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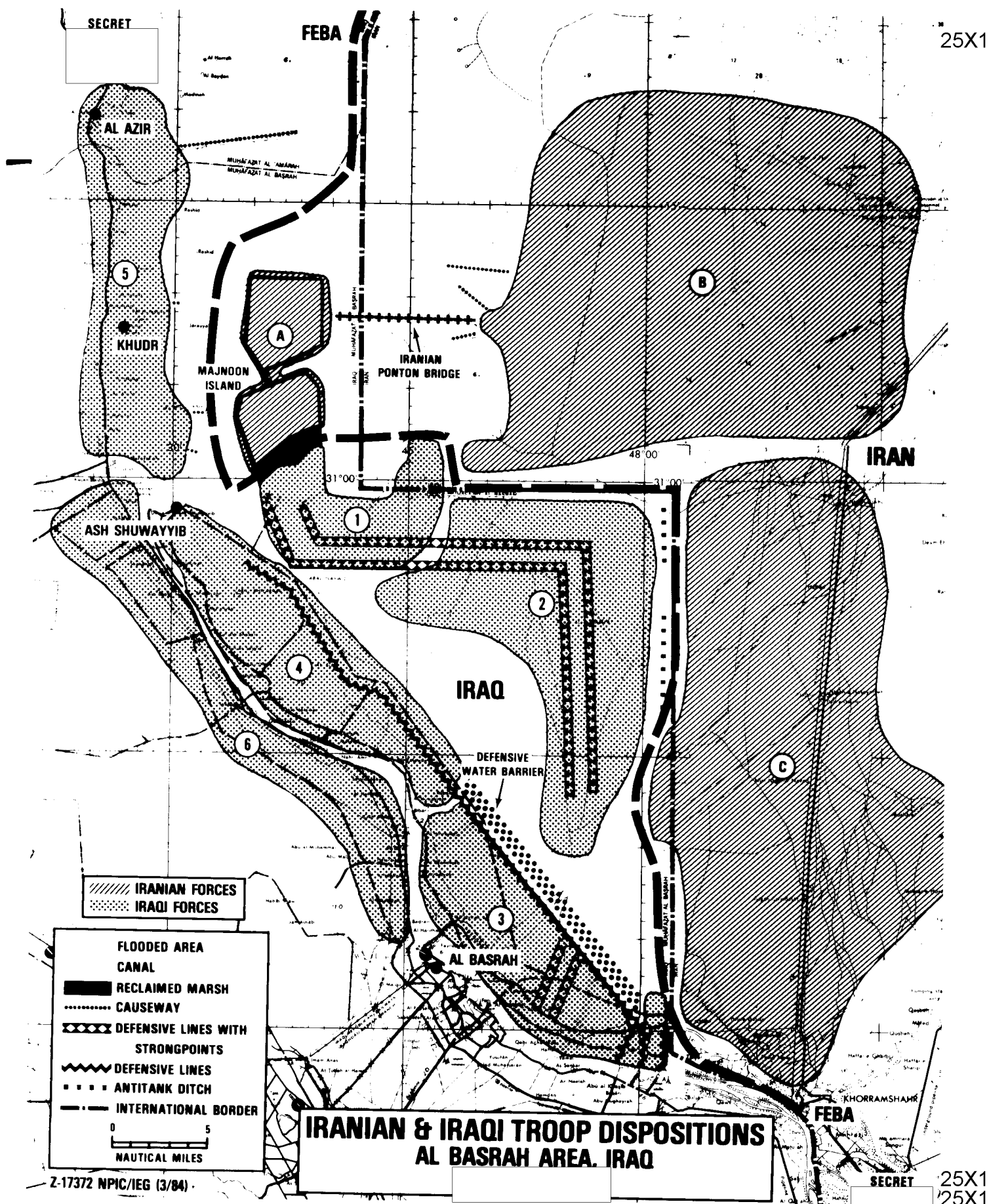
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IRANIAN AND IRAQI TROOP DISPOSITIONS
AL BASRAH AREA, IRAQ (SWN)

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: CONTINUING PREPARATIONS FOR AN IRANIAN OFFENSIVE OPERATION AND IRAQI COUNTERMEASURES WERE OBSERVED IN THE AL BASRAH BATTLE SECTOR _____ (SWN)

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2. REMARKS: HOSTILITIES CONTINUED IN THE AL BASRAH AREA. ARTILLERY SHELLING WAS OBSERVED NEAR IRAQI INFANTRY POSITIONS NORTH OF AL BASRAH AND NEAR THE IRANIAN PONTON BRIDGE. IRANIAN AND IRAQI FORCES DEPLOYED ALONG THE INTERNATIONAL BORDER NORTH AND EAST OF AL BASRAH, INCLUDING THE MAJNOON ISLANDS, REMAINED ESSENTIALLY UNCHANGED SINCE _____. IRANIAN FORCES CONSISTED OF MAJOR ELEMENTS OF TWO ARMORED BRIGADES AND A LARGE INFANTRY FORCE. OPPOSING IRAQI FORCES CONSISTED OF MAJOR ELEMENTS OF THREE ARMORED DIVISIONS, ONE MECHANIZED INFANTRY DIVISION, TWO ARMORED BRIGADES, AND A LARGE INFANTRY FORCE. INCREASED REAR AREA SUPPORT ACTIVITY WAS OBSERVED ON BOTH SIDES. THE FORWARD EDGE OF THE BATTLE AREA (FEBA) ALSO REMAINED UNCHANGED SINCE _____. SIGNIFICANT MILITARY ACTIVITY IS ILLUSTRATED IN NPIC BRIEFING BOARD Z-17373/84. THE SIZE AND DISPOSITION OF IRANIAN AND IRAQI FORCES DEPLOYED IN THIS AREA _____ WERE AS FOLLOWS:

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IRANIAN FORCES (ITEMS KEYED TO GRAPHIC)ITEM A

ONE INFANTRY UNIT
ONE ENGINEER UNIT
ONE AMPHIBIOUS UNIT
ONE AMPHIBIOUS ENGINEER UNIT
NUMEROUS SUPPLY & TRANSPORT UNITS

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IRANIAN FORCES (CONTINUED)

ITEM B

ONE ARMORED BRIGADE
ONE TANK BATTALION
ONE TANK COMPANY
ONE SPG BATTALION
TWO SPG BATTERIES
THREE FA BATTALIONS
TWO FA BATTERIES
ONE HAWK BATTERY
ONE HELICOPTER UNIT
ONE AMPHIBIOUS UNIT
ONE ENGINEER UNIT
ONE AMPHIBIOUS ENGINEER UNIT
NUMEROUS SUPPLY & TRANSPORT UNITS
AT LEAST ONE INFANTRY UNIT

ITEM C

ONE TANK BATTALION
ONE MECHANIZED INFANTRY BATTALION
THREE SPG BATTALIONS
TWO SPG BATTERIES
TEN FA BATTERIES
ONE MRL BATTERY
ONE ENGINEER UNIT
NUMEROUS SUPPLY & TRANSPORT UNITS
AT LEAST TWO INFANTRY UNITS

IRAQI FORCES (ITEMS KEYED TO GRAPHIC)

ITEM 1

TWO TANK BATTALIONS
TWO MECHANIZED INFANTRY BATTALIONS
TWO ARMORED RECONNAISSANCE COMPANIES
ONE SPG BATTALION
SEVEN FA BATTALIONS
SIX FA BATTERIES
ONE MRL BATTERY
ONE ENGINEER UNIT

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IRAQI FORCES (CONTINUED)

ITEM 1 (CONTINUED)

NUMEROUS SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT UNITS
AT LEAST ONE INFANTRY UNIT

ITEM 2

TWO ARMORED DIVISIONS
ONE MECHANIZED INFANTRY DIVISION
ONE ARMORED BRIGADE
FIVE SPG BATTALIONS
THIRTEEN FA BATTALIONS
ONE MRL BATTERY
ONE ENGINEER UNIT
NUMEROUS SUPPLY & TRANSPORT UNITS
AT LEAST TWO INFANTRY UNITS

ITEM 3

EIGHT FA BATTALIONS
TWO FA BATTERIES
ONE MRL BATTERY
ONE SA-6 BATTALION
ONE ENGINEER UNIT
NUMEROUS SUPPLY & TRANSPORT UNITS
AT LEAST ONE INFANTRY UNIT

ITEM 4

ONE ARMORED DIVISION
ONE ARMORED BRIGADE
FOUR SA-6 BATTALIONS
ONE ENGINEER UNIT
NUMEROUS SUPPLY & TRANSPORT UNITS
AT LEAST ONE INFANTRY UNIT

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IRAQI FORCES (CONTINUED)

ITEM 5

ONE TANK COMPANY
TWO MECHANIZED INFANTRY COMPANIES
TWO ARMORED RECONNAISSANCE COMPANIES
TWO FA BATTALIONS
ONE MRL BATTERY
ONE SA-2 BATTALION
ONE ENGINEER UNIT
NUMEROUS SUPPLY & TRANSPORT UNITS
AT LEAST ONE INFANTRY UNIT

ITEM 6

ONE TANK BATTALION
ONE MECHANIZED INFANTRY COMPANY
ONE FROG-7 BRIGADE
ONE SA-2 BATTALION
ONE HELICOPTER UNIT
ONE AMPHIBIOUS ENGINEER UNIT
NUMEROUS SUPPLY & TRANSPORT UNITS
AT LEAST ONE INFANTRY UNIT

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