

FROM: CAPT [REDACTED]

MSN 414-97  
STARTUP SEQUENCE

9 MAY 97, ARRIVED IN AO AND MET WITH MSN CMDR AND ADVANCE TEAM.

10-11 MAY 97, (WEEKEND) LEA NOT AROUND. ASSISTED UNIT WITH SETUP OF BILLETING AREA AND TOC.

12 MAY 97, MAIN BODY ARRIVES IN AO AROUND 2000-2200HRS.

MYSELF AND MSN CMDR MET WITH ASSIT CHIEF PATROL AGENT [REDACTED] IN HIS OFFICE, IN THE MORNING, AND DISCUSSED VARIOUS ASPECTS OF MSN TO INCLUDE; LP/OP SITES, LEA RESPONSE, BILLETING OF MARINES, TOC SETUP, INSERT DATE, 72HRS IN HOLES, VISITING THE AO FOR LEADERS RECON, AND SIGNED MOU. MEETING WAS 20-30 MIN IN DURATION. A SHORT TIME LATER, MR [REDACTED] AND SEVERAL OTHER ASSIT CHIEFS AND THE DEPUTY CHIEF PATROL AGENT FOR MARFA SECTOR, ALL CAME BACK TO THE TOC AREA AND OBSERVED THE MSN MAP WITH LP/OPs DESIGNATED AND CONTINUED GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE MSN.

AT APPROX 1200 MYSELF AND MSN CMDR ARRIVED IN PRESIDEO AND REVIEWED LP/OP SITE #1. LP/OP #1 HAD SIGNS OF HUMAN ACTIVITY AND MYSELF AND MSN CMDR DECIDED TO MOVE THE SITE 100M NORTH TO A NEW HILL THAT HAD NO SIGNS OF HUMAN ACTIVITY AND PROVIDED BETTER EGRESS AND INGRESS FOR TEAM MEMBERS. AT APPROX 1300 MET WITH [REDACTED] PAIC PRESIDEO STATION, AND DROVE THROUGH THE AO DISCUSSING AND REVIEWING THE LP/OP SITES, LEA RESPONSE, COMMUNICATIONS, MEDIVAC, ADDITIONAL INTEL ON THE AREA SPECIFIC TO EACH LP/OP, LEA SENSOR LOCATIONS, REVIEWED NAI's, AND GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE MISSION. LP/OP #2 WAS MOVED 1KM SOUTH TO A NEW LOCATION WHICH PROVIDED BETTER COVERAGE OF THE NAI AND BETTER OPSEC FOR THE LP/OP. UPON RETURN TO PRESIDEO STATION, I ASKED MR VARGAS TO DRAW ON OUR TACTICAL MAP THE AREAS THAT OUR LANDUSE AGREEMENTS COVERED IN RESPECT TO EACH LP/OP. BASED ON THE AREAS IDENTIFIED BY MR [REDACTED], EACH LP/OP WAS WELL WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE LANDUSE AGREEMENTS HE HAD ACQUIRED. (Attached map was reproduced to depict the areas identified and drawn by Mr [REDACTED]. The highlighted portions are the landuse areas depicted to me by Mr [REDACTED] for LP/OP #3, and the land owners were identified as Mr [REDACTED] and Mr [REDACTED].)

13 MAY 97, MSN CMDR TOOK TEAM LEADERS ON A SITE RECON OF THE AO AND LP/OPs. I ASSISTED TOC MEMBERS WITH COMMUNICATION PROBLEMS AND OTHER MISC DETAILS.

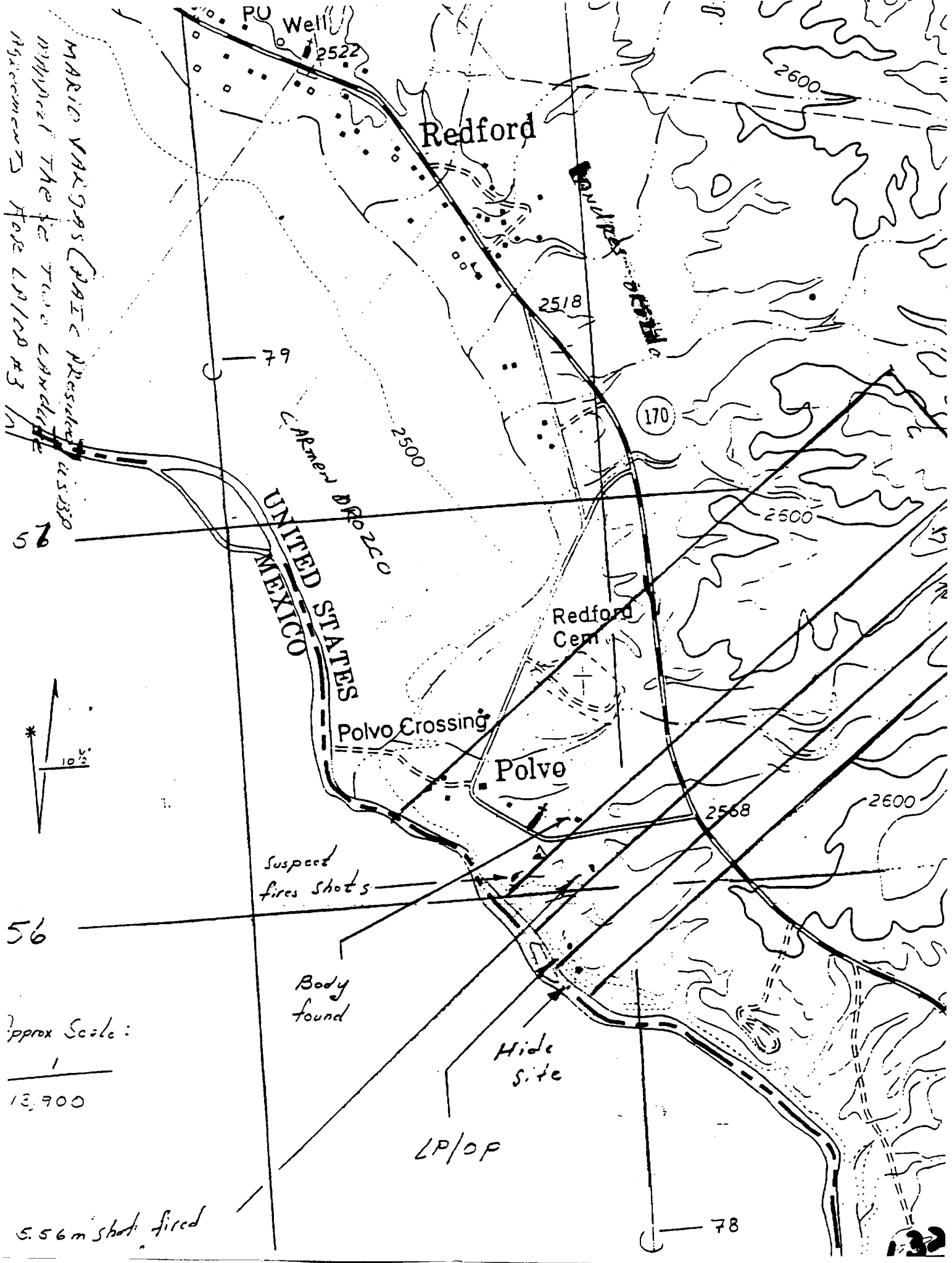
ADDITIONALLY, I ASSISTED WITH FORWARD TOC DEPLOYMENT AND SETUP.

AT APPROX 1730 MSN CMDR HAD RETURNED AND WE GATHERED UNIT PERSONNEL AT THE BILLETING AREA FOR THE ROE BRIEF. I COVERED ROE, POSSE COMITATUS, US PERSONS INFO, INTEL OVERSIGHT, SITUATIONAL STXs, SAFETY, PAO, AND COMMUNICATIONS.

14 MAY 97; COMMUNICATIONS WAS ESTABLISHED BETWEEN TOCs, and OTHER COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS WERE RESOLVED. MEDIVAC-AIR WAS DEPLOYED TO PRESIDIO AIRPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS ESTABLISHED. DURING THE COURSE OF THE DAY I AND MSN CMDR HAD CONTACT WITH MR [REDACTED] AND OTHER LEAs AND EVERYTHING WAS ON SCHEDULE.

AT APPROX 2200 UNIT BEGAN INSERTION.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Capt, USAF  
J3 Operations Officer,  
Texas Team



MARIO VAZGAS (PAIC President)  
 MPP/PAIC THE 1st TIME CANDIDATE  
 Measurements for LP/OP #3

56

Approx Scale:  
 1  
 13,900

5.56 m shot fired

LP/OP

# Memorandum



Subject  
Request for Assistance in Redford, TX

Date  
May 20, 1997

To  
Chief Patrol Agent  
Marfa Sector  
Marfa, Texas

From  
[REDACTED], (A) SPA  
Presidio Station  
Presidio, Texas

## THROUGH OFFICIAL CHANNELS

On May 20, 1997 at approximately 6:15 PM the Presidio Border Patrol Station received a call from Marfa dispatch in reference to a man with a rifle firing shots at military personnel deployed in the Redford, Texas area at that time. This unit acknowledged their transmission and advised that agents would be enroute to that location for back up. Myself ([REDACTED], 411) and Border Patrol Agent [REDACTED] (408) responded in Unit E-3241 and Border Patrol Agents [REDACTED] (419) and [REDACTED] (420) were in Unit L-1665. We arrived in the Redford area at approximately 6:35 PM to 6:40 PM., where we met with Presidio County Deputy [REDACTED] (503) and Permian Basin Drug Task Force Officer [REDACTED] (148) who were already in the area several hundred yards south west from the scene. At this time contact was made with the military unit leader (513) via hand held radio to asses the current situation. He advised back up agents that the subject was already down, confirming prior transmission from Marfa dispatch. All agents proceeded towards the area of the scene by foot. Upon arrival at the place of incident the military team leader showed us the subjects location. At this point we observed the subjects body lying on his back in a dry well. Presidio County Deputy [REDACTED] wanted to confirm if the subject still had a pulse and asked Agent [REDACTED] to assist in lifting the subject out of the well and laying him on a flat surface.

In the mean time the other agents at the scene assisted in securing the area. Marfa dispatch was notified and requested a medical team sent out to the location. A

military medical team arrived at the scene via helicopter and confirmed that the subject was already deceased.

Arriving at the location of incident later were Assistant Chief Patrol Agent [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] coordinators of the investigation for Marfa Sector. Minutes later Acting Chief Patrol Agent [REDACTED] also arrived on the scene. Agents at the scene originally there for back up were requested to remain and maintain security during the time while the other investigative agencies were conducting their information gathering assessment of the overall situation. Back up agents from the Presidio Border Patrol Station remained at the scene until their assistance was no longer needed. Agent [REDACTED] was instructed to remain at the scene until the military medical unit was to leave the location. Agent [REDACTED] arrived back to the Presidio Border Patrol station within the hour of the other agents.

# Memorandum



Subject  
Request for Assistance in Redford

Date  
05/20/97

To  
Chief Patrol Agent  
Marfa Sector  
Marfa, Texas

From  
[REDACTED]  
Presidio Station  
Presidio, Texas

## THROUGH OFFICAL CHANNELS

ON 05/20/97 during the 4:00 pm through 12:00 am shift at approximately 6:15 pm we received a call from our dispatch in Marfa, Texas concerning a shooting incident involving personnel from the military deployed in that area. Agents on duty, in the Presidio station were my self (419), 408, 411, and 420. We all responded to the call from dispatch because it involved "shots fired". Shortly after the call, we were in route to Redford, Texas, which is where the incident was occurring. Upon arrival at Redford, Presidio County Sheriffs Deputy [REDACTED]s, and Texas Permian Basin Drug Task Force Officer [REDACTED] were already at the scene. In addition, Border Patrol Agents [REDACTED] (411), and [REDACTED] (408), who were in E3241, had passed myself and Border Patrol Agent [REDACTED] (420). Myself and 420, who were in L1665, arrived in Redford at 6:40 pm. Upon arrival, we made our way to an old abandoned building which is where the suspect apparently was. As we were approaching the location, four United States Marine Corps soldiers appeared from the brush, and informed us that the suspect was down. As I approached the suspect, I noticed that he was in an old well, and was on his back inside the well with his legs stretched over the bridge of the well. I then assisted Presidio County Sheriffs Deputy [REDACTED], and Border Patrol Agent [REDACTED] in getting the suspects body out of the well so that we could ascertain if he had a pulse. Both Presidio County Sheriffs Deputy [REDACTED] and Border Patrol Agent [REDACTED] were unable to get a pulse.

[REDACTED]  
Border Patrol Agent



# Memorandum

Subject Request for assistance in Redford	Date May 21, 1997
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To Chief Patrol Agent  
 Marfa Sector  
 Marfa, Texas

From [Redacted]  
 Presidio Station  
 Presidio, Texas

## THROUGH OFFICIAL CHANNELS

On 05-20-97 and at approximately 1815hrs, I, [Redacted] United States Border Patrol Agent, Presidio, Texas was conducting my normal duties, on the above date and at the above mentioned time, the military operation which was deployed to Redford, Texas was requesting assistance from the Border Patrol Station in Presidio. At that time, the military unit which was requesting assistance stated that the subject, the victim, had compromised their position and he was shooting at them. At approximately 1820, Presidio Border Patrol Agents [Redacted] and myself, [Redacted]. Presidio Sherrif's deputy [Redacted] and Permian Basin Drug Task Force Officer [Redacted] were in route to the Redford area in order to assist the military unit calling for assistance. [Redacted] and [Redacted] were in vehicle number 3241. [Redacted] and myself were in vehicle number L1665. While in route, it was determined that the subject, the victim, had been shot and was down at that time, which was approximately 1825. At approximately 1840, [Redacted] and Myself arrived in Redford. At that time, we were able to establish radio communications with the military unit involved with the shooting which was unit H513. He told us where they were located which was behind the old fort also behind the abandoned church house. Once we arrived at there location, I, [Redacted] did see the subject, the victim, face up laying in a three foot deep well. I immediately began to provide security around the crime scene and waited for further law enforcement personnel to arrive. That is the extent of my role in this incident.

[Redacted Signature]  
 Border Patrol Agent

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To Chief Patrol Agent  
Marfa Sector  
Marfa, Texas

From [REDACTED]  
Presidio Station  
Presidio, Texas

## THROUGH OFFICIAL CHANNELS

On May 20, 1997 during the 4pm-2am shift at approximately 6:15 P.M. Marfa radio operator (900) contacted the station requesting backup for the Military Operation going on in the Redford area. Myself (408) and 411([REDACTED]) in unit E-3241 responded with 419 [REDACTED], 420 [REDACTED] in unit L-1665 to Redford. We were informed by radio that the Deputy Sheriff [REDACTED] (503) and Permian Basin Task Force Officer [REDACTED] (148) were also in route to Redford. Upon arriving at approximately 6:35 P.M. I then contacted 513 (Marine in Charge) to find out where they needed our assistance. At that time 513 informed us that the subject was down. Myself, and 411,419,420,148,503 then proceeded to the area where the Marines were located, next to old military fort. Upon arriving on the scene I observed one subject in a small well structure on his back. I recovered the subjects weapon from one of the Marines holding the weapon by it's stock and brought it to 503 near the area where the subject was. I then tried to see if subject had a pulse, I was unable to confirm a pulse. Since I had run up the hill my pulse was racing and I could not be sure if the subject had a pulse or not. Myself, 419,503 lifted the subjects body out of the well and placed the subject on a flat surface beside the well, and again tried to see if the subject had a pulse at that time myself and the deputy were both unable to get a pulse. Myself and 411,419,420,148 then secured the area and waited for further instructions. Myself and 411,419,420 were informed to stay in the area until all of the local authorities had arrived and took over.

[REDACTED]  
Border Patrol Agent



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