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Purpose: To inform Commander, USNORTHCOM the federal protection mission in support of DHS operations in MacArthur Park, Los Angeles.

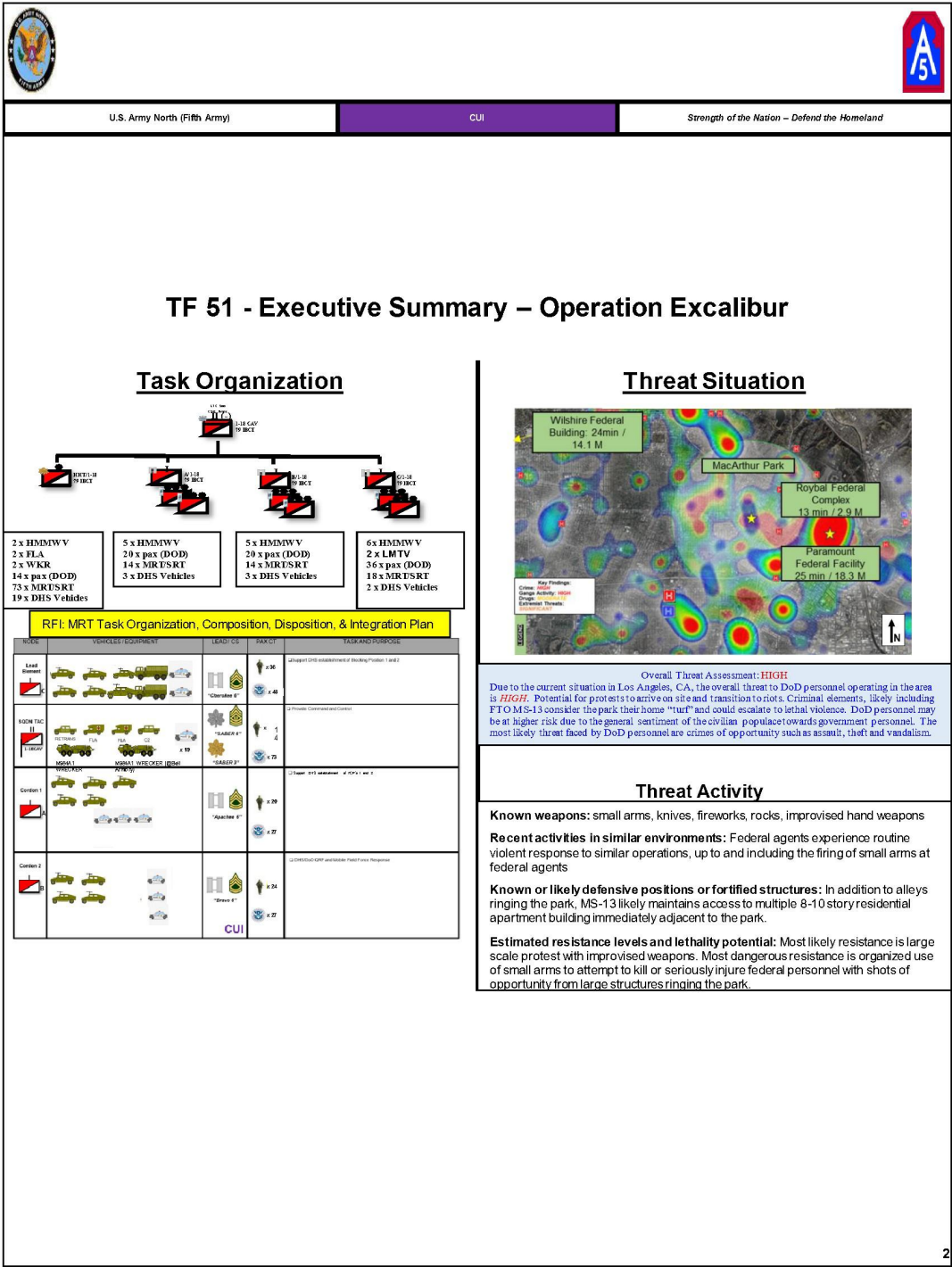
INPUTS:	OUTPUTS:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> External planning product from 1-18 CAV/79 IBC Coordination products Applicable authorities (Title 10, SRUF, interagency agreements) Commander's critical information requirements (CCIR) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shared understanding External plan's key concepts and assumptions. Clarified task and purpose for supported/supporting roles. Identified operational seams, gaps, or risk areas. Commander's guidance for coordination. Recommended actions or refinement priorities for the staff.

AGENDA:

1. This brief provides the commander an overview of the planned mission in support of **the Los Angeles Federal Protection Mission at Mac Arthur Park – Operation Excalibur**.
2. General Concept of:
 - Task Organization
 - Operational Environment (Situation)
 - Civil Analysis & Mission
 - Concept of the Operation
 - Concepts of Medical, Sustainment, Communications
 - Risk Analysis/Mitigation & Contingencies

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MacArthur Park Background Update

MacArthur Park as an Immigration Enforcement Objective

MacArthur park functions as the largest open-air market of fake identification to enable illegal immigration and human trafficking in the Southwest United States. Entire sections of the 35 square acre park host open buying and selling of fake identification and other illegal goods in broad daylight. Federal agents confirmed that these activities continued at MacArthur park within the last week.

MacArthur Park Symbolic Significance

The founding location of MS-13, MacArthur park represents an area of historic lawlessness where criminal organizations openly defy local and federal law, including immigration law.

Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) Intent for MacArthur Park Operations

CBP intends to conduct a large patrol of MacArthur park to detect, detain or deter activity that enables illegal immigration and human trafficking while demonstrating the ability of federal agencies to conduct law enforcement operations anywhere in Los Angeles.

CBP "Clear" definition in this operation: Dismounted presence patrol for consensual encounters across the entirety of a designated area

-NO FAST ROPE INSERTION; ROTARY WING FOR MEDEVAC ONLY

-REDUCED TRAFFIC CONTROL POINTS (TCP)

-SIMPLIFIED SCHEME OF MANEUVER TO REDUCE TIME ON TARGET



-UPDATED ABORT CRITERIA TO INCLUDE IDENTIFICATION OF 1,000 PAX OR LARGER PROTEST WITHIN 3 MILES OF PARK

-CBP PLANS TO USE HORSES IN NORTH END OF PARK FOR PRESENCE AND CONTINGENCY CROWD CONTROL

- NO BOAT IN LAKE

-SLOW MOVEMENT THROUGH PARK FOR CONSENSUAL ENCOUNTERS


-NO RESTRICTION OF PEACEFUL MOVEMENT OF INDIVIDUALS TO/THROUGH/FROM PARK

	
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Operation Excalibur Executive Summary

Civil Analysis

Civilian population density in target area and potential for collateral damage: High density of civilians in complex urban terrain, moderate to high potential for collateral damage if threat activity requires use of lethal force in a kinetic engagement.



Population
Local Population density is **High**; Estimate is nearly **20,000** People live in the adjacent blocks to MacArthur Park. Majority of Buildings are Mixed-Use Commercial/Residential with Medium to High Density.

Local Law Enforcement
DHS will provide two hours notice of the operation to LAPD; LAPD will provide law enforcement response unrelated to immigration enforcement.

Important Landmarks

- 1) [Consulate General of Mexico in Los Angeles](#)
- 2) [Department of Public Social Services, County of Los Angeles](#)
- 3) [Charles White Elementary School](#)
- 4) [MacArthur Elementary School](#)
- 5) [Grandview Retirement Center](#)
- 6) [Harold McAlister High School](#)
- 7) [Solidad Charter School](#)

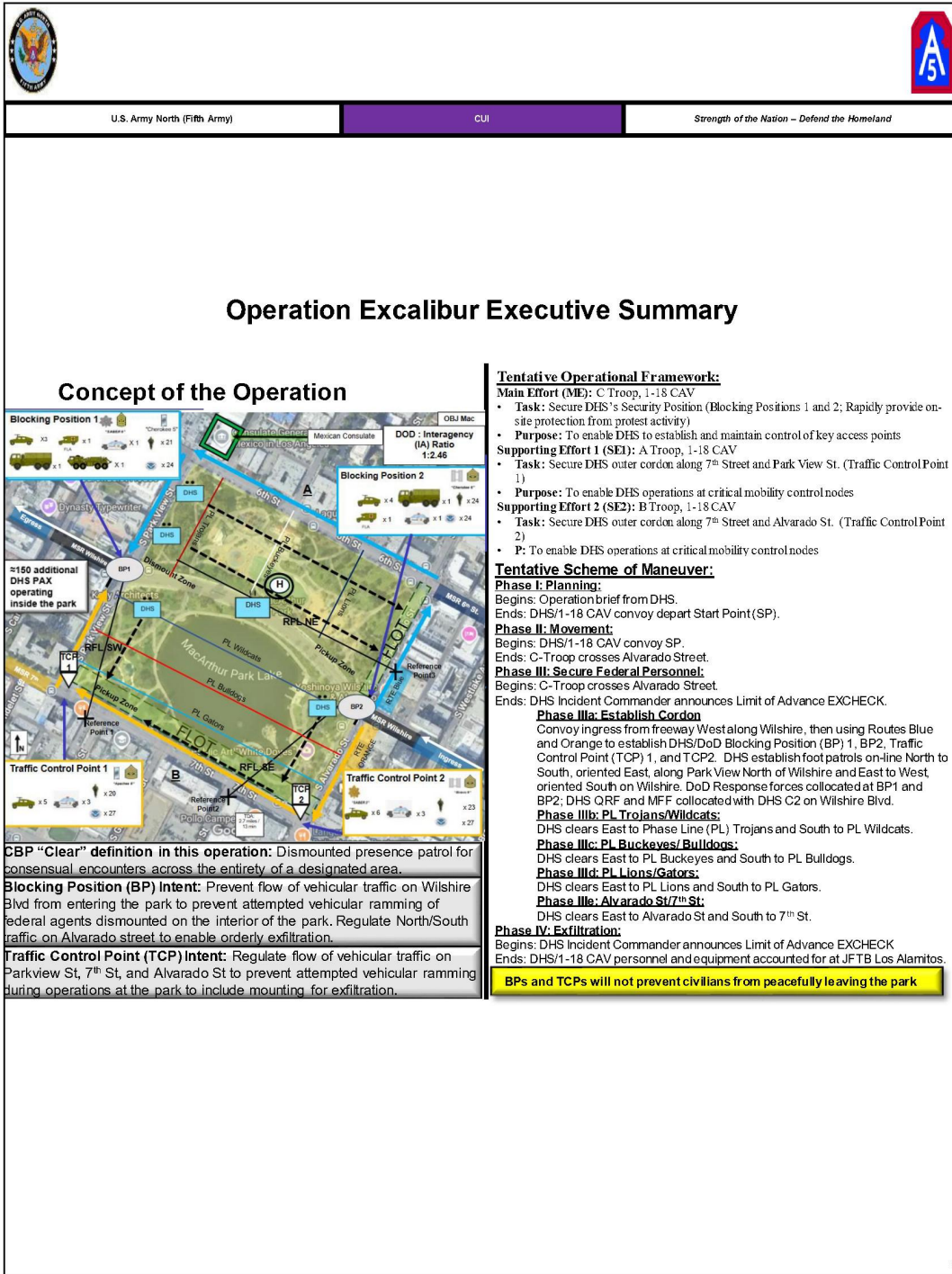
Mission:
On order, 1-18th Cavalry Squadron provides **static interagency site protection, mounted mobile security, and Joint Force Land Component Command (JFLCC) Reserve support** to Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) and supporting federal agencies, whose intent at MacArthur Park is to demonstrate, through a show of presence, the capacity and freedom of maneuver of federal law enforcement within the Los Angeles Joint Operations Area (JOA).

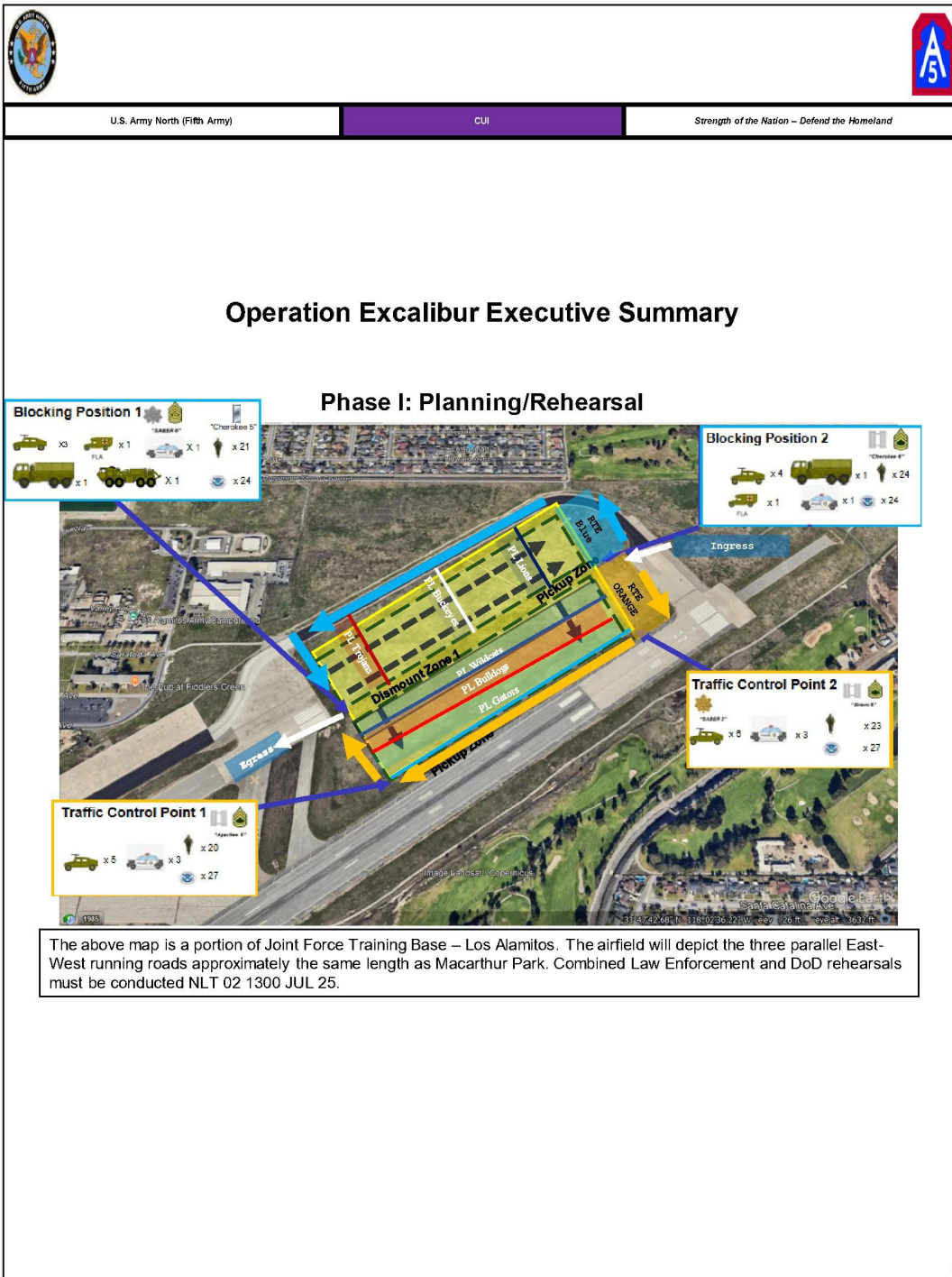
Purpose: The purpose of this operation is to enable and protect the execution of joint federal law enforcement missions in a high-visibility urban environment, while preserving public safety and demonstrating federal reach and presence.

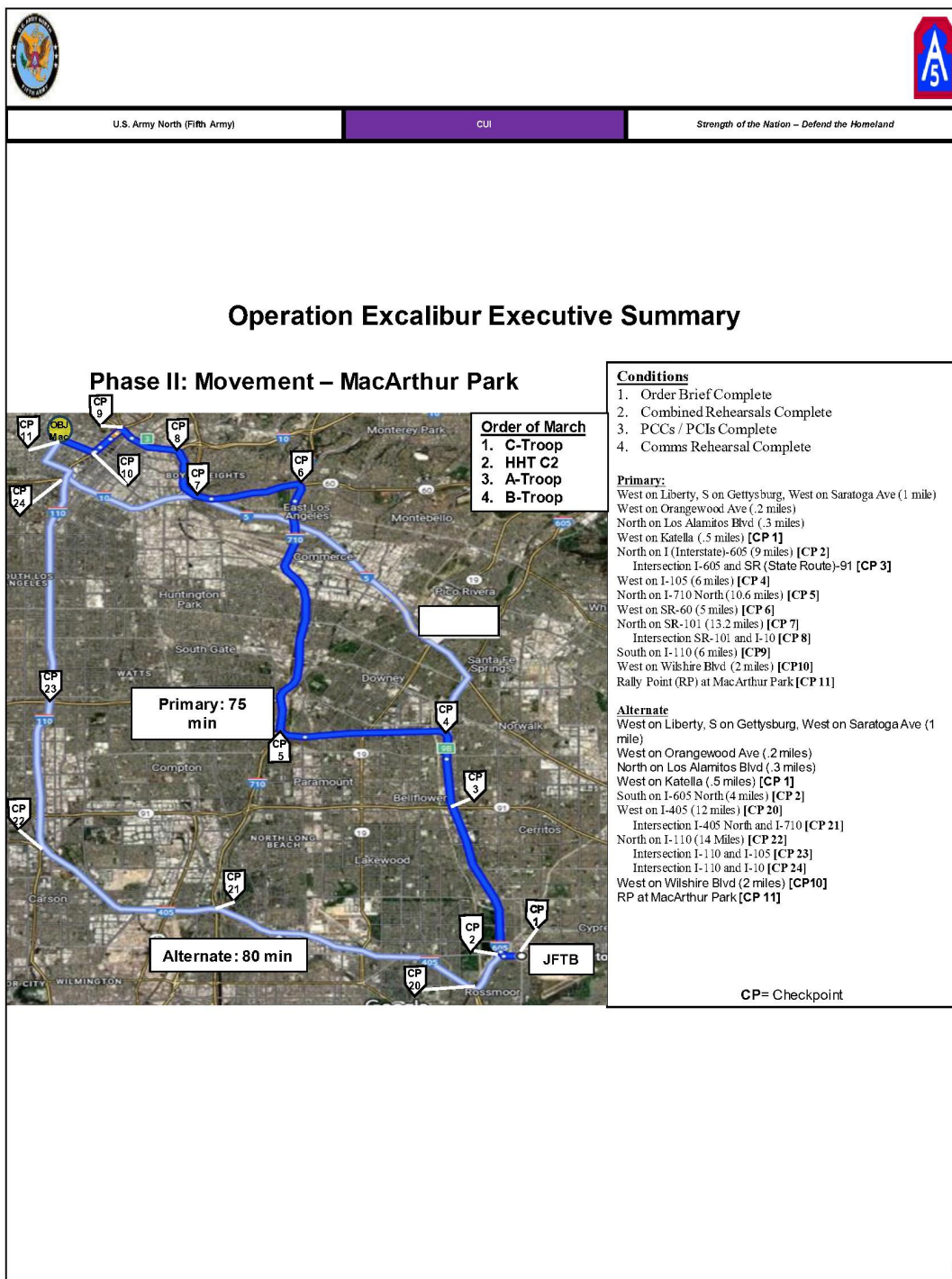
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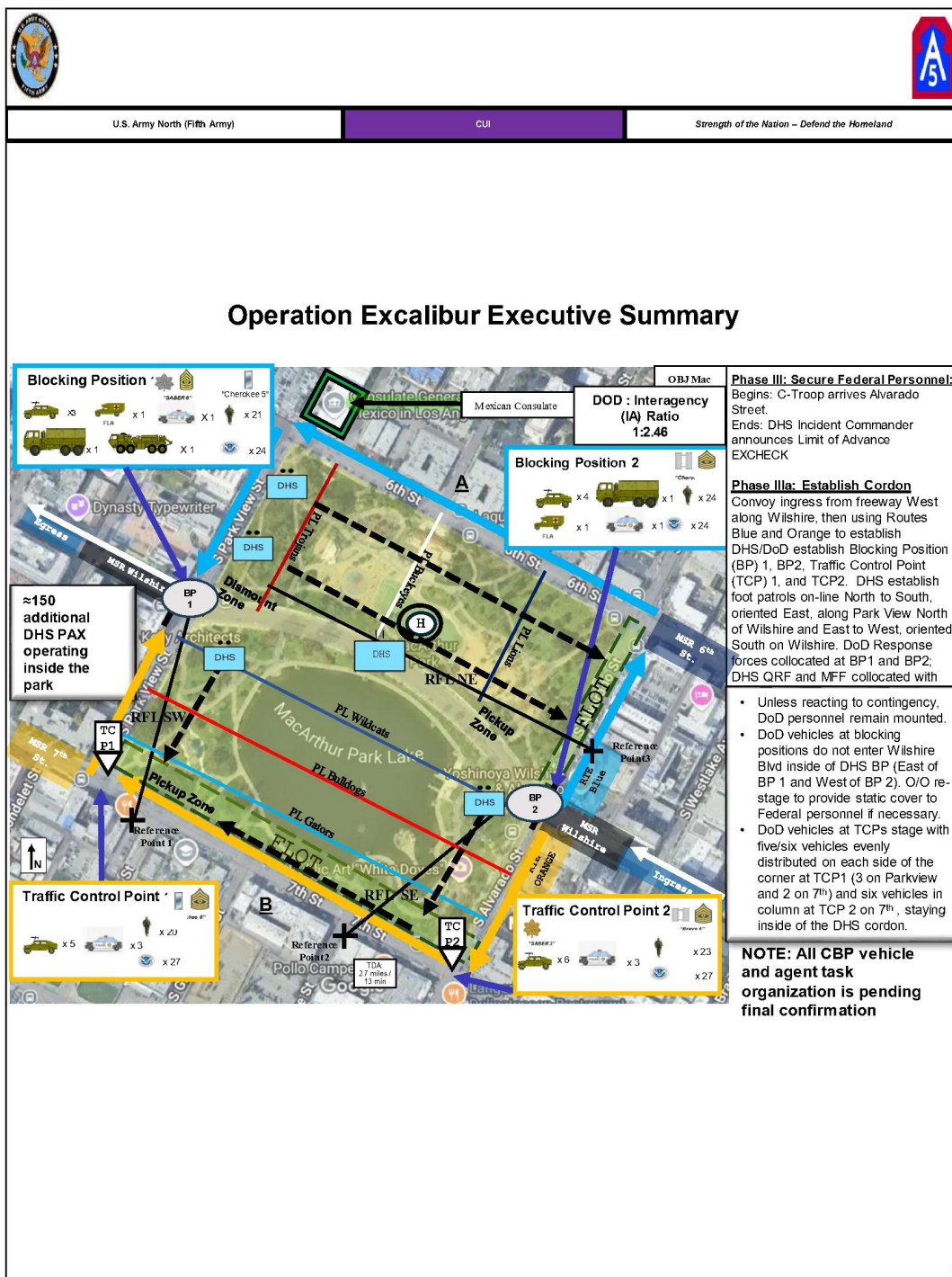
1. **Secure Key Terrain:** Protect DHS security points and blocking positions.
2. **Provide Area Security:** Safeguard federal personnel and designated federal property.
3. **Enable Civil Freedom of Movement:** Do not restrict pedestrian movement.
4. **Support Law Enforcement:** Do not conduct law enforcement activities; detain individuals only in response to an imminent threat and transfer to law enforcement as soon as practicable.
5. **Comply with Rules for the Use of Force:** Operate IAW Standing Rules for the Use of Force (SRUF); use force only when authorized and necessary.

End state:
(**Friendly**) 1-18th CAV forces remain postured to respond to emergent requirements, then successfully retrograde in an organized manner without incident.
(**Threat**) Potential civil unrest is deterred or contained in the supported area.
(**Terrain**) Federal personnel and property in the vicinity of MacArthur Park remain secure, with DHS personnel at security positions and DHS outer cordon maintained without disruption.
(**Civil Considerations**) Civilian movement remains unrestricted, **no Civilian harm**, and interactions with the local population are professional, disciplined, and in accordance with mission guidance and SRUF.













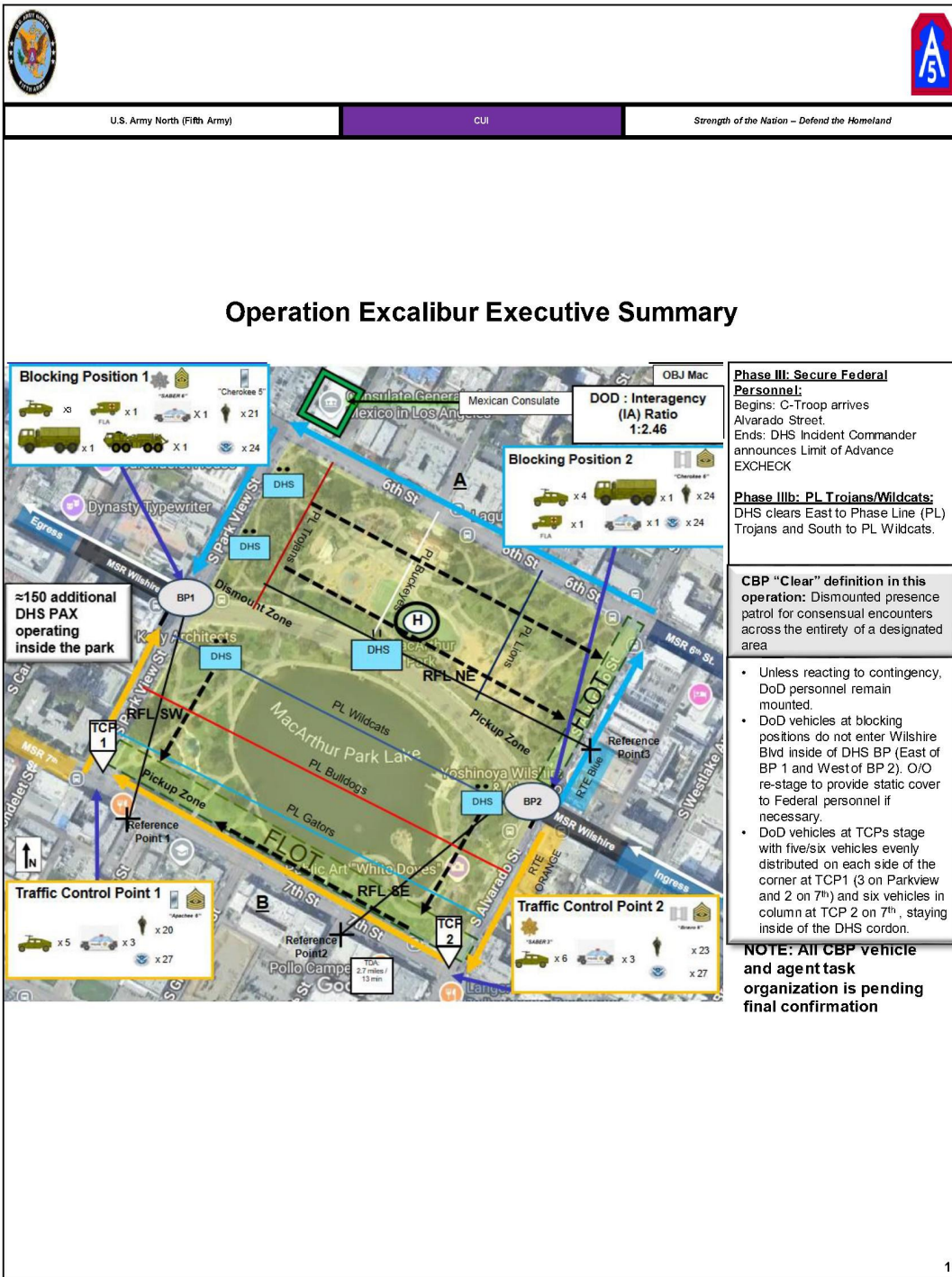
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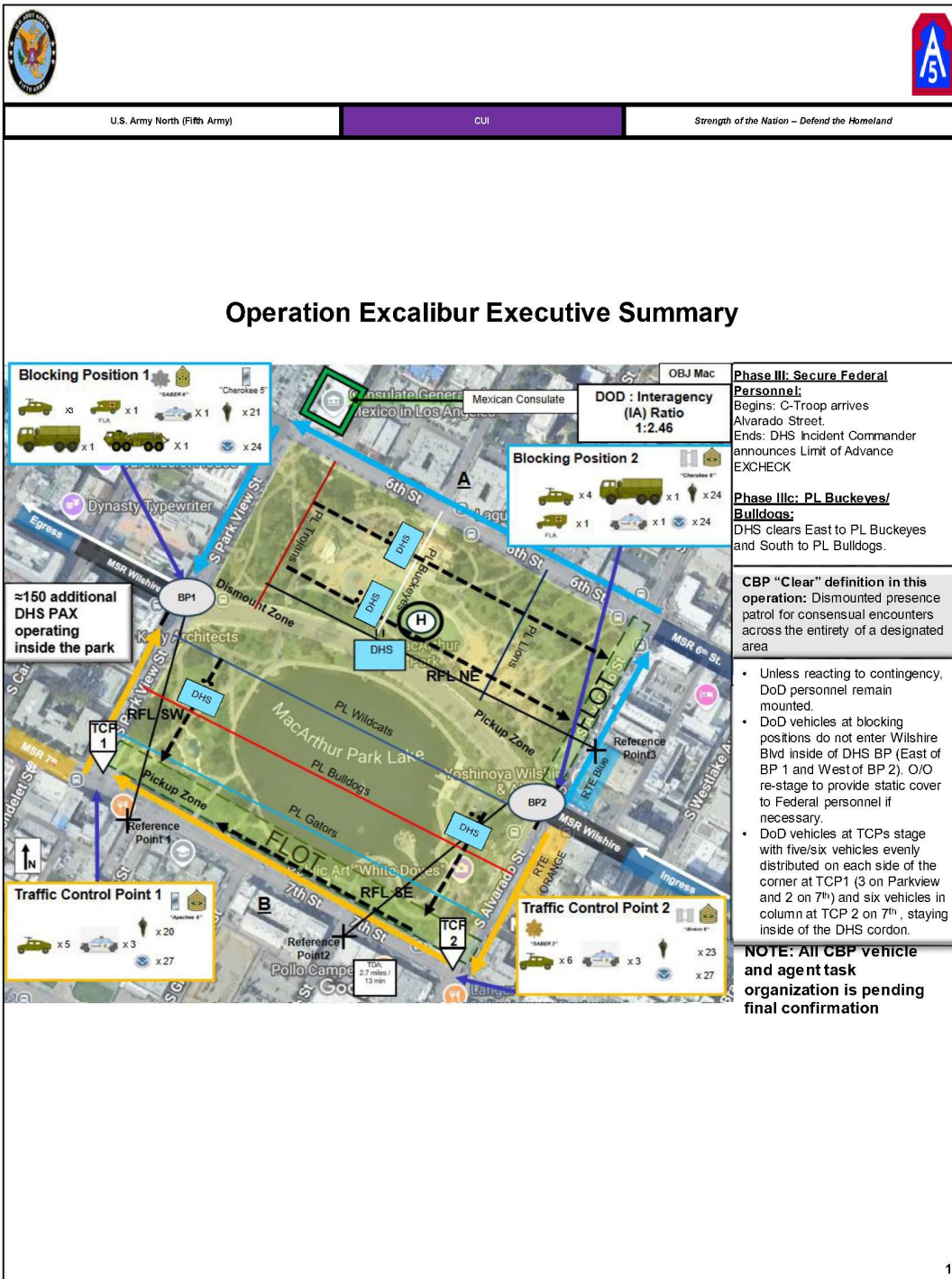


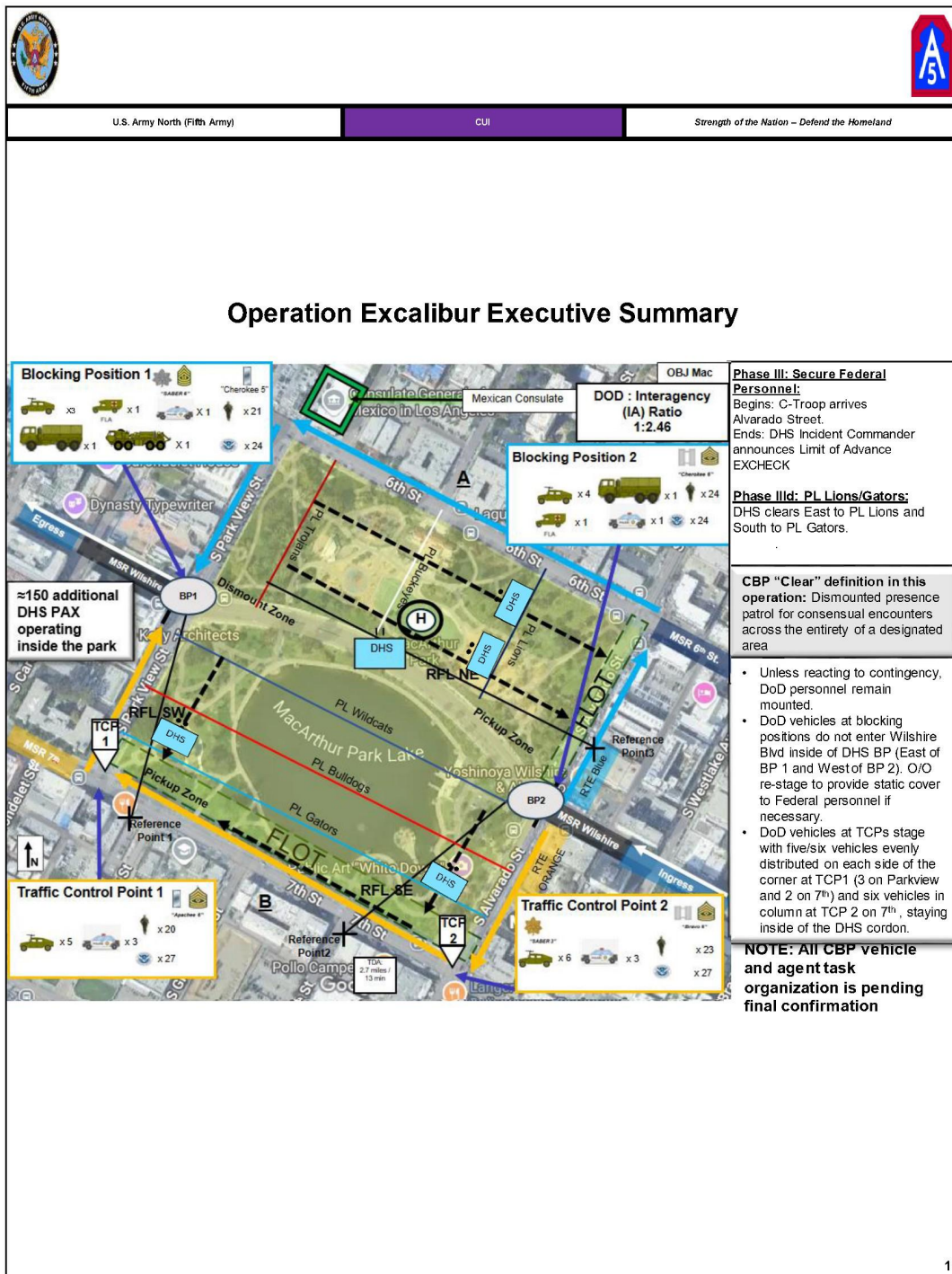
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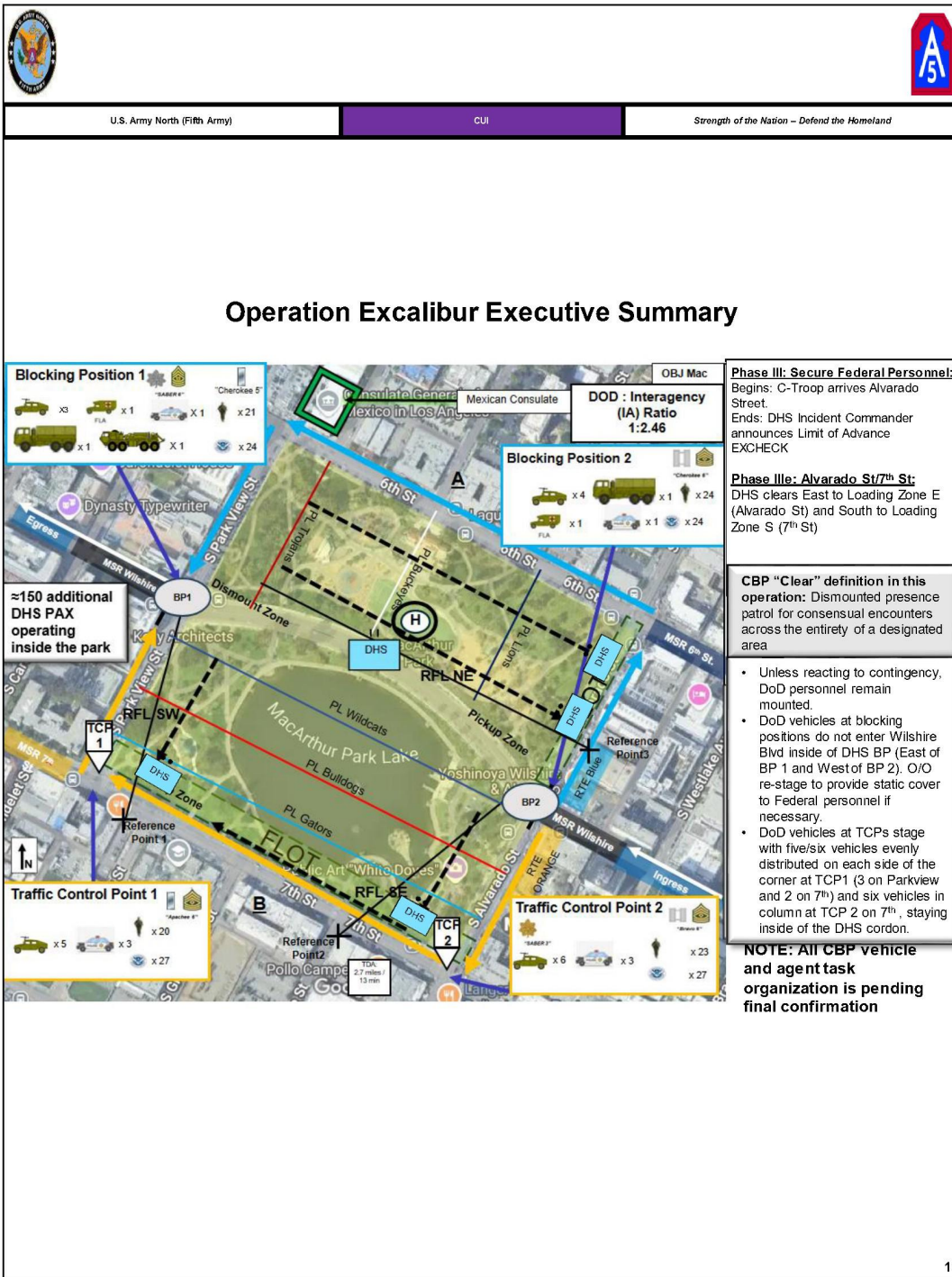
		
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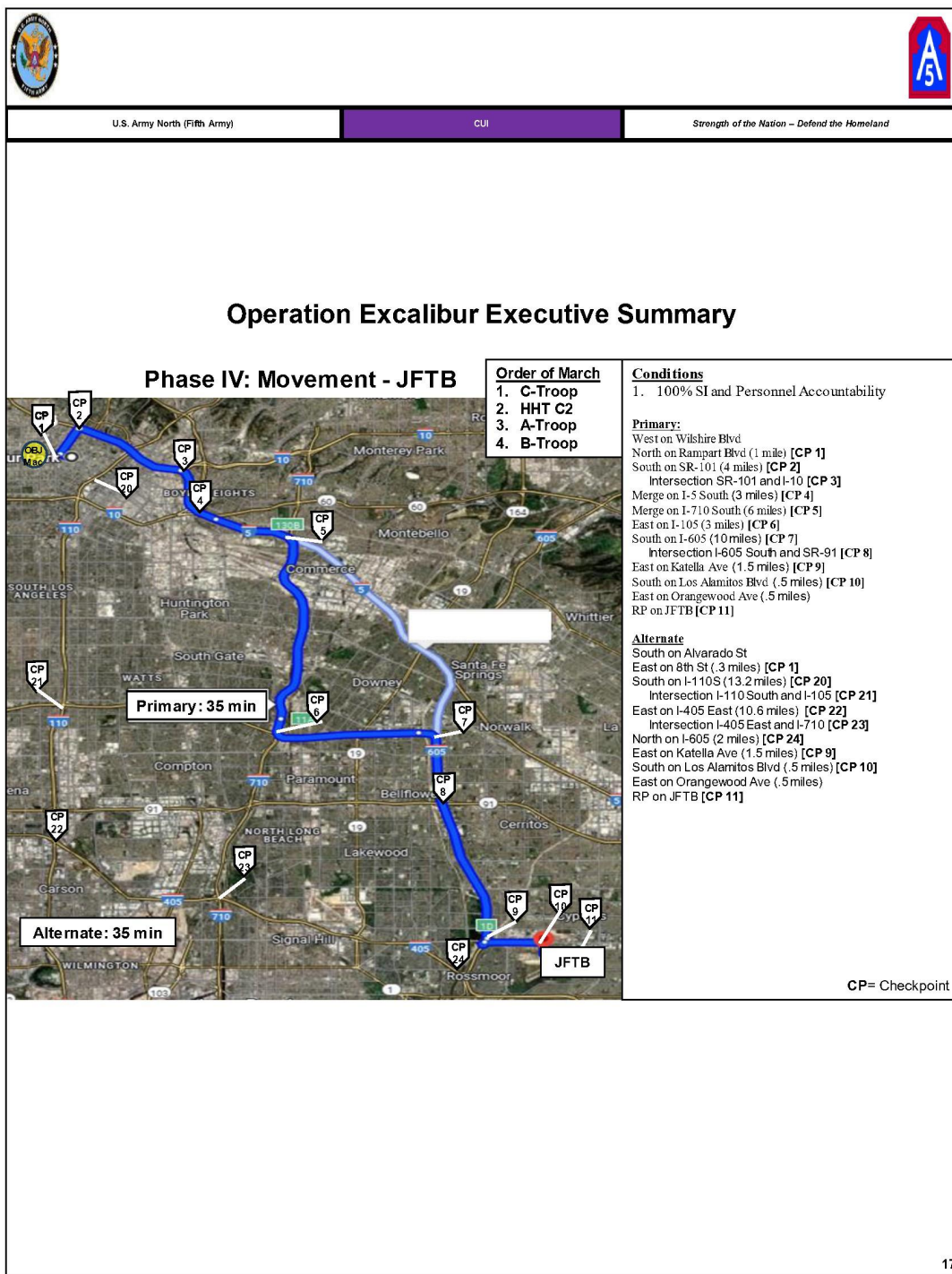
		
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Operation Excalibur EXCHECK & Timeline

1-18 CAV MACARTHUR PARK MISSION EXCHECK



LMP	EST TIME	TIME	DESCRIPTION	NET	FROM	TO	PICTWORD
PHASE 1 - PLANNING							
1	03 1000 JUL						
2	03 1040 JUL						
10	03 1040 JUL						
15	03 1050 JUL						
20	03 1100 JUL						
25	03 1100 JUL						
30	03 1100 JUL						
35	03 1100 JUL						
40	03 1100 JUL						
45	03 1100 JUL						
50	03 1100 JUL						
55	03 1100 JUL						
60	03 1100 JUL						
65	03 1100 JUL						
70	03 1100 JUL						
PHASE 1 - MOVEMENT TO MACARTHUR PARK							
75	03 0815 JUL						
80	03 0820 JUL						
85	03 0820 JUL						
90	03 0820 JUL						
95	03 0820 JUL						
100	03 0820 JUL						
105	03 0820 JUL						
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115	03 0820 JUL						
120	03 0820 JUL						
125	03 0820 JUL						
130	03 0820 JUL						
135	03 0820 JUL						
140	03 1001 JUL						
PHASE 2 - SECURE FEDERAL PARKS/AMEN							
145	03 1000 JUL						
150	03 1000 JUL						
155	03 1000 JUL						
160	03 1000 JUL						
165	03 1000 JUL						
170	03 1000 JUL						
175	03 1000 JUL						
180	03 1000 JUL						
185	03 1000 JUL						
190	03 1000 JUL						
195	03 1001 JUL						
PHASE 3 - MOVEMENT OFF MACARTHUR PARK							
200	03 1100 JUL						
205	03 1110 JUL						
210	03 1110 JUL						
215	03 1120 JUL						
220	03 1130 JUL						
225	03 1130 JUL						
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295	03 1250 JUL						
300	03 1300 JUL						
305	03 1310 JUL						
310	03 1320 JUL						
315	03 1330 JUL						
320	03 1340 JUL						
325	03 1350 JUL						
330	03 1400 JUL						
All 1-18CAV and LEA accounted for at JTFB Los Alamitos							

Timeline of Major Events (in bold on the EXCHECK)

- 02 0900 JUL – Battalion Rehearsals
- 02 1300 JUL – Mission Decision Line
- 03 1140 JUL – Initiate Movement
- 03 1300 JUL – Arrive MacArthur Park
- 03 1320 JUL – LEA conducts ops
- 03 1400 JUL – LEA actions complete
- 03 1430 JUL – All elements depart
- 03 1600 JUL – All elements return to JTFB-LA


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Concept of Medical



Time Distance Analysis:
2.2 miles (10 minutes)

DoD: 1x FLA and 3x 68W (Medics) collocated with SQDN CP; 1 x FLA and 3 x 68W collocated at BP2

Law Enforcement: 40x BORTAC EMT/paramedics throughout AO MACARTHUR PARK

5x dedicated BORTAC EMT/paramedics collocated with 1-18 CAV CPs

MEDEVAC HLZ:
P: Soccer Field (11S LT 8214 6949)
A: Wilshire Blvd (11S LT 8218 6939)
C: Field S/W of OBJ (11S LT 8177 6917)

Concept of Communication

ONGOING COORDINATION: BORTAC, TF-51 and 1-18 CAV continuing to coordinate for IA capable radios for key leaders in DoD support force. BORTAC providing 9 radios at rehearsal on 02 JUL 25.

Law Enforcement Operation Commander: BORTAC

1-18 CAV Squadron Commander (SCO): PII

Location of Key Leaders:

SQDN CMDR: Blocking Position 1 (BP1) Wilshire Blvd bridge

S3: BP2

Command Relationship:
Static position protection force provides Direct Support to Law Enforcement Agency at outer cordon positions. DoD QRF will only respond within the outer cordon.

Succession of Command: SCO, SQDN S3, Cherokee 6

EXCHECK developed and will be used to track execution.

On-site C2 structure: CP on Wilshire Blvd

Interagency: P: Law Enforcement Officer Radio TAC Channel A: Cell C: Runner	DOD: P: VHF A: Law Enforcement Officer Radio TAC Channel C: Cell E: Runner
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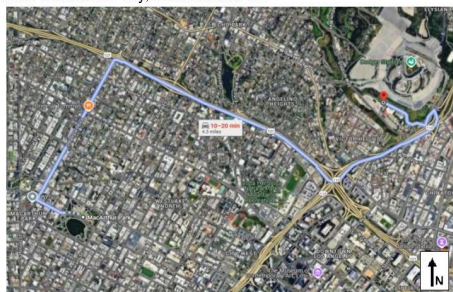
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Emergency Rally Point (ERP)



Emergency Rally Point is located behind Los Angeles Fire Department Training Facility on Lookout Dr. Route: West on Wilshire Blvd, North on Rampart Blvd, South on SR-101, North on I-110, Exit 24B Stadium Bay, South on Stadium Bay, West Lookout Dr.



Concept of Sustainment

Logistics:

1x DOS per vehicle
2x fuel cans per vehicle
1x fire extinguisher per vehicle
Vehicle BII carried in-vehicle

CLV Lethal loadout:



Soldiers: 3 x 30 round magazine 5.56 mm for M4
Leaders: 40 x rounds 9mm for sidearm

CLV Less-Lethal Munitions (LLM):

LLM distribution for Law Enforcement Officers only at each checkpoint

Recovery

2 Recovery assets - 1 x M984A4 HEMMT WKR staged at Blocking Position 1 and 1 x M1089A1 LMTV WKR staged at FMS06 Bell, California. FMS06 Bell, California is 12 miles (30 minutes) from MacArthur Park.

	
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Operation Excalibur Executive Summary

Initial Risk to Mission: HIGH

Hazards:

- Crowd volatility and density in a politically sensitive urban location may disrupt unit ability to maintain fixed-site security and secure mobility corridors.
- Limited information of the area reduces situational awareness and precision in positioning mounted/dismounted security.
- BORTAC and/or Interagency (IA) command friction could create confusion over task ownership or trigger delays in execution.
- Execution of simultaneous operations on day of execution could increase complexity on the ground, disrupt movement, commit QRFs and otherwise impede mission.
- Media presence and public optics may constrain tactical flexibility or introduce external pressure on SRUF decisions.
- Day and time of planned operation on 3 July; risk of activity prior to holiday weekend can increase risk of large-scale protest simultaneous to or immediately following operation.

Mitigations:

- Conduct integrated CONOP development and joint tactical rehearsals with DHS/BORTAC and other lead agencies.
- Position QRF and mobile elements with redundant access routes and clear HILs for rapid repositioning.
- Synchronize SRUF understanding across all echelons; push public affairs guidance to team leaders.
- Pre-stage interagency liaisons at unit CPs to facilitate real-time coordination.
- Use of FBI OSINT and CBP UAV to enhance situational awareness of conditions at the park.

Residual Risk: MODERATE

Risk Assessment

Initial Risk to Force: EXTREMELY HIGH

Hazards:

- Unfamiliar partners and unclear task boundaries during a live urban operation increase the risk of miscommunication or fratricide.
- BORTAC and/or IA personnel may lack familiarity with DoD fire control measures, signal plans, or reaction drills.
- Close proximity to civilians during crowd management introduces potential for unintentional escalation or collateral injury.
- No DoD less-than-lethal munitions capability and a challenging SRUF environment at the trooper level may elevate risk during confrontation.
- Risk that accidental harm to civilians or children (under 18) resulting from self-defense alters public perception, potentially lowering support for DoD or triggering deliberate targeting for doxxing and potential acts of violence.
- MS-13 elements are assessed to occupy elevated terrain (apartment complex) overlooking the operational area.
 - This location offers line-of-sight to key positions and enables potential overwatch or interference with the entire operation, particularly affecting observation, fires, and the safety of personnel at or near the outer cordon. [UPDATE] Recent terrain analysis indicates that low elevation of park relative to surrounding area partially mitigates this risk by partially obstructing line of sight to the park from adjacent building. Additionally, IA intel suggests that likelihood of MS-13 attempts to use lethal force in response to operations on objective are extremely low, with more likely action being to flee or avoid the park for the duration of the operation.

Mitigations:

- Conduct full dress rehearsals on 1:1 scale area with BORTAC/IA personnel to verify communication protocols and shared understanding of tactical boundaries.
- Integrate DoD liaisons into BORTAC/IA formations or command posts to ensure deconfliction.
- Reinforce SRUF and escalation-of-force training during staging, though challenging SRUF environment remains.
- Employ layered force posture with QRF offset from primary protestor engagement points.
- Medical assets staged forward; conduct buddy aid and CASEVAC drills pre-mission.



Residual Risk: HIGH

Risk of Inaction: LOW

Assessment:

- Current intelligence does not indicate a high-value target or threat to federal functions at this location.
- No indication that failure to act would result in loss of life or significant property damage.
- Expected law enforcement action is limited in scale, with few detainees anticipated and no high-risk warrants involved.
- Operation not informed by time-sensitive intelligence or part of an integrated targeting cycle.

Conclusion: Although inaction carries little immediate risk, it could weaken the public's perception of federal responsiveness and reduce deterrence in other areas if the federal presence seems limited or absent.

		
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