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SECTION 13
PSYOPS

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Organisation

1. A small military Psyops Team produces leaflets and material for newspapers, radio etc. It also assists the Director of Radio Salalah.
2. The GSO 3 Ops/Int coordinates these activities, and all items for written or broadcast dissemination are cleared by him with Commander Dhofar

Enemy Psyops

2. PFLOAG have programme space daily on Radio Aden during which exaggerated reports of their military achievements are delivered. Although most towns-people in Salalah are well aware that the front claims are nonsense, the inevitable "no smoke without fire" feeling occurs from time to time.

Radio Salalah

The Radio Aden transmitter is many times more powerful than that of Radio Salalah and can be heard throughout Dhofar. However, Radio Salalah enjoys one major advantage; speed of reporting. News of our successes (and setbacks) can always be broadcast well before Radio Aden whose reaction time is 3 - 7 days for major news items. This enables the local people to hear the truth almost at once and considerably lessens the impact of Radio Aden. It is reported that on the Jebel local people are not permitted to listen to Radio Salalah whenever the enemy are in a position to prevent them.

Leaflets

4. One way of making up for the lack of power on the Salalah transmitter is to drop leaflets throughout the Jebel. These fall into two main types:
 - a. Tactical.
 - b. Informative.

Tactical leaflets are used to support operations and to undermine enemy morale (i.e.names of enemy killed by SAF). Informative leaflets describe major events such as the salt arms visit to the Jebel or describe government policy, for example the introduction of food restrictions or the payment of rewards for weapons.the leaflets which have been most successful are those which rely on simple sketches rather than a lot of typescript.

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Newspapers

5. The following are available:

- a. Al WATAN. This is the official Oman weekly newspaper. It is very well printed and presented. HQ SAF send 50 free copies per issue for Dhofar units.
- b. Local news sheets. These are produced weekly by the military PsyOps team. The local civil information office will take over this responsibility. In addition special sheets are printed to cover important local events and posted on notice boards.
- c. S A F newsletter. This is produced periodically by HQ S A F in English, Arabic and Baluch and summarises military activity.

Notice boards

6. At strategic positions within the Salalah complex (e.g. main gates, mosques etc) and in each of the coastal towns in the main Jebel bases there are erected government notice boards for the display of news and information.

Films

7. Arabic films obtained from Muscat are shown in the town's and are extremely well received. The local Development Department is planning to build a simple open air cinema in Salalah.

Skychout

8. Not available. A mockup was tried that is ineffective.

Groundshout

9. Has been tried. it confuses the enemy as much as it does us.

25 pr LeafletSshells

10. Lethal but not particularly good at dispensing leaflets.

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