JCS SITREP 002--OPERATION ELDORADO CANYON (U)

1. (U) MAJOR POINTS. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY USEUCOM CONCERNING ELDORADO CANYON ACTIVITY AS OF 151800 EST.

A. (S) AIR:
TARGET: [redacted]
TOT TIME: 141906 TO 141911 EST
DAMAGE ASSESSMENT:
- PILOTS' REPORT.
- ALL BOMBS ON TARGET.

-- AT LEAST 3 TO 5 PROBABLE IL-76 AIRCRAFT DESTROYED
-- FACILITY DAMAGE TO BE DETERMINED.

STRIKE INFORMATION:
- SIX (6) F-111'S WITH TWELVE (12) BSU-49 EACH DEPARTED RAF LAKENHEATH AT 141236 EST.
- FIVE (5) ACROSS TARGET.
ABORTS: ONE (1) AIRCRAFT ABORTED PRIOR TO TOT DUE TO LOSS OF TERRAIN FOLLOWING RADAR.
TARGET: [redacted]
TOT TIME: 141900 EST
DAMAGE ASSESSMENT:
PRELIMINARY
- RUNWAY REPORTED OPERATIONAL BY BENGHAZI - 150345 EST
- SEVERAL AIRCRAFT DAMAGED
-- ONE (1) F-27 FRIENDSHIP A/C DESTROYED
-- ONE (1) FLOGGER DESTROYED

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By [redacted], NARA, Date 12/21/04
-- FIVE (5) PROBABLE FLOGGERS DESTROYED
-- TWENTY (20) BOMB CRATERS ON APRON
-- TWO (2) MI-14 HELOS DESTROYED
-- ONE (1) MI-14 HELO POSSIBLY DESTROYED

-- NUMEROUS BUILDINGS WITH SMALL HOLES IN SIDES AND ROOF
-- TWELVE (12) "BURN MARKS" MAY INDICATE THAT TWELVE ADDITIONAL FLOGGERS WERE DESTROYED AND HAVE BEEN REMOVED BY TWO PIECES OF HEAVY LIFT EQUIPMENT.

STRIKE INFORMATION:
- EIGHT (8) A-6E'S DEPARTED FROM CORAL SEA AT 141750 EST.
- SIX (6) ON TARGET.
- FIVE (5) AIRCRAFT WITH 14 CBU'S AND ONE WITH 16 MK-82'S.

ABORTS: TWO AIRCRAFT ABORT, CAUSE UNKNOWN.

TARGET: REDACTED

TOT TIME: 141900 EST

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT:

PRELIMINARY
- HEAVY ROOF AND FRONT OF BUILDING DAMAGE
- FOURTEEN (14) (AT LEAST) CRATERS IN THE AREA
- BUILDING ACROSS FROM DAMAGED, BUT NO OBSERVABLE DAMAGE TO THE
- DAMAGED.

STRIKE INFORMATION:

- NINE (9) F-111'S WITH FOUR (4) GBU-10'S EACH DEPARTED RAF LAKENHEATH AT 141236 EST.
- FIVE AIRCRAFT OVER TARGET.
- THREE AIRCRAFT ON TARGET.
- ONE AIRCRAFT DROPPED LONG.
WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM

MISSING F-111 FROM THIS STRIKE.

ABORTS:
- FOUR ABORTS TOTAL.
  -- TWO ABORTS DUE TO SYSTEMS DEGRADE.
  -- ONE ABORT BEFORE LAST REFUELING.
  -- ONE ABORT AFTER LAST REFUELING.

TARGET:

TOT TIME: 141900 EST

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT:
PRELIMINARY
- LARGE STORAGE BUILDING DESTROYED.
- SOME FLOGGER SHIPPING CRATES DESTROYED.

STRIKE INFORMATION:
- SIX (6) A-6E'S WITH SIXTEEN (16) MK-82'S EACH LAUNCHED FROM USS AMERICA AT 141745 EST.

- ALL AIRCRAFT ON TARGET.
D. (S) RECOVERY:
- ONE F-111 DIVERTED TO ROTA, SP DUE TO MECHANICAL PROBLEMS

ESCORTED BY A SECOND F-111. THE ESCORT REJOINED THE TANKER AND RETURNED TO HOME BASE. THE DIVERT AIRCRAFT IS IN HANGAR AWAITING REPAIR.
- 150310 F-111'S/EF-111'S AND TANKERS ON DECK IN UK.

E. (S) SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR)
- SAR FORCES POSTURED IN RESPONSE TO REPORT OF MISSING F-111.
ONE EP-3, FOUR F-14, ONE E-2C, AND ONE SSN (USS DALLAS) CONDUCTING SAR.
- SAR TERMINATED 151745 EST APRIL.

F. (S) RECONNAISSANCE:
- SR-71 AIRBORNE AT 142324 EST/RECOVERED 150224 EST.
- 16 APRIL FLIGHT SCHEDULED LAUNCH 160400 EST/RECOVER 160925 EST.

G. (S) SURFACE
- 151300 EST COMSIXTHFLT POSITIONING FORCES TO PROTECT Lampedusa Island South of Sicily and conduct evacuation of Thirty (30) USCG Personnel if required in response to two rockets impacting in the water vicinity of the US Coast Guard Station reported at 151034 EST.

H. (U) WEATHER: 16-17 APRIL. PARTLY CLOUDY TO CLEAR OVER
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O 160050Z APR 86
FM JCS WASHINGTON DC

TO WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON DC
SECSTATE WASHINGTON DC
SECDEF WASHINGTON DC
CSA WASHINGTON DC
CNO WASHINGTON DC
CSAF WASHINGTON DC
CMC WASHINGTON DC
CINCAD PETERSON AFB CO
USCINCLANT NORFOLK VA
USCINCENT MACDILL AFB FL
USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GE
CINMAC SCOTT AFB IL
USCINCPAC HONOLULU HI
USCINCRED MACDILL AFB FL
USCINCOSO QUARRY HEIGHTS PM
USCINCSpace PETERSON AFB CO
CINCASC OFFUTT AFB NE
USNR SHAPE BE

CIA WASHINGTON DC
DCA WASHINGTON DC
DIA WASHINGTON DC
DIRNSA FT GEORGE G MEADE MD
WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM

SECRET FINAL SECTION OF 02

NORTHERN LIBYA AND THE GULF OF SIDRA. VISIBILITIES RESTRICTED TO 1-5 MILES, IN BLOWING SAND AND DUST. WINDS SOUTHEAST 10-20 KNOTS SOUTHWEST. SEAS 2-5 FEET.

1. (U) PUBLIC AFFAIRS. NO CHANGE.

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