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OX CART OPNS

A. PARA C BELOW CONTAINS A PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ENVISIONED IN THE PLANNING AND PREPARATION PHASE OF MOUNTING AN OXCART OPNL MSN FROM AREA 51. THIS PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE IS INTENDED TO ESTABLISH A POINT OF DEPARTURE FROM WHICH REVISION CAN BE MADE AS FURTHER EXPERIENCE IS GAINED IN MSN TIMING AND SEQUENCE REQUIREMENTS. IT IS FWDED FOR YOUR USE IN DEVELOPMENT OF UNIT GENERATION SCHEDULES AND ACTIVITIES CHECKLIST.

B. THE BASIC CONCEPT OF OXCART OPNS CAN BE DEFINED IN BROAD TERMS AS CENTRALIZED OPNL CONTROL (BY PROJECT HQS) AND DECENTRALIZED OPNL EXECUTION (BY AREA 51).). HQS WILL PLAN AND DIRECT THE MISSION WHILE AREA 51 WILL LAUNCH AND CONTROL THE A-12 AND TANKERS AS DIRECTED BY HQS. WITHIN THIS BROAD CONCEPT THE OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS MUST BE OPNL SECURITY AND OPNL RELIABILITY. CONSISTENT WITH MAINTAINING MAX OPNL SEC AND RELIABILITY, THE MISSION GENERATION SCHEDULE MUST BE

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PREDICATED ON USING THE LATEST POSSIBLE WEATHER FORECAST INFO FOR MSN ALERT, PLANNING AND RELATED COMMAND DECISIONS. THE DEGREE OF PLANNING FLEXIBILITY AND PROBABILITY OF MSN SUCCESS IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE VALIDITY OF MSN WEATHER FORECAST DATA. WHENEVER POSSIBLE, MISSIONS WILL BE PRE-PLANNED AND SUBMITTED TO AREA 51 AT THE EARLIEST FEASIBLE TIME. NORMALLY, HOWEVER, THE DETAILED MSN PLAN WILL BE DEVELOPED FOLLOWING THE MSN PLAN WEATHER BRIEFING.

C. MISSION GENERATION SCHEDULE: *B*

(NOTE 1: MODEL MISSION USED ~~IN~~ PRESTRIKE AND POSTSTRIKE AT AREA 51 WITH THREE AERIAL REFUELINGS SUPPORTED FROM THULE AND ADANA)

(NOTE 2: H-HOUR IS PLANNED A-12 TAKE-OFF TIME FROM AREA 51)

(NOTE 3: TIMES INDICATED FOR REPORTS ARE REPORT DUE TIMES)

H-70: PRE-ALERT WX BRIEFING:

(PRIOR TO THIS TIME POLITICAL APPROVAL FOR AN OPERATIONAL MISSION(S) WILL HAVE BEEN RECEIVED OR IS EXPECTED).

/ CONDUCTED AT ADIC. THE PRE-ALERT WEATHER BRIEFING

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WILL INCLUDE WEATHER FORECAST OF TARGET AREAS, AERIAL REFUELING AREAS, STAGING BASES, TERMINAL BASE, PRIMARY EMERGENCY BASES AND ENROUTE WEATHER. AN ACCEPTABLE FORECAST IN EACH OF THESE CATEGORIES WILL NORMALLY BE REQUIRED BEFORE FURTHER MISSION GENERATION IS EFFECTED.

H-68: PRE-ALERT TO HEADQUARTERS SAC AND AREA 51:

1. IF FAVORABLE WEATHER CONDITIONS ARE FORECAST, ADIC WILL TRANSMIT A PRE-ALERT MESSAGE TO HQ SAC AND AREA 51. SAC WILL BE REQUESTED TO PLACE "X" NUMBER OF KC-135s AND CREWS AT CASTLE AFB (OR BEALE AFB) ON STANDBY STATUS FOR POSSIBLE DEPLOYMENT TO SPECIFIED STAGING BASES AT H-39.
2. HQ SAC TO CONFIRM TO ADIC THAT REQUESTED SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE AND IN PLACE, AND THAT OPNL CONTROL OF TANKERS RELEASED TO AREA 51. ADIC TO RELAY TO AREA 51.
3. AREA 51 ASSUMES ALERT POSTURE AND COMMENCES MISSION PREPARATION ACTIVITIES AS REQUIRED IAW OPERATIONAL MISSION GENERATION SCHEDULES.

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4. AREA 51 COORDINATES WITH AND BRIEFS TANKER CREWS ON CALL SIGNS, COMMUNICATION FREQUENCIES, TACTICS, ETC.

H-46: INITIAL ALERT WEATHER BRIEFING:

SAME REQUIREMENT AS FOR PRE-ALERT WEATHER BRIEFING USING REFINED WEATHER FORECAST DATA.

H-44: GC-NO-GO MESSAGE FOR TANKER DEPLOYMENT:

1. IF WEATHER FORECAST FAVORABLE, ADIC DIRECTS AREA 51 TO LAUNCH TANKERS TO FORWARD BASES. (TANKERS TO DEPLOY VIA APPROVED PRE-PLANNED ROUTES).

2. AREA 51 ACCOMPLISHES FINAL PRE-DEPLOYMENT COORDINATION WITH TANKER TASK FORCE COMMANDER.

3. AREA 51 CONTINUES MISSION PREPARATION ACTIVITIES.

H-39: T-5, T-6 AND T-7 TAKE-OFF FROM CASTLE AFB:

1. THESE ARE THE THREE TANKERS INBOUND TO INCIRLIK AFB, TURKEY. AN ADDITIONAL KC-135 AIRCREW WILL BE AIRLIFTED BY THESE TANKERS TO INCIRLIK AND WILL FUNCTION AS THE FORWARD DETACHMENT OPERATIONS

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CONTROL TEAM.

2. AREA 51 SUBMITS TAKE-OFF REPORTS TO ADIC AND INCIRLIK AFB.

H-30: T-1, T-2, T-3, AND T-4 TAKE-OFF FROM CASTLE AFB:

1. THESE ARE THE FOUR TANKERS INBOUND TO THULE, GREENLAND. AN ADDITIONAL KC-135 AIRCREW WILL BE AIRLIFTED BY THESE TANKERS TO THULE AND WILL FUNCTION AS THE FORWARD ^{DETACHMENT @} BASE OPERATIONS CONTROL TEAM.

2. AREA 51 SUBMITS TAKE-OFF REPORTS TO ADIC AND THULE.

H-24: T-5, T-6, T-7 LAND INCIRLIK AFB:

INCIRLIK SUBMITS LANDING REPORT TO ADIC AND AREA 51 INDICATING AIRCRAFT STATUS AND ETIC IF APPLICABLE.

H-24: T-1, T-2, T-3, T-4 LAND THULE AFB:

THULE SUBMITS LANDING REPORT TO ADIC AND AREA 51 INDICATING AIRCRAFT STATUS AND ETIC IF APPLICABLE.

H-24: FINAL ALERT WEATHER BRIEFING:

SAME REQUIREMENT AS FOR INITIAL ALERT WEATHER BRIEFING

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USING REFINED WEATHER FORECAST DATA.

H-22: FINAL ALERT MESSAGE:

- ADIC SENDS MISSION FINAL ALERT MESSAGE TO AREA 51 WHICH INCLUDES GENERAL MISSION AREA, APPROXIMATE MISSION TIMING, EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS, ETC.
- ^{AREA-51} SENDS MISSION FINAL ALERT MESSAGE TO THULE AND INCIRLIK INDICATING GENERAL AREA AND TIMING AS APPROPRIATE TO TANKER SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS. ^{K-2} ~~ADIC~~ IS INFO ADDRESSEE.
- AREA 51 PROCEEDS WITH MISSION PREPARATION, CREW ALERT, AIRCRAFT CHECKOUT AND CONTINUES LAUNCH COUNT-DOWN ACTIVITIES.
- THULE AND INCIRLIK ASSUME ALERT POSTURE AND COMMENCE TANKER MISSION GENERATION ACTIVITIES.

(NOTE: H-22 IS ALSO MISSION REGENERATION TIME: I.E., AREA 51 AND FORWARD BASE ELEMENTS ARE IN A POSTURE OF READINESS TO ACCEPT A NEW MISSION, OR FOLLOW-ON MISSION AS REQUIRED).

H-15: MISSION PLAN WEATHER BRIEFING:

AMPLIFIED WEATHER BRIEFING REVIEWING IN DETAIL ALL
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WEATHER ASPECTS WHICH INFLUENCE THE MISSION, INCLUDING DETAILED WEATHER FORECAST OF TARGET AREAS.

H-12: MISSION PLAN TO AREA 51:

1. MISSION PLAN MSG WITH DETAILED FLT PLAN, CONTROL TIMES, SPECIAL EQUIP OPN REQUIREMENTS, SPECIALIZED INSTRUCTIONS, ETC. WEATHER FORECAST PROVIDED FOR TARGET AREA, ENROUTE REFUELING AREAS AND TERMINAL BASE.

2. AREA 51 BEGINS PREPARATION OF DETAILED FLT PLAN AND OPNL INSTRUCTIONS, FLT PLAN FILM STRIP AND FLT PLAN REPRODUCTION ON SPECIAL DESTRUCTIBLE PAPER. OTHER MSN LAUNCH ACTIVITIES CONTINUE.

H-12: MISSION PLAN TO THULE AND ADANA:

1. MISSION PLAN MSG WILL INCLUDE TIMING AND NECESSARY REFUELING DATA (ARIP, ARIT, OFFLOAD, ETC.). ^{HQ} ~~AREA 51~~ WILL BE INFO ADDRESSEE THIS MSG.

2. THULE AND ADANA OPERATIONS CONTROL TEAMS ACCOMPLISH NECESSARY MSN PLANNING. OTHER PRE-TAKE-OFF PREPARATION ACTIVITIES CONTINUE.

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H-10: WINDS, TEMPS, ETC. TO AREA 51: + ADIC

B/ ETC. WECEN WEATHER MSG TO AREA 51 AND ADIC INCLUDING WINDS, TEMPERATURES/FORECAST. EMERGENCY BASE FORECAST AND SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO MSN PLAN WEATHER ALSO INCLUDED.

H-8: PRE-SORTIE REPORT FROM THULE AND ADANA:

THULE AND ADANA REPORT TO ADIC AND AREA 51 INDICATING STATUS OF READINESS TO SUPPORT MSN.

H-8: PRE-SORTIE REPORT FROM AREA 51 TO ADIC:

AREA 51 REPORTS TO ADIC STATUS OF READINESS TO SUPPORT MSN.

H-7: GO-NO-GO WEATHER BRIEFING:

HOUR OF DECISION.

H-5: GO NO GO TO AREA 51;

ADIC DIRECTS AREA 51 TO LAUNCH A-12 AND SUPPORTING TANKERS AS PLANNED OR SPECIFIED, OR MISSION IS DELAYED OR CANCELLED.

H-3: T-1 AND T-2 TAKE-OFF FROM THULE:

TAKE-OFF REPORT SUBMITTED TO ADIC AND AREA 51 FROM THULE.

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H-2: T-5 AND T-6 TAKE-OFF FROM ADANA:

TAKE-OFF REPORT SUBMITTED TO ADIC AND AREA 51 FROM ADANA.

H-1: WEATHER SCOUT REPORT - THULE:

T-1 ^{OR} AND T-2 SUBMIT AERIAL REFUELING AREA WEATHER SITUATION (GO OR NO-GO) TO THULE. THULE SUBMITS REPORT TO ADIC AND AREA 51. WHEN POSSIBLE, ALTERNATE AERIAL REFUELING AREAS WILL BE PLANNED. WEATHER SCOUT WILL REPORT AGAINST ALTERNATE AREA IF THE PRIMARY AREA IS NO-GO.

H-1: WEATHER SCOUT REPORT - ADANA:

SAME AS ABOVE USING T-5 AND T-6.

H-HOUR: A-12 TAKE-OFF FROM AREA 51:

AREA 51 LAUNCHES MISSION VEHICLE AS DIRECTED.

H + 2: FIRST REFUELING - THULE AREA (T-1 AND T-2):

REFUELING REPORT SUBMITTED TO AREA 51 AND ADIC.

H + 4½: SECOND REFUELING - ADANA AREA:

REFUELING REPORT SUBMITTED TO AREA 51 AND ADIC.

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H + 5: T-3 AND T-4 TAKE-OFF FROM THULE:

TAKE-OFF REPORT SUBMITTED TO ADIC AND AREA 51.

H + 5: T-1 AND T-2 LAND THULE:

THULE SUBMITS LANDING REPORT TO ADIC AND AREA 51.

H + 6: WEATHER SCOUT REPORT - THULE:

(SAME AS WX SCOUT REPORT AT H-1).

H + 6: T-5 AND T-6 LAND ADANA:

ADANA SUBMITS LANDING REPORT TO ADIC AND AREA 51.

H + 7½: THIRD REFUELING - THULE AREA:

REFUELING REPORT SUBMITTED TO AREA 51 AND ADIC.

H + 9: T-3 AND T-4 LAND THULE:

THULE SUBMITS LANDING REPORT TO ADIC AND AREA 51.

H + 9: MISSION VEHICLE LANDS AREA 51:

AREA 51 SUBMITS LANDING REPORT TO ADIC, THULE AND ADANA.

D. WISH TO EMPHASIZE THAT CONCEPTS AND TIMING OUTLINED HEREIN ARE PRELIMINARY PLANNING INTENDED TO ESTABLISH LATEST POSSIBLE TIMING

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BASIS FOR MSN GENERATION. ADJUSTMENTS WILL BE MADE WHEN AND IF NECESSARY AND FEASIBLE. THIS DATE, COL LEDFORD AND [REDACTED] BRIEFED AND CONCUR SUBJECT CONCEPTS AND TIMING SCHEDULE.

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