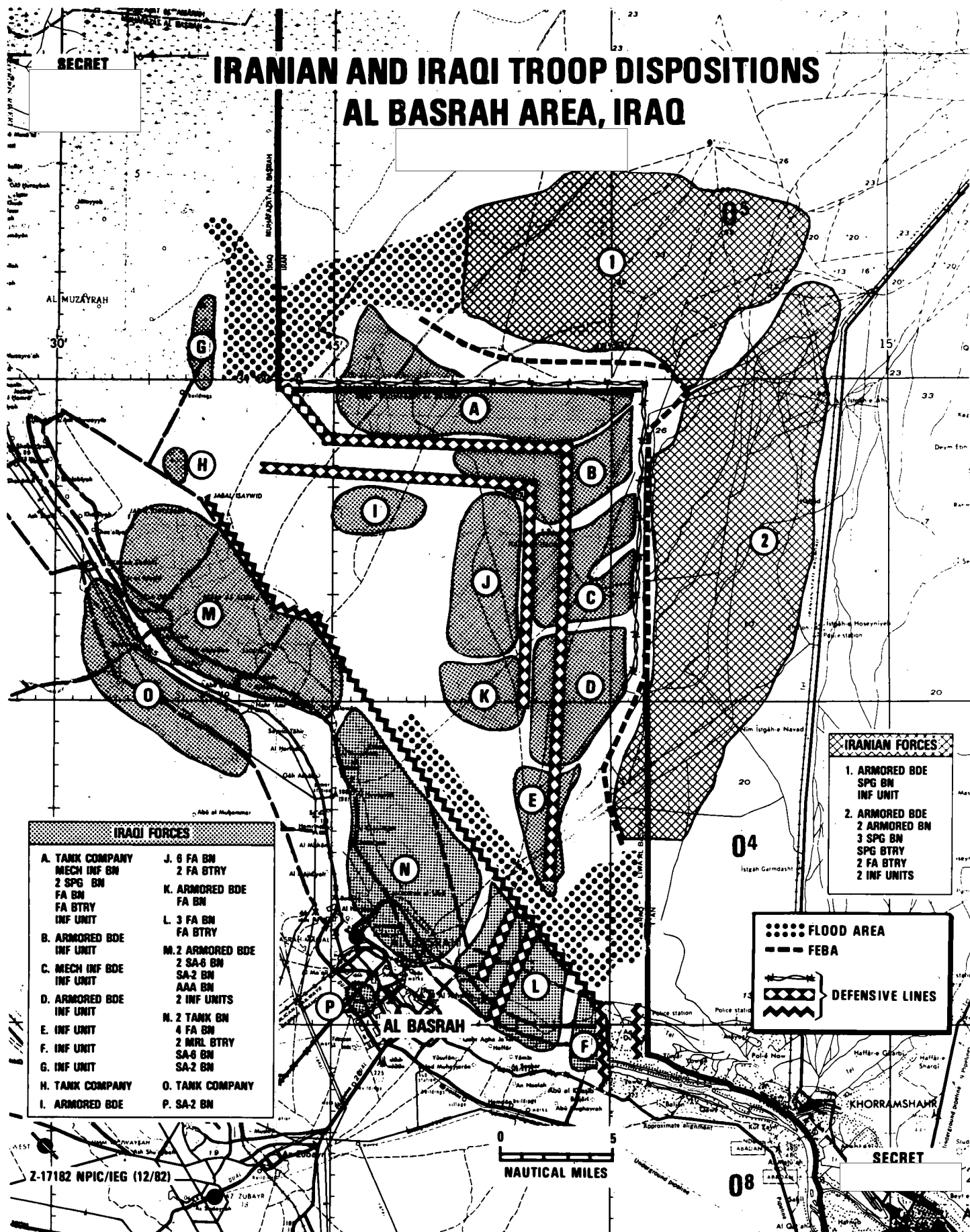


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1. (SWN) SIGNIFICANCE: IRANIAN AND IRAQI FORCES DEPLOYED IN THE AL BASRAH AREA

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2. (SWN) REMARKS: IMAGERY PROVIDED COMPLETE COVERAGE OF THE IRAQI FORCES AND PARTIAL COVERAGE OF THE IRANIAN FORCES DEPLOYED IN THE AL BASRAH AREA. A SIGNIFICANT DECREASE IN THE SIZE OF IRAQI FORCES WAS OBSERVED IN THIS AREA. HOWEVER, NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THE FORWARD-EDGE-OF-THE-BATTLE-AREA (FEBA) WAS OBSERVED. IRAQI FORCES WITHDRAWN FROM THIS AREA INCLUDED MAJOR ELEMENTS OF ONE ARMORED DIVISION, ELEMENTS OF ONE BRIGADE-SIZE ARMOR FORCE, SEVEN FIELD ARTILLERY (FA) BATTALIONS, ONE MULTIPLE ROCKET LAUNCHER (MRL) BATTERY, AND NUMEROUS SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT UNITS. THESE FORCES MAY HAVE BEEN REDEPLOYED TO THE AL AMARAH/DOVEYRICH RIVER AREA.

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(SWN) IRAQI FORCES, WHOSE LEAD ELEMENTS WERE DEPLOYED NORTH, NORTHEAST, AND EAST OF AL BASRAH, ALONG THE NORTH-SOUTH AXIS OF THE IRAN-IRAQ BORDER, INCLUDED MAJOR ELEMENTS OF TWO ARMORED BRIGADES, ONE TANK COMPANY, MAJOR ELEMENTS OF ONE MECHANIZED INFANTRY BRIGADE, ONE MECHANIZED INFANTRY BATTALION, TWO SELF-PROPELLED GUN (SPG) BATTALIONS, ONE FA BATTALION, ONE FA BATTERY, AND SIX INFANTRY UNITS (ITEM A-F).

(SWN) IRAQI FORCES DEPLOYED IN SUPPORT OF THESE FRONT LINE UNITS INCLUDED MAJOR ELEMENTS OF TWO ARMORED BRIGADES, ONE TANK COMPANY, 10 FA BATTALIONS, THREE FA BATTERIES, AND ONE INFANTRY UNIT (ITEMS G-L).

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(SWN) IRAQI FORCES DEPLOYED NORTHWEST AND EAST OF AL BASRAH, EAST OF THE SHATT-AL ARAB WATERWAY, INCLUDED ELEMENTS OF TWO ARMORED BRIGADES, TWO TANK BATTALIONS, FOUR FA BATTALIONS, TWO MRL BATTERIES, THREE SA-6 BATTALIONS, TWO SA-2 BATTALIONS, ONE ANTIAIRCRAFT ARTILLERY (AAA) BATTALION, AND TWO INFANTRY UNITS (ITEMS M AND N).

(SWN) IRAQI FORCES DEPLOYED NORTHWEST AND WEST OF AL BASRAH, WEST OF THE SHATT-AL ARAB WATERWAY, INCLUDED ONE TANK COMPANY AND ONE SA-2 BATTALION (ITEMS O AND P).

(SWN) IRANIAN FORCES DEPLOYED NORTH OF AL BASRAH, IN IRAN, INCLUDED MAJOR ELEMENTS OF ONE ARMORED BRIGADE, ONE SPG BATTALION, AND ONE INFANTRY UNIT (ITEM 1).

(SWN) IRANIAN FORCES DEPLOYED NORTHEAST OF AL BASRAH, ALONG THE NORTH-SOUTH AXIS OF THE IRAQ-IRAN BORDER, INCLUDED ELEMENTS OF ONE ARMORED BRIGADE, TWO ARMORED BATTALIONS, THREE SPG BATTALIONS, ONE SPG BATTERY, TWO FA BATTERIES, AND TWO LARGE INFANTRY UNITS (ITEM 2). THE PORTION OF THESE FORCES REMAINING IN IRAQ INCLUDED ONE TANK COMPANY AND ONE INFANTRY UNIT.

(SWN) PARTIAL COVERAGE OF THE AREA NORTHEAST AND EAST OF AL BASRAH PRECLUDED A FULL ASSESSMENT OF IRANIAN FORCES. (PERSIAN GULF SECTION, [REDACTED])

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3. (U) BE NONE, COORDINATES NONE

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