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# Operation NOBLE EAGLE Summary as of 0800 EDT 16 Sep 01

Significant Events (Last 24 HRS): (All times local) 152331 - 2 x F-16s scrambled from Shaw AFB. SC

+ Response to three unidentified helicopters near Oconee Nuclear Power Plant (Senca, SC)

- + F-16's & AWACS detect helicopters (2357L)
- + F-10 S & AWACS detect hencopters (2337L)
  + Contact lost with helo's (0020L); CINCNORAD
  launches tanker to maintain CAP/AWACS over plant
  until daylight -- local law enforcement responding
  152355 NORAD returns OPCON of STENNIS &
  WASHINGTON to CINCPAC/CINCLANT
  160006 FEMA places Nuclear plants on alert
  160755 F-16 CAP over SC Nuclear plant returned to
  Shaw AFB

#### Pending Actions:

- DEPORD: CINC NORAD request For Forces To DJS
- Senate request DUSD provide additional detail on 11 Sep Terrorist Attack; drafting info paper for DepSecDef -- at NORAD; due OSD 0900 17 Sep
- Removal of 48 Hour PDTO Strategic Warning in response to CENTCOM's CCRF - To DJS
- Request relief from AWACs counter-drug requirement and mod to CJCS EXORD - To DJS
- P4 seeking CINC and Service response concerning maintaining FPCon "Charlie" - To DJS
- DEPORD for JFCOM to deploy Quick Reaction Team (2 Targeteers) to CENTCOM - awaiting USDP chop

#### Force Protection Condition (FPCON):

- USA/USN//USMC/USAF/USCG/CINCs at 'CHARLIE' except:
  - CENTCOM at 'DELTA'
  - Local threat intel keeping other sites at 'D'

#### **Logistics Update:**

- 311th Collection Co. inbound to Dover to augment remains recovery during two week annual training
- As of 160100, 96 pouches flown to Dover (4 CH-47s flew on 15 Sep; 4 scheduled for today)

#### **NORAD Air Defense Posture:**

1.4(g) Combat Air Patrol (CAP)

- 4 fighters/1 tanker over Washington Area
- 2 fighters/1 tanker over NYC
- 1 AWACS controlling both CAPS
- 2 fighters/1 tanker/1 AWACS over Senca, SC
- Alert tankers at 14 bases (42 total)
- Alert fighters at 26 bases (114 total)

#### Naval Forces Update (All OPCON to NORAD):

#### **East Coast**

- 7 Cruisers and Destroyers (Carrier released)

#### **West Coast**

- 6 Cruiser and Destroyers (Carrier released)

#### Reserve Component Participation

22,723 as of 16 Sep 0400L

Note: None under partial mobilization

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### Operation NOBLE EAGLE Summary as of 1200 EDT 16 Sep 01

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  - + F-16's & AWACS detect helicopters (2357L)
- + Contact lost with helo's (0020L); CINCNORAD launches tanker to maintain CAP/AWACS over plant until daylight -- local law enforcement responding 152355 - NORAD returns OPCON of STENNIS & WASHINGTON to CINCPAC/CINCLANT 160006 - FEMA places Nuclear plants on alert 160755 - F-16 CAP over SC Nuclear plant returned to

#### **Pending Actions:**

Shaw AFB

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- Force Protection Condition (FPCON):

   USA/USN//USMC/USAF/USCG/CINCs at 'CHARLIE'
  - CENTCOM at 'DELTA'
  - Local threat intel keeping other sites at 'D'

#### Logistics Update:

-104 pouches recovered, 99 pouches flown to Dover (4 CH-47s flew on 15 Sep; 4 scheduled for today)

#### **NORAD Air Defense Posture:**

1.4(g) Combat Air Patrol (CAP)

- 4 fighters/1 tanker over Washington Area
- 2 fighters/1 tanker over NYC
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- Alert fighters at 27 bases (added Dobbins AFB still114 total fighters)

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#### **East Coast**

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#### West Coast

- 6 Cruiser and Destroyers (Carrier released)

#### Reserve Component Participation

22,881 as of 16 Sep 1100L

Note: None under partial mobilization

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# Operation NOBLE EAGLE Summary as of 1600 EDT 16 Sep 01

#### Significant Events (Last 24 HRS): (All times local)

152331 - Three unidentified helicopters detected flying over nuclear power plants in South Carolina. 2 alert F-16s, AWACS and tanker launched. Contact lost, CAP maintained until daylight.

160006 - FEMA places Nuclear plants on alert 160755 - F-16 CAP over SC nuclear plant returned to Shaw AFB

161000-1600 Reagan Airport open for departures for repositioning aircraft only.

#### Pending Actions:

- DEPORD: CINC NORAD request For Forces To CJCS
- Senate request DUSD provide additional detail on 11 Sep Terrorist Attack; drafting info paper for DepSecDef -- at NORAD; due OSD 0700 17 Sep
- Request relief from AWACs counter-drug requirement and mod to CJCS EXORD - To DJS
- P4 seeking CINC and Service response concerning maintaining FPCon "Charlie" - To CJCS
- DEPORD for JFCOM to deploy Quick Reaction Team to CENTCOM - awaiting USDP chop
- CINC TRANSCOM request for delegated authority to approve requests for exceptions to air transport eligibility - at LRC

#### Force Protection Condition (FPCON):

- USA/USN//USMC/USAF/USCG/CINCs at 'CHARLIE' except:
  - CENTCOM at 'DELTA'
  - Local threat intel keeping other sites at 'D'

#### Logistics Update:

- As of 161540, 104 Human Remains pouches recovered, 99 flown to Dover, 5 awaiting transfer (4 CH-47s flights scheduled for today). 11 remains identified, none released

#### **NORAD Air Defense Posture:**

(CAP) Combat Air Patrol

- 4 fighters/1 tanker over Washington Area
- 2 fighters/1 tanker over NYC
- 1 AWACS controlling both CAPS
- Alert tankers at 14 bases (42 total)
- Alert fighters at 27 bases

#### Naval Forces Update (All OPCON to NORAD):

East Coast: 7 Cruisers and Destroyers

West Coast: 6 Cruiser and Destroyers

#### **Reserve Component Participation**

22,886 as of 16 Sep 1530L

Note: None under partial mobilization

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# Operation NOBLE EAGLE Summary as of 2000 EDT 16 Sep 01

#### Significant Events (Last 24 HRS): (All times local)

152331 - Three unidentified helicopters detected flying over nuclear power plants in South Carolina. 2 alert F-16s, AWACS and tanker launched. Contact lost, CAP maintained until daylight

160006 - FEMA places Nuclear plants on alert 160755 - F-16 CAP over SC nuclear plant returned to Shaw AFB

161000-1600 Reagan Airport open for departures for repositioning aircraft only

161623 - CENTCOM established baseline FPCON Charlie 161900 - FBI conducting interviews of witnesses regarding alleged sightings of helicopters in South Carolina last night

#### **Pending Actions:**

- DEPORD: CINC NORAD request For Forces in final staffing
- Senate request DUSD provide additional detail on 11 Sep Terrorist Attack; drafting info paper for DepSecDef -- at NORAD; due OSD 0700 17 Sep
- Request relief from AWACs counter-drug requirement and mod to CJCS EXORD - in final staffing
- P4 seeking CINC and Service response concerning maintaining FPCON "Charlie" - To CJCS
- DEPORD for JFCOM to deploy Quick Reaction Team to CENTCOM - pending review at J-3 level
- CINC TRANSCOM request for delegated authority to approve requests for exceptions to air transport eliqibility - at LRC

#### Force Protection Condition (FPCON):

- All CINCS and Services have established baseline "CHARLIE"
- The Coast Guard is at "DELTA" in NY harbor

#### Logistics Update:

- As of 161540, 104 Human Remains pouches recovered, 99 flown to Dover, 5 awaiting transfer, (4 CH-47s flights flown today). 11 remains identified, none released

#### NORAD Air Defense Posture:

#### 1.4(9) Combat Air Patrol (CAP)

- 4 fighters/1 tanker over Washington Area
- 2 fighters/1 tanker over NYC
- 1 AWACS controlling both CAPS
- Alert tankers at 14 bases (42 total)
- Alert fighters at 27 bases

#### Naval Forces Update (All OPCON to NORAD):

East Coast: 7 Cruisers and Destroyers

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#### Reserve Component Participation

22,886 as of 16 Sep 2000

Note: None under partial mobilization

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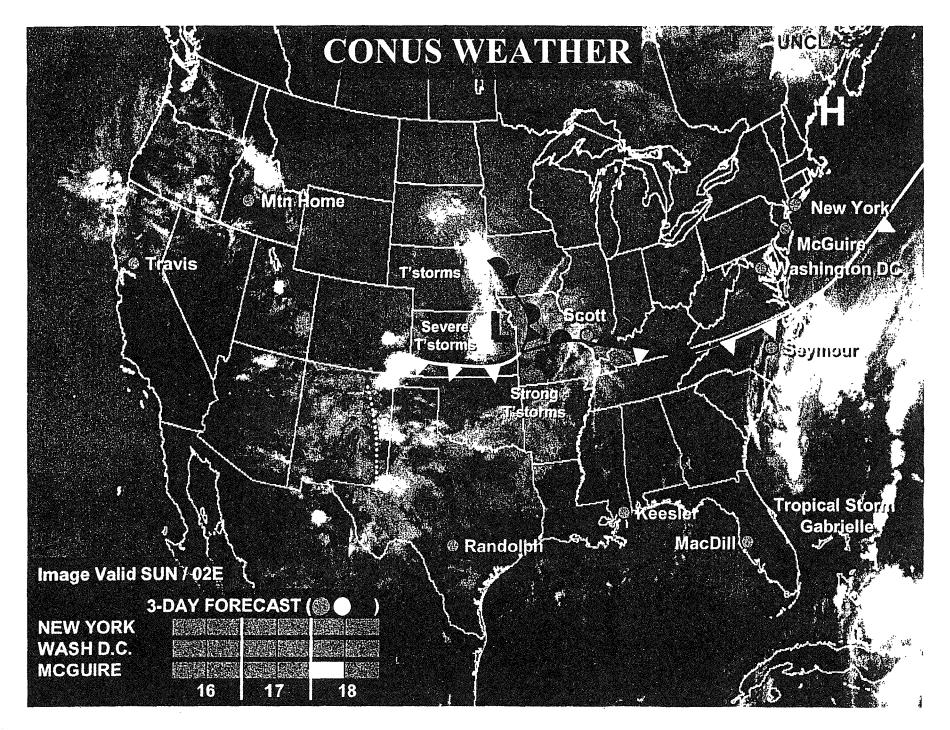


# Operation NOBLE EAGLE 160830 Sep 01

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- 2 x F-16s scrambled from Shaw AFB, SC in response to three unidentified helicopters near Oconee Nuclear Power Plant (Seneca, SC) (152331)
- F-16's & AWACS detect helicopters (152357)
- Contact lost with helo's; CINCNORAD launches tanker to maintain CAP/AWACS over plant until daylight -- local law enforcement have responded to scene (160020)
- 152355 NORAD returns OPCON of JOHN C STENNIS & GEORGE WASHINGTON to CINCPAC/CINCLANT
- 160006 Nuclear Regulatory Commission placed South Carolina nuclear power plants on full alert
- 160755 Oconee CAP Returned to base



### Readiness Posture

- 1.4(g
- Force Protection Condition Charlie (eff. 121600Z Sep 01)
- INFOCON ALPHA
- Air Defense Posture Level
  - CAP Stations
    - 3 CAPs airborne 2 fighters (New York), 4 fighters (DC and Camp David), 2 fighters (Oconee, South Carolina)
    - AWACS
      - 2 airborne, New York / DC and Oconee
    - STRIP ALERT
    - 26 bases with 2 minimum fighters on Response Posture Immediate and 2 minimum fighters on Response 30
  - ROE
    - Mods in effect

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# NORAD Air Defense Posture



# NORAD Air Defense Posture

1.4(g)



# Crisis Action Team Actions (as of 160400 Sep)

ACTION	SUBJECT	SUSP	RESP	STATUS
0009-01	DEPORD: CINC NORA Request for Forces	DASAP	JOD	To DJS
0017-01	Removal of PTDO Strategic Warning in Support of US CENTCOMS CCRF	15 Sep 1630	JOD	To DJS
0023-01	Info About Events of 11 Sep for US Senate	15 Sep	JOD	Coordinating response with NORAD
0025-01	MOD 3 to Standing Counter Drug EXORD	16 Sep	JOD	To DJS

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0009-01: DEPORD: Request for Forces CINCNORAD

Requestor: CINCNORAD

Suspense: ASAP

Action Owned by: J-3 JOD

- <u>Issues / Background</u>: USCINCNORAD CONPLAN 3310-96 provides for air defense coverage for the US NORAD. NORAD submitted new RFF 14 Sep. Changes have been reworked and staffed.
- Recommendation: SECDEF Approval and Message Release
- Status: To DJS for signature



## Crisis Action Team Actions (as of 160400 Sep)

ACTION	SUBJECT	SUSP	RESP	STATUS
0009-01	DEPORD: CINC NORA Request for Forces	<sup>D</sup> ASAP	JOD	To DJS
0017-01	Removal of PTDO Strategic Warning in Support of US CENTCOMS CCRF	15 Sep 1630	JOD	To DJS
0023-01	Info About Events of 11 Sep for US Senate	15 Sep	JOD	Coordinating response with NORAD
0025-01	MOD 3 to Standing Counter Drug EXORD	16 Sep	JOD	To DJS

0017-01: Removal of PTDO Strategic Warning in Support of US CENTCOMS CCRF

- Requestor: CENTCOM
- · Suspense: ASAP
- Action Owned by: JOD
- <u>Issues / Background</u>: Action removes 48 hour strategic warning from the PTDO; commits some of the CCRF to a deployment posture and may force commanders of other CCRF to increase their prepare to deploy postures
- Recommendation: Action recommends removing 48 hour strategic warning from the PTDO
- Status: To DJS for signature

## Crisis Action Team Actions (as of 160400 Sep)

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0023-01: Information About Events of 11 SEP for US Senate through OSD

- Requestor: OSD
- Suspense: ASAP
- Action Owned by: JOD
- <u>Issues / Background</u>: In coordination with NORAD provide detailed information concerning the air defense response to the attacks on 11 SEP.
- Recommendation: Provided current info paper back to NORAD for review
- Status: Coordinating response with NORAD



0025-01: MOD 3 to Standing Counter-Drug EXORD

- Requestor: JFCOM
- Suspense: 16 Sep
- Action Owned by: JOD
- <u>Issues / Background</u>: JFCOM has requested relief from a Counter-Drug tasker to provide 1 x AWACs coverage
- <u>Recommendation</u>: Suspend 1 x AWACS support to USCINCSO Counterdrug Operations through NLT 15 Nov 01
- Status: To DJS for signature



# Crisis Action Team Actions (as of 151630 Sep)

ACTION	SUBJECT	SUSP	RESP	STATUS
0027-01	Maintaining FPCON Charlie (P4)	16 Sep	J-34	To DJS
0028-01	DEPORD for JFCOM to Deploy One Quick Reaction	15 Sep	J-2	At USDP
	to USCINCCENT			



0027-01: Maintaining Force Protection Condition (FPCON)

· Requestor: JCS

• Suspense: 16 Sep

Action Owned by: J-34

- <u>Issues / Background</u>: FPCON Charlie requires review. Set by SecDef.
- <u>Recommendation</u>: Send P4 to CINCs and Service Chiefs to provide SecDef concerns and recommendations with maintaining FPCON Charlie. Chairman to request that determination authority be returned to CINCs and Service Chiefs.

Status: To DJS



# Crisis Action Team Actions (as of 151630 Sep)

ACTION	SUBJECT	SUSP	RESP	STATUS
0027-01	Maintaining FPCON Charlie (P4)	16 Sep	J-34	To DJS
0028-01	DEPORD for JFCOM to Deploy One Quick Reaction Team	15 Sep	J-2	At USDP
	to USCINCCENT			

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0028-01: DEPORD for USCINCJFCOM to deploy one quick reaction team to USCINCCENT

· Requestor: JCS

Suspense: 16 Sep

Action Owned by: J-2

- <u>Issues / Background</u>: CENTCOM J2 requested specialized augmentation support for ongoing operations, including a Quick Reaction Team (QRT). QRT requested is two targeteers. IAW QRT conops, sending QRT requires a DEPORD. DEPORD drafted to direct USCINCJFCOM to provide two targeteers to USCINCCENT.
- Recommendation: SECDEF approve DEPORD directing USCINCJFCOM to provide two targeteers to USCINCCENT.
- Status: To USDP

# Director of Military Support (Military Support to Civil Authorities)

Requestor	Description	OPR	DOMS Order Issued	Status	DTG
FEMA	Urban Search & Rescue Teams	JFCOM	FRAGO issued	Kirkland, NM to McGuire	170800Sep

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## Noble Eagle/Pentagon Mortuary Affairs Update

- 99 Human Remains (HR) pouches recovered.
- 3 HR pouches awaiting transfer to Dover
- 96 HR pouches received by Dover
- 1 Positive Identification
- 0 remains released from Dover.
- 311th Collection Company (PR USAR) to assist Pentagon Mortuary Affairs operation in a 2 week annual training status.

## DJS Issues from 160830 Sep 01 Briefing

- Air Defense Posture
  - Identify indicators to be used to guide transition air defense posture from
- Balancing NORAD requirements vs. PTDO requirements



### FPCON Baseline\*

## As of: 151330 Sep 01

	FPCON	Comments
Army	С	
Air Force	С	
USN	С	
USMC	С	
USCG	С	
JFCOM	С	
PACOM	С	
EUCOM	С	
SOUTHCOM	С	
CENTCOM	D	Review 161734L Sep 01
SOCOM	С	
STRATCOM	С	
SPACECOM	С	
TRANSCOM	С	

<sup>\*</sup> Local threat intelligence keeping some sites at FPCON DELTA

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