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MEMORANDUM FOR All A/40th FA Soldiers and Dependents

SUBJECT: Deployment of A/40th FA

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to dispell rumors that may be floating around the community regarding possible deployment of A/40th FA to Operation Desert Shield. Currently, there are no plans for A/40th FA to do anything but continue the mission we are tasked with in USAREUR.
2. There are a number of units in USAREUR that are being deactivated, due to the decreased threat in Europe. We will be acquiring needed parts and equipment from these units in the coming months. These acquisitions are in no way to be construed as a heightened alert status for A/40th FA. They are simply a normal course of events during transition as the force in Europe is reduced.
3. Should our mission change and we are tasked to provide additional support for Operation Desert Shield or we are designated to assume another unit's mission that has already deployed to Saudi Arabia, it would be carried out in an orderly fashion. A period of time will be allotted for the preparation of personnel and equipment prior to the movement. However, it is each soldier's responsibility, and common sense dictates, that personal records, i.e., wills, powers of attorney, DD Form 93, etc, be kept updated at all times. It will also be possible to request an early return of dependents so that families may return to CONUS.
4. Again, let me reemphasize that there are no plans at this time regarding the deployment of A/40th FA. It is in the best interests of all that you do not add to the confusion by passing along any rumors that you might hear. Should the situation change you will be briefed promptly and accurately.
5. POC this headquarters is SSG Caldwell, ETS 322-8835/8006.

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