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MDT: BELMONT DEPLOYMENT

1. THE FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS ARE TERTIARY:

THE EXTENSIVE PRESS COVERAGE OF LIBERTY INCIDENT,
THE IMPENDING REMOVAL FROM LIBERTY OF UP TO 22 BODIES
AND THE WIDESPREAD NEWS MEDIA COVERAGE OF STORIES ALLEGING
U.S. USE OF "SNOOGER-SHIP" AND "SPY SHIP" RAISE SOME QUESTIONS
OF THE DESIRABILITY OF THE IMMOBILIZATION OF SOME GENERAL AREA
OF ANOTHER SHIP WHOSE PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS ARE IDENTITY
TO THOSE OF LIBERTY. PARTICULARLY THE DEPLOYMENT OF
BELMONT WOULD BE KNOWN TO OTHER NATIONS AS SOON AS SHE
ARRIVED IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN.

2. THE POSSIBILITY OF SEARCHING QUESTIONS REGARDING
LIBERTY OPERATIONS BEING ASKED IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE
GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT BE OVERLOOKED. SHOULDN'T OCCUR
BELMONT PRESENCE IN SAME AREA MAY AGGRAVATE THE
INVESTIGATIVE ENVIRONMENT, DUE PRESENT FREEDOM OF USE OF
THESE VARIOUS ASSETS MAY BE JEOPARDIZED.

A NUMBER OF INQUIRIES HAVE ALREADY BEEN RECEIVED
LOCALLY ABOUT THE Sudden DEPLOYMENT OF BELMONT FROM
MOORE, AFTER JUST-RETURNING FROM A 6 MONTHS DEPLOYMENT
WITH ACCOMPANYING ADVERSE MORALE ASPECTS.

THE PRESENT ARRIVAL TIME OF BELMONT IN EASTERN MED
WOULD BE ABOUT 10 JULY. PRASURING BELMONT WOULD BE LIMITED TO
OPERATIONS NO CLOSER THAN 500 MILES OFFSHORE, IT IS DOUBTFUL
THAT HER CONTRIBUTION BEYOND THAT AVAILABLE FROM OTHER SOURCES
WOULD OFFSET THE NEGATIVE FACTORS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

3. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE FACTORS RECOMMEND DECISION TO DEPLOY
BELMONT EARLIEST BE RECONSIDERED.

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CLASSIFICATION OF DETAILS OF SPECIFIC NATURE OF MISSION: REQUIRES HANDLING THROUGH SPECIAL CHANNELS AND WILL BE CONTAINED IN THE APPROPRIATE SUPPORT PLAN.

(3) Division from Mission. The TRS is to be employed for the purposes only. Exception to this policy.

NOT AUTOMATICALLY DECLASSIFIED
(2) OPERATIONAL AND TECHNICAL CONTROL OF ALL
SIGINT ACTIVITIES (COLLECTION, PROCESSING, REPORTING) ON
BOARD SHIP, BY DIRECTOR, NSA (VIA DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS
TO SHIP OR THROUGH THE DIRECTOR, NSA).

(3) BASIS FOR COLLECTION AREA ASSIGNMENTS:
(A) SIGNAL AUDIBILITY AND OTHER TECHNICAL
FACTORS DETERMINED BY NSA TO BE NECESSARY TO MEET STATED
REQUIREMENTS, AND
(B) DETERMINATION BY MILITARY OPERATIONAL
COMMANDERS THAT THE OPERATION REQUIRED BY NSA IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE SAFETY OF THE SHIP.
(C) CLOSE COORDINATION BETWEEN THE MILITARY
COMMANDER INVOLVED AND THE SIGINT TASKING AUTHORITY IS
REQUIRED TO INSURE MAXIMUM RESPONSE TO INTELLIGENCE
REQUIREMENTS AND MAXIMUM SECURITY OF THE SHIP.

E. SIGINT SUPPORT OF COMMANDERS.

(1) COMMAND CONTINGENCY AND LIMITED WAR PLANS:
(A) TRS MAY BE UTILIZED BY DIRNSA TO PROVIDE
SUPPORT TO THE MILITARY COMMANDER, IN ADDITION TO PRIMARY
MISSIONS.

B) COMMANDER MAY LEVY IMMEDIATE SIGINT SUPPORT
REQUIREMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURES TO BE ESTABLISHED.

(SEE PARA 1E.1 (C) BELOW.)

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DIRNSA, OR HIS FIELD REPRESENTATIVES, WHEN SO AUTHORIZED, WILL:

1. ESTABLISH PROCEDURES TO RECEIVE AND ACT LOCALLY ON COMMAND REQUIREMENTS.

2. EFFECT PROMPT TASKING OF SIGINT RESOURCES, INCLUDING THE TRS, WHICH MAY BE ASSIGNED TO AN AREA TO SUPPORT A GIVEN CONTINGENCY SITUATION.

(D) CONTROL OF TRS:

1. OPERATION CONTROL OF SHIP: SAME AS IN ROUTINE OPERATIONS (SEE PARAGRAPHS D(1) ABOVE).

2. OPERATIONAL AND TECHNICAL CONTROL OF ALL SIGINT ACTIVITIES: SAME AS IN ROUTINE OPERATIONS (SEE PARAGRAPHS D(2) ABOVE).

F. COMMAND ORLANS:

1. NSA REPRESENTATIVES ACCREDITED TO COMMANDS: WORK WITH COMMAND PLANNERS IN DEVELOPMENT OF APPROPRIATE WORDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE SIGINT APPENDIX TO THE INTELLIGENCE ANNEX OF COMMAND ORLANS IN THOSE Instances WHERE NSA DETERMINES THE TRS WILL BE EMPLOYED.

2. NSA: INFORM USCINCOSOUTH (NO NSA REPRESENTATIVE ACCREDITED) OF Instances WHERE TRS WILL BE EMPLOYED.

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