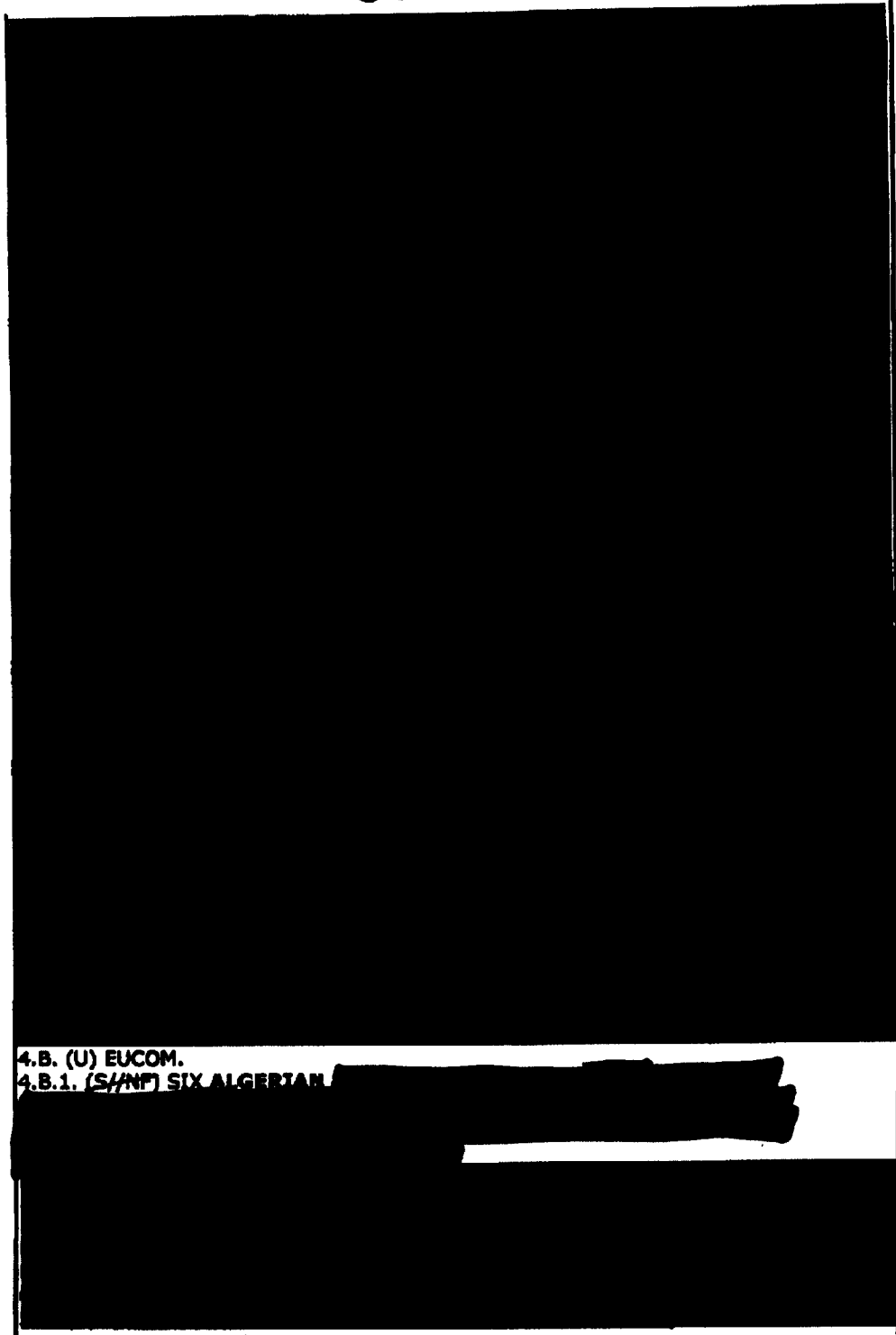
3.E. ~~(S)~~ USAF OPERATIONS.
3.E.1. ~~(S)~~ LAST 24 HRS: NO DETAINEE MISSION TODAY. ALGERIAN
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SECTION 02 OF 03
DETAINEE MISSION SCHEDULED TO DEPART FOR TUZLA AT 190930Z. TOTAL
DETAINEES TRANSPORTED TO DATE: 110.
3.E.2. (S) OEF TANKER SUPPORT FOR 18 JAN: 3 X KC-135. FLOWN 17 JAN:
3 X KC-135.

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4.B. (U) EUCOM.
4.B.1. (S//NF) SIX ALGERIAN

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ALGERIAN DETAINEES IN THE EUCOM AOR AS OF 1700Z, 18 JAN 02.

6. (U) PUBLIC AFFAIRS. EXECUTED ECPA COORD MEDIA PLAN ISO BOSNIAN RELEASE OF DETAINED ALGERIANS; FOCUSED ON U.S. ONLY ACTION AND LEGAL JUSTIFICATION OF DETENTION OPERATION.



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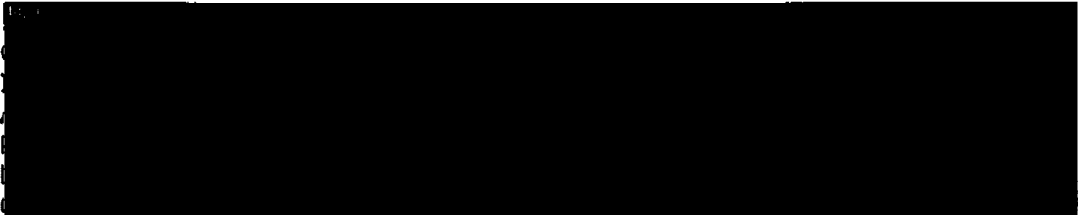
11. ~~(S)~~ COMMUNICATIONS. ALL C4ISR SYSTEMS OPERATIONAL. ALL COMPONENTS AT INFOCON ALPHA.

11.A. (U) LAST 24 HOURS: A COMMUNICATION SPOT REPORT FROM DISA EUROPE REPORTS A TURKISH TELEKOM COMMERCIAL OUTAGE THAT ISOLATED IDNX NODE (N201) AT INCIRLIK, TU. OPERATIONAL IMPACT IS MINOR, ALTERNATE CONNECTIVITY IS AVAILABLE. NO USERS COMPLAINTS.

11.C. (U) NEXT 24 HOURS: TURKISH TELEKOM WILL BE TROUBLESHOOTING A COMMERCIAL OUTAGE THAT AFFECTED IDNX NODE (N201) AT INCILIK, TURKEY. NO ESTIMATED TIME OF RESTORAL.

11.D. (U) ISSUES/COMMENTS. NSTR.

12. (U) CHAPLAIN. NSTR.



14. (U) SITREPS ARE RELEASED DAILY AT 0600Z. UNITS REPORTING TO HQ USEUCOM ARE DIRECTED TO SUBMIT INPUTS NLT0001Z DAILY. DAILY USEUCOM CAT UPDATE BRIEF IS AT WWW.EUCOM.SMIL.MIL/ECJ3/ETCC/CURRENT_OPS/, THEN SELECT "THEATER UPDATE". HQ USEUCOM 24-HR CRISIS ACTION TEAM (CAT) POCS MAY BE REACHED AT DSN:



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Current Operations



SOUTHCOM

- Guantanamo -- Detainees
 - 4 missions complete: 110 detainees closed at Guantanamo
 - 5th mission:
 - En route to Guantanamo, ETA 201930Z
 - 34 total detainees
 - 28 from Qandahar
 - 6 Algerians
 - 6th mission approved (litter patients)
 - ETD 201200Z
- SECDEF placed follow-on missions on-hold

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