Houthi PC small group

19 members

Yesterday

Michael Waltz added you to the group.

Disappearing message time was set to 1 week.

MAR added MAR.

Michael Waltz
Team- establishing a principles group for coordination on Houthis, particularly for over the next 72 hours. My deputy Alex Wong is pulling together a tiger team at deputies/agency Chief of Staff level following up from the meeting in the Sit Room this morning for action items and will be sending that out later this evening.

Pls provide the best staff POC from your team for us to coordinate with over the next couple days and over the weekend.
Thx
4:28 PM

MAR
Mike Needham for State 4:29 PM

JD Vance
Andy baker for VP 4:29 PM

TG
Joe Kent for DNI 4:30 PM

Scott B
Dan Katz for Treasury 4:39 PM

Pete Hegseth
Dan Caldwell for DoD 4:53 PM

Brian
Brian McCormack for NSC 6:34 PM

Today

Michael Waltz
Team, you should have a statement of conclusions with taskings per the Presidents guidance this morning in your high side inboxes.

State and DOD, we developed suggested notification lists for regional Allies and partners.

Joint Staff is sending this am a more specific sequence of events in the coming days and we will work w DOD to ensure COS, OVP and POTUS are briefed.
8:05 AM

Today

JD Vance
Team, I am out for the day doing an economic event in Michigan. But I think we are making a mistake.

3 percent of US trade runs through the suez. 40 percent of European trade does. There is a real risk that the public doesn't understand this or why it's necessary.

The strongest reason to do this is, as POTUS said, to send a message. But I am not sure the president is aware how inconsistent this is with his message on Europe right now. There's a further risk that we see a moderate to severe spike in oil prices.

I am willing to support the consensus of the team and keep these concerns to myself. But there is a strong argument for delaying this a month, doing the messaging work on why this matters, seeing where the economy is, etc.
8:16 AM

Joe Kent
There is nothing time sensitive driving the time line. We'll have the exact same options in a month.

The Israelis will likely take strikes & therefore ask us for more support to replenish whatever they use against the Houthis. But that's a minor factor.

I will send you the unclass data we pulled on BAM shipping.
8:22 AM

John Ratcliffe
From CIA perspective, we are mobilizing assets to support now but a delay would not negatively impact us and additional time would be used to identify better starting points for coverage on Houthi leadership
8:26 AM

Pete Hegseth Today
VP:

I understand your concerns — and fully support you raising w/ POTUS. Important considerations, most of which are tough to know how they play out (economy, Ukraine peace, Gaza, etc). I think messaging is going to be tough no matter what — nobody knows who the Houthis are — which is why we would need to stay focused on: 1) Biden failed & 2) Iran funded.

Waiting a few weeks or a month does not fundamentally change the calculus. 2 immediate risks on waiting: 1) this leaks, and we look indecisive; 2) Israel takes an action first — or Gaza cease fire falls apart — and we don't get to start this on our own terms. We can manage both.

We are prepared to execute, and if I had final go or no go vote, I believe we should. This not about the Houthis. I see it as two things: 1) Restoring Freedom of Navigation, a core national interest; and 2) Reestablish deterrence, which Biden cratered.

But, we can easily pause. And if we do, I will do all we can to enforce 100% OPSEC. I welcome other thoughts.
8:27 AM

Michael Waltz
The trade figures we have are 15% of global and 30% of container. It's difficult to break that down to US. Specific because much of the container either going through the red sea still or around the Cape of Good Hope our components going to Europe that turns into manufactured goods for transatlantic trade to the United States.

Whether we pull the plug or not today European navies do not have the capability to defend against the types of sophisticated, antiship, cruise missiles, and drones the Houthis are now using. So whether it's now or several weeks from now, it will have to be the United States that reopens these shipping lanes. Per the president's request we are working with DOD and State to determine how to compile the cost associated and levy them on the Europeans.
8:32 AM

Michael Waltz added S M.

Michael Waltz
As we stated in the in the first PC we have a fundamental decision of allowing the sea lanes to remain closed or to re-open them now or later, we are the only ones with the capability unfortunately.

From a messaging standpoint we absolutely ad this to of horribles on why the Europeans must invest in their defense.
8:42 AM

JD Vance
@Pete Hegseth if you think we should do it let's go.

I just hate bailing Europe out again.
8:45 AM

Let's just make sure our messaging is tight here. And if there are things we can do upfront to minimize risk to Saudi oil facilities we should do it.
8:46 AM

Pete Hegseth
VP: I fully share your loathing of European free-loading. It's PATHETIC.

But Mike is correct, we are the only ones on the planet (on our side of the ledger) who can do this. Nobody else even close. Question is timing. I feel like now is as good a time as any, given POTUS directive to reopen shipping lanes. I think we should go; but POTUS still retains 24 hours of decision space.
8:49 AM

S M
As I heard it, the president was clear: green light, but we soon make clear to Egypt and Europe what we expect in return. We also need to figure out how to enforce such a requirement. EG, if Europe doesn't remunerate, then what? If the US successfully restores freedom of navigation at great cost there needs to be some further economic gain extracted in return.
9:35 AM

Pete Hegseth
Agree 9:46 AM

Pete Hegseth
TEAM UPDATE:

TIME NOW (1144et): Weather is FAVORABLE. Just CONFIRMED w/ CENTCOM we are a GO for mission launch.

1215et: F-18s LAUNCH (1st strike package)

1345: "Trigger Based" F-18 1st Strike Window Starts (Target Terrorist is @ his Known Location so SHOULD BE ON TIME) — also, Strike Drones Launch (MQ-9s)

1410: More F-18s LAUNCH (2nd strike package)

1415: Strike Drones on Target (THIS IS WHEN THE FIRST BOMBS WILL DEFINITELY DROP, pending earlier "Trigger Based" targets)

1536: F-18 2nd Strike Starts — also, first sea-based Tomahawks launched.

JD Vance
I will say a prayer for victory 12:13 PM
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Michael Waltz set disappearing message time to 4 weeks.

Michael Waltz
VP. building collapsed. Had multiple positive ID. Pete, Kurilla, the IC, amazing job.
17m

New Messages

JD Vance
What? 12m

Michael Waltz
Typing too fast. The first target - their top missile guy - we had positive ID of him walking into his girlfriend's building and it's now collapsed.
5m

JD Vance
Excellent 5m

Michael Waltz
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30m

MAR
Good Job Pete and your team!! 5:14 PM

Michael Waltz
The team in MAL did a great job as well.
5:15 PM

S M
Great work all. Powerful start. 5:18 PM

Pete Hegseth
CENTCOM was/is on point. Great job all. More strikes ongoing for hours tonight, and will provide full initial report tomorrow. But on time, on target, and good readouts so far.
5:20 PM

Susie Wiles
Kudos to all - most particularly those in theater and CENTCOM!
Really great. God bless.
5:21 PM

Steve Witkoff
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5:47 PM

TG
Great work and effects! 6:35 PM

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