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Bob, super job by everyone. Good news on the BM kits ... that's been a constraint to thruput elsewhere. Based on calls I've had, I believe tempo will increase ... airlift from HKIA over past 28 hrs the most visible of a few indicators.

Holler if you need anything.

VR Mike

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CNO,

Sir, had some transmission issues on my end for this report - will have these reports to you in a more timely manner going forward, coincidental with my EUCOM reports. This report summarizes activity as of End of Day yesterday, 23 August.

NAVEUR execution of Day 2 of Operation ALLIES REFUGE continued with care and feeding of all 662 evacuees at NAS Sigonella (NASSIG). Our focus is making NASSIG surge capable for up to 2,000 personnel (in progress) with a secondary objective of Rota achieving IOC to support 650 personnel (achieved). Our staff is seamlessly plugged in with the EUCOM team as the operation moves forward.

No new aircraft arrived at NASSIG and all three AMC aircraft departed NASSIG yesterday. We are anticipating another flight inbound today, and we are ready to flex and receive on short notice. Of note, the KC-10 passengers (147) left their luggage in Qatar, several of which had their identification and personnel documents in their bags. We are working with the team in Qatar to find the luggage and provide feedback for future flights.

We now have sufficient biometric kits in NASSIG to quickly process personnel with fifteen USAREUR-AF kits, five NAVEUR IET kits, and six NCIS kits and on operator from Bahrain. Additional kits will flow to NS Rota once identified. All of the CBP people are in Ramstein to improve throughput back to CONUS, so we expect to move folks out of Sig to Ramstein for vetting prior to return to CONUS.

Security forces are the limiting factor to move either of our sites beyond their current capacity, NASSIG -1500 and NS Rota - 650. We are using Expeditionary Support teams augmented by Rota ship's force and aviation squadron personnel to fill out security forces in Rota. This would be

sustainable for no more than a week with up to 650 pax onboard Rota. Based on a JS position to provide no CONUS forces until all CONUS sites are ready to receive, we continue to work closely with our fellow components out here to optimize the limited resources we have in theater. SOCEUR has offered a potential Security Force solution that we are competing for, and we continue to internally look at unique solutions ranging from contracting to pulling from Navy in CONUS via RFS.

Scotty Gray and (b) (6) (base CO at Sig) have done an absolutely superb job bringing this together. If we do stand up Rota (US MOA signature expected today), Ben Reynolds will go forward and be our TF Commander there.

Additional site status information is included below my signature line.

Standing by to address any questions or concerns.

V/r, Bob

NAS SIGONELLA: Active Site

Evacuated personnel on Hand / Current Capacity: 662 / 1500

Processed: 662

In Processing: 0

Ready to Fly: 0

Cleared to Fly: 0

Future Capacity: 1500 as of today and 2000 28Sep21 (working to accelerate this)

Security Forces: NASSIG Local Security Augmented with FAST Platoon

DOD Biometrics: 5 NAVEUR Kits w/ 3 trainers, 15 USAREUR-AF kits with 4 trainers, and 6 NCIS kits with 1 operator

Medical Support: Adequate to support 2000 for 10 days

COVID Testing: all 662 evacuees tested, 2 positive, 8 close contacts (all 10 same family isolated)

State and Host Nation: Embassy Team on Station. Awaiting Consular service team.

Narrative: NASSIG received a total of 662 consisting of 1x American Citizen (AMCIT), 1 Other Country National (OCN), and 654 Afghan personnel. There were no hospitalizations however, one confirmed pregnancy, and two COVID positives with eight close contacts. All ten belong to the same family and are in isolation. All personnel are doing well and no significant issues have been identified.

NS ROTA: On Standby

Evacuated personnel on Hand / Current Capacity: 0 / 650

Processed: 0

In Processing: 0

Ready to Fly: 0

Cleared to Fly: 0

Future Capacity: 1000 25 Aug21 / 2000 29 August

Security Forces: NS Rota Security Force augmented with Sailors from DDGs and Expeditionary TF

DOD Biometrics: None on station - awaiting additional kits from CONUS

DHS Biometrics: None on station - awaiting prioritization from State and DHS

DHS Biographic: Ready to enter data upon receipt of personnel

Medical Support: Adequate for 2,000 up to 10 days

COVID Testing: Rapid Antigen Test available

State and Host Nation: Consular service team arrives 24 August.