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CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF EXECUTE DIRECTIVE TO THE JOINT COMMANDER
OPERATION TELIC EDITION 1

1 The enclosed Op TELIC Execute Directive Edition 1 is issued in draft form for planning and guidance purposes only at this stage. It is to be read on the firm understanding that the UK political decision has yet to be taken to conduct offensive operations against Iraq. Until such a decision is taken the current 'coercion strategy' remains UK Main Effort. But events could move very fast and you are therefore to draw on this Edition 1 Directive to inform your further planning and cascade instructions.

2 Your current focus must be to complete Force Preparation and Force Deployment at best speed. In addition you are to continue to work closely with COMCENTCOM and his Component Commanders and their staff on all aspects of potential operations in support of Phases 3 and 4. You are to seek and exploit opportunities within US planning that maximise the potential of the UK Op TELIC Force Package to contribute 'Decisive Joint Effect' to the wider Coalition. Agility and flexibility to meet fast developing political and military circumstances will be critical. I particularly want you to emphasise this requirement to your Subordinate Commanders.

3 I will update this Directive as events unfold. It will be activated as appropriate on my order.

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Enclosure:

1 CDS 08/03 CDS Op TELIC Execute Directive Edition 1 dated 28 Feb 03.

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