

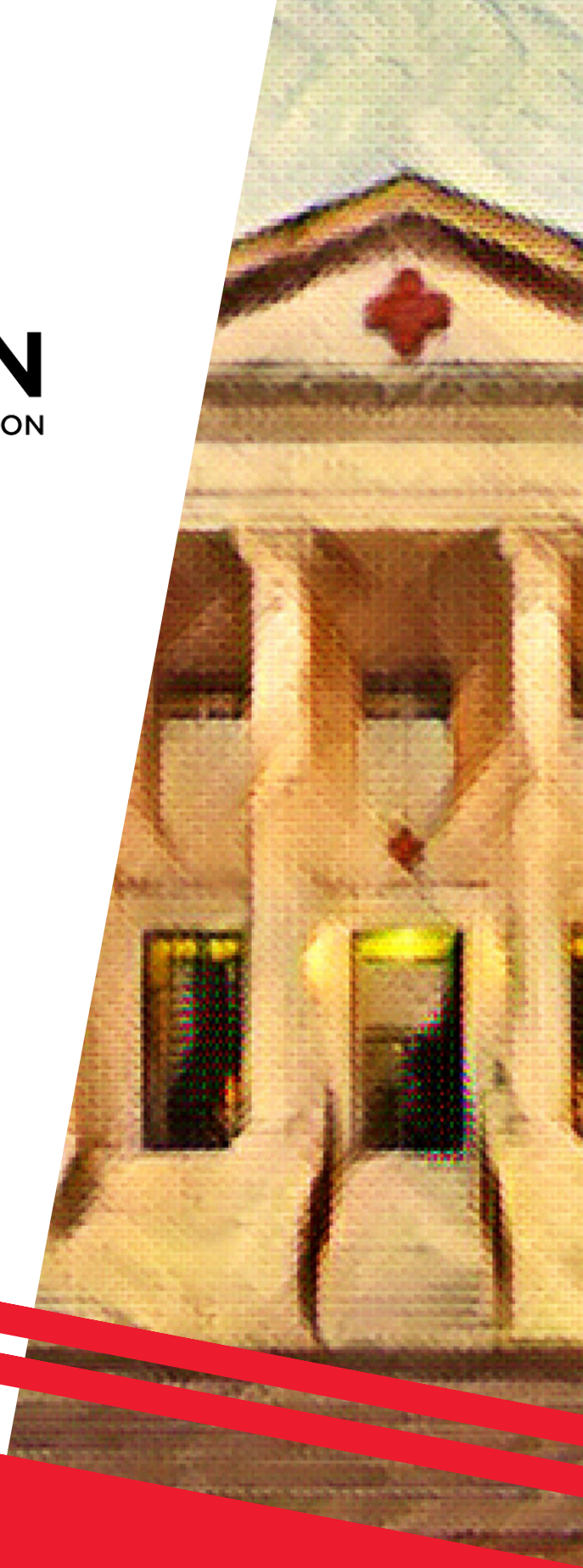


# CLARA BARTON

INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW COMPETITION

**10TH ANNIVERSARY**

## ROUND 1 MATERIALS



**American  
Red Cross**

International  
Humanitarian Law

# WAR ERUPTS

## BOTCHED FLORALAND OPERATION IGNITES ALL OUT CONFLICT



Westphalian fighter craft have begun combat sorties into Floraland as part of a massive military response.

By Apollo Weathers and Dwight Scott  
March 13, 2023, 5:00 a.m. ET

KALUGA, FLORALAND – Explosions rocked the Floraland capital early this morning as Westphalia launched a large-scale set of coordinated military operations against the coastal nation. The attacks come on the heels of an apparent attack against a Westphalian military base overnight on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Details of that attack remain scarce, but on the morning of March 11<sup>th</sup> smoke could be seen billowing from Camp Echo, a sprawling Westphalian Army base in the southeast part of the country. The target appears to have been the Citadel Military Confinement Facility, a massive prison complex on Camp Echo, which notably housed Fernanda Pereiro, a Floraland citizen and leader of the infamous Bluewave conservation group.

Westphalia detained Ms. Pereiro in October 2022 and immediately indicted her for espionage—a move that nearly triggered a war in November as the two nations violently clashed at sea. Although cooler heads seemed to prevail following the incident, Floraland Prime Minister Kado Peavey continued to demand Ms. Pereiro’s release, claiming Floraland would take “any and all measures do defend our citizens.” Any hopes of lasting peace have been shattered by the latest developments.

A senior Westphalian military official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the attack appears to have been a Floraland Special Operations mission designed to rescue Ms. Pereiro. According to the official, a Special Forces team was able to breach the prison before being detected. At least two Floraland military helicopters were shot down, while multiple military personnel from both nations are believed to have been killed. Westphalian President Benjamin K. Ren issued a brief and terse public address hours after the attack, saying that Westphalia would let its actions speak for its view of the situation. Both nations have fully mobilized their armed forces, with Westphalia appearing to ready itself for an imminent invasion of Floraland.

**Note to competitors:** You may **immediately** begin reviewing these materials in preparation for Round 1. There is no time limit to your review/preparations. All other Competition rules regarding assistance with preparation are in effect. You will have access to your assigned preparation room **one hour prior to your Round 1 start time** on the morning of March 18<sup>th</sup>. You are not required to utilize your preparation room ahead of Round 1—it is provided as a convenience. Your competitor schedule (distributed at check-in on March 17<sup>th</sup>) will detail all times.

### Round 1 Roles:

<b>Judge Roles</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Commander, Westphalian Combined Air Task Force Raven, Major General Williams</li><li>• Key Westphalian military commanders/staff members</li></ul>
<b>Team Roles</b>	Westphalian military legal advisors (AKA Judge Advocates/JAGs)

### Round Background:

Following the outbreak of international armed conflict between Westphalia and Floraland in early March 2023, Westphalia looked as though it would achieve swift victory. In the first 96 hours of the conflict, Westphalian forces launched a coordinated air and ground assault into Floraland, rapidly seizing ground and destroying key targets in the northeastern part of the country. However, Westphalia began quickly losing momentum as its forces began attempting to push into western Floraland. In the days leading up to Round 1, Westphalian losses have begun to mount considerably, shifting the advantage to Floraland. The Westphalian President has put increased pressure on military leadership to regain the initiative and find a way to bring the conflict to a quick end. Westphalian strategists have come up with a plan they believe will meet this intent, dubbed “Operation Haymaker.”



**CLARA BARTON**  
INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW COMPETITION

## Westphalia-Floraland Armed Conflict IHL Resource Guide – March 2023

### Protection of Victims of Armed Conflicts

GC I-IV	Convention (I) for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded and Sick in Armed Forces in the Field. Geneva, 1949. Convention (II) for the Amelioration of the Condition of Wounded, Sick and Shipwrecked Members of Armed Forces at Sea. Geneva, 1949. Convention (III) relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War. Geneva, 1949. Convention (IV) relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War. Geneva, 1949.
AP I	Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts. Geneva, 1977.
AP II	Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of Non-International Armed Conflicts. 1977.
AP III	Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949, and relating to the Adoption of an Additional Distinctive Emblem. Geneva, 2005.
CRC & Opt. Prot.	Convention on the Rights of the Child. New York, 1989. Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of Children in Armed Conflict. New York, 2000.

### International Organizations

UN Charter	Charter of the United Nations, San Francisco, 1945.
ICC Statute	Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 1998.



**American Red Cross** | International Humanitarian Law





**CLARA BARTON**  
INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW COMPETITION

## **Rights and Duties on Land & Sea**

Hague Cv. IV	Laws and Customs of War on Land, Den Haag, 1907.
Hague Cv. V	Respecting the Rights and Duties of Neutral Powers and Persons in Case of War on Land, Den Haag, 1907.
Hague Cv. XIII	Concerning the Rights and Duties of Neutral Powers in Naval War, Den Haag, 1907.

## **Protection of Cultural Property**

Hague Cv.	Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict. Den Haag, 1954.
Hague Prot.	Protocol to the Hague Convention of 1954 for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, Den Haag, 1954.
Hague Prot. II	Second Protocol to the Hague Convention of 1954 for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, Den Haag, 1999.



**American  
Red Cross** | International  
Humanitarian Law



## Miscellaneous

ICCPR	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 1966.
ICESCR	International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights, 1966.
CAT & Opt. Prot.	Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman, or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, 1984. Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman, or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, 2002.
Treaty Law	Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, 1969.
Gen. Conv.	Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, 1948.
UNCLOS	U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), 1982.
UN Mercenary	U.N. International Convention against the Recruitment, Use, Financing, and Training of Mercenaries, 2001
Montreaux	Montreaux Document, 2008.

## Weapons Conventions

Gas. Prot.	Protocol for the Prohibition of the Use of Asphyxiating, Poisonous or Other Gases, and Warfare. Geneva, 1925.
ICESCR	Conv. On the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction. 1972.
CCW Prot. I Prot. II Prot. III Prot. IV Prot. Iia	Convention on the Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects. Geneva, 1980. Protocol on non-detectable Fragments (I). Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-traps and Other Devices (I). Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions





**CLARA BARTON**  
INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW COMPETITION

Prot. V	on the Use of Incendiary Weapons (III). Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons. Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices as amended on 3 May 1996. Protocol on Explosive Remnants of War. 2003.
CWC	Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction. Paris 1993.
ENMOD	Convention on the Prohibition of Military or any other Hostile Use of Environmental Modification Techniques
AP Mine	Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction. Oslo, 1997.
Cluster	Convention on Cluster Munitions. 2008.
UN ATT	Arms Trade Treaty 24 December 2014.



**American  
Red Cross** | International  
Humanitarian Law



**CLARA BARTON**  
INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW COMPETITION

	Nortico	Westphalia	Coastlandia	Floraland	Lockivo	Blamore	Stanusm	Ghorman
GC I-IV	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified
AP I	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified
AP II	Signed	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified
AP III		Ratified	Ratified			Ratified	Ratified	
CRC				Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified
Opt. Prot.				Ratified	Ratified		Ratified	
UN Charter	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified
ICC Statute	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	
Hague Cv. IV	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified
Hague Cv. V	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified
Hague Cv. XIII	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified
Hague Cv.	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified
Hague Prot.		Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified
Hague Prot.	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified
ICCPR	Ratified		Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified		
ICESCR	Ratified		Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified		
CAT	Signed	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Signed
CAT Opt. Prot.		Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified		
Treaty Law	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified
UNCLOS		Ratified	Ratified	Ratified		Ratified		



**American Red Cross** | International Humanitarian Law



**CLARA BARTON**  
INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW COMPETITION

<b>Gen. Conv.</b>	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	
<b>Gas. Prot.</b>			Ratified	Ratified		Ratified		
<b>BWC</b>			Ratified	Ratified		Ratified		
<b>CCW</b>	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified
<b>Prot. I</b>	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified
<b>Prot. II</b>	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified
<b>Prot. III</b>	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified
<b>Prot. IV</b>	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified
<b>Prot. IIa</b>		Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	
<b>Prot. V</b>					Ratified		Ratified	
<b>CWC</b>	Ratified			Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	
<b>ENMOD</b>	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified		
<b>AP Mine</b>				Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	
<b>Cluster</b>	Ratified	Ratified			Ratified	Ratified		
<b>UN ATT</b>	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified
<b>UN Merc.</b>		Signed	Ratified	Ratified	Ratified	Signed		Signed
<b>Montreux</b>			Signed	Signed	Signed	Signed		



**American Red Cross** | International Humanitarian Law



**From:** WILLIAMS, BILLY D <[billy.d.williams@airforce.westphalia](mailto:billy.d.williams@airforce.westphalia)>

**Sent:** Saturday, March 25, 2023 10:20 PM

**To:** JAG CENTRAL INBOX <[JAGS@army.westphalia](mailto:JAGS@army.westphalia)>

**Subject:** URGENT - Floraland mission set

**Attachment:** Operation Haymaker background package

**Classification:** **VERY SECRET//NOFORN**  
**ENCRYPTED BY SIS COMM 2.35**

JAG Team,

I need you prepped and ready to give us your detailed legal analysis for a set of three priority targets, all located within Floraland. Collectively, these targets are part of the larger OPERATION HAYMAKER, which we think may end this war before it goes much further.

Attached to this email are some background documents to consider during your preparation. The targets are as follows:

**1. Weapons cache at Port of Kaluga.**

- a. This is an urgent time-sensitive target. The Joint Chiefs relayed that the President herself has expressed particular interest in this target. It appears to be embedded within critical civilian infrastructure, so if destroyed it could both eliminate key weapons and severely demoralize the enemy, forcing Floralandia to capitulate to our demands.
- b. Given our ongoing inability to meaningfully penetrate Floraland airspace with combat aircraft, the Chief of Naval Operations has recommended use of long-range cruise missiles as the only viable means of attack that can achieve our goals.

**2. Combat Outpost Roadblock.** Recent intelligence suggests this small base may be the source of our inability to get our combat aircraft into Floraland airspace undetected. We've come up with an innovative solution using one of our newer weapons, the "Thundering Cricket."

**3. Fort Gnarltree.** This Floralandian base is home to their Special Forces training center and could be transformed into a staging point for our operations if cleared and seized. The planners are proposing a new autonomous drone to help clear the way for a larger operation there.

We're on an extremely short timeline to execute these strikes, so I will only have **30 minutes to meet with your team**. I will be accompanied by other senior commanders and military staff. Your team must plan accordingly to address all targets within that timeframe. We want this to be a working meeting, so expect questions and crosstalk from myself and fellow commanders/staff officers throughout the entirety of the meeting.

Very respectfully,

MG Williams

BILLY D. WILLIAMS

Major General

Commander, Combined Air Task Force Raven

Fondor Air Force Base

Iron Hills, Westphalia

CLASSIFIED//VERY SECRET



## OPERATION HAYMAKER BACKGROUND

CLASSIFIED//VERY SECRET

CLASSIFIED//VERY SECRET



TARGET 1:

PORT OF KALUGA – WEAPONS CACHE

CLASSIFIED//VERY SECRET





## STRATEGIC TARGET ANALYSIS – 25 MAR 2023

1. **TARGET:** WEAPONS CACHE
2. **LOCATION:** SEBASTIAN SEAFOOD PROCESSING PLANT, PORT OF KALUGA, FLORALAND
3. **ANTICIPATED MISSION DTG:** 26 MAR 23, 1300 HRS ET
4. **AREA ANALYSIS:**
  - a. **Port of Kaluga:**
    - i. The port is situated on the eastern edge of Kaluga, Floraland's capital city. It is the nation's largest port and serves as the primary channel for oceanic commerce. The port is Floraland government property, although numerous private companies lease warehouses, storage, and other facilities on site. The port is managed by the Kaluga Port Authority, which also provides security for the entire port. Between government and private operations, an estimated 5,000 civilians work at the port.
    - ii. The port is the busiest in the country, with dozens of vessels coming and going each day. Approximately 70% of Floraland's imports are received through the port. The port is also a hub for Floraland's fishing industry, with roughly 65% of the ocean resources harvested in Floraland waters are processed at the port.
  - b. **Sebastian Seafood Plant:**
    - i. Sebastian Seafood (SS) operates a large seafood processing plant within Port Kaluga. The plant is part of a large complex of buildings leased by Sebastian Seafood, including the main processing building, administrative offices, product intake, and storage. The plant operates 24 hours a day to keep up with the volume of product and demand.
    - ii. This plant is responsible for the intake, processing, and distribution of approximately 65% of the ocean resources harvested off the coast of Floraland. It also processes approximately 80% of all seafood imports for the country.
    - iii. The plant employs 750 full time staff who work in three shifts. The daytime shift is the largest, with 500 workers and administrative staff (66% of the total plant staff) working from 0800 to 1730 hours. Employee activity is clustered in the main processing plant building during those hours.
5. **TARGET ANALYSIS**
  - a. Human Intelligence has confirmed that a large cache of weapons has been moved by the Floraland military into one of the buildings within the Sebastian Seafood Plant complex.
  - b. The precise building housing the cache is unknown, but we have HIGH CONFIDENCE that it is being stored in one or more buildings within a five building cluster beside the main processing plant (see imagery). Drone imagery has confirmed at least 25 Floraland military personnel are currently stationed in and around those five buildings.



TARGET ANALYSIS - CONTINUED

- c. There is HIGH CONFIDENCE that the cache includes multiple highly lethal TK-421 anti-tank missile launchers, Starscream Type 84 MANPADs, and portable Sea Sparrow anti-ship weapons, along with large quantities of ammunition for all three weapons platforms. These platforms represent the most cutting-edge anti-armor, anti-aircraft, and anti-ship portable weapons technology.
- d. There is HIGH CONFIDENCE that the cache is destined for a planned Floraland counteroffensive. Signals intelligence has revealed that a covert Floraland Army convoy is inbound to the port from the north and will be surreptitiously moving the cache on 26 MAR. The convoy is expected to reach the processing facility at approximately 1300 hours.

**6. CONCEPT OF OPERATION**

- a. **MEANS OF ATTACK:** 3x Thunderhawk precision guided cruise missiles. A Three missile payload IS necessary to destroy all five buildings and maximize probability of total neutralization of the cache and convoy. No alternative weapons platforms that would yield equivalent results are available for this operation.
- b. **DELIVERY METHOD:** Naval launch via missile cruiser *WWS Profundity*.
- c. **COLLATERAL DAMAGE ESTIMATION:**
  - i. **LOW END:** 8 civilian deaths and 45% destruction of the processing plant complex (no damage to the main processing plant) expected.
  - ii. **HIGH END:** 25 civilian deaths and 55% destruction of the processing plant complex (including 15% damage to the main processing plant) expected. Destruction of the cache is likely to trigger a secondary explosion, causing additional deaths and damage to the complex. The precise intensity of the explosion cannot be determined, but the maximum expected blast radius is depicted on the enclosed imagery overlay.



PORT OF KALUGA  
SATELLITE IMAGERY DTD 20 MAR 23

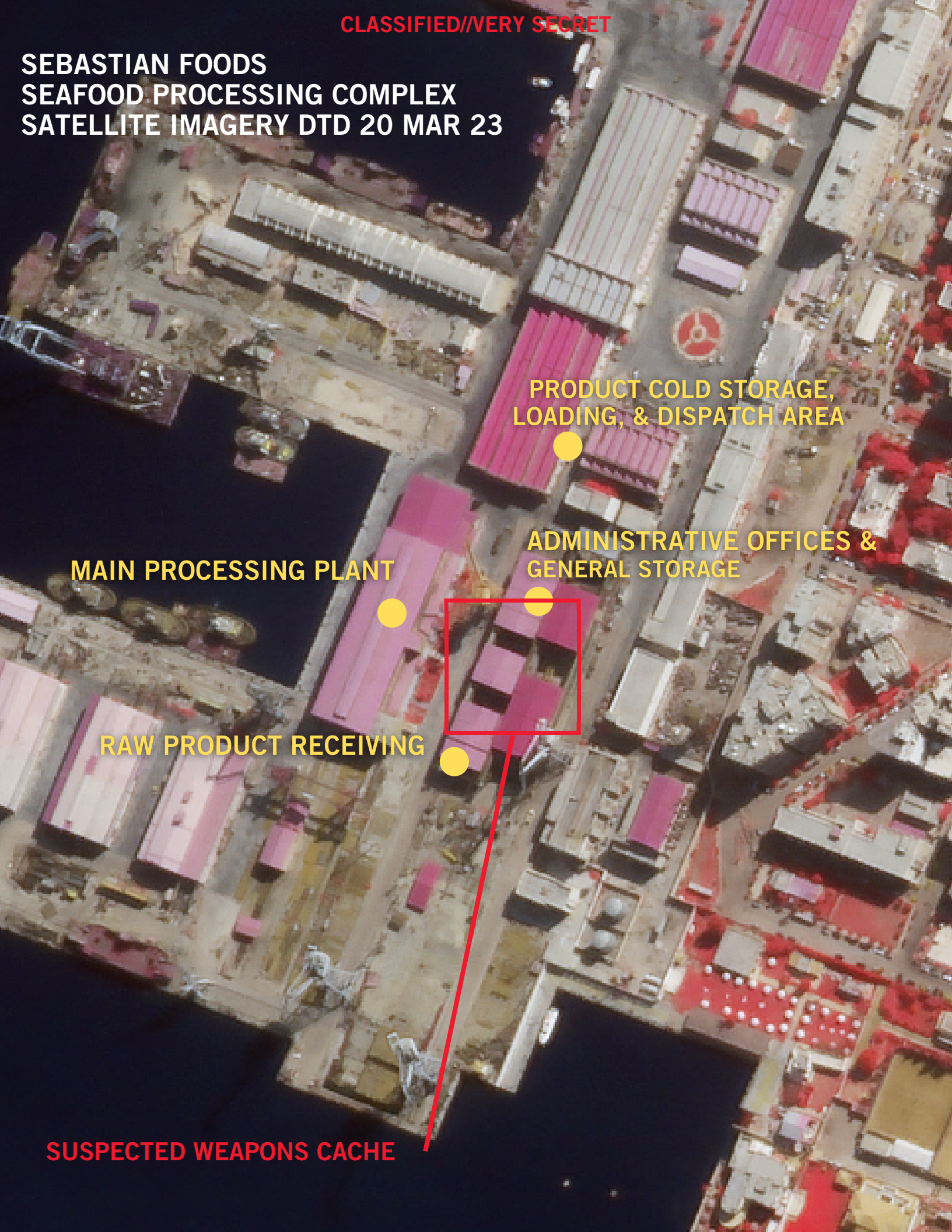


SEBASTIAN FOODS  
SEAFOOD PROCESSING COMPLEX

AREA OF SUSPECTED  
WEAPONS CACHE



SEBASTIAN FOODS  
SEAFOOD PROCESSING COMPLEX  
SATELLITE IMAGERY DTD 20 MAR 23



PRODUCT COLD STORAGE,  
LOADING, & DISPATCH AREA

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES &  
GENERAL STORAGE

MAIN PROCESSING PLANT

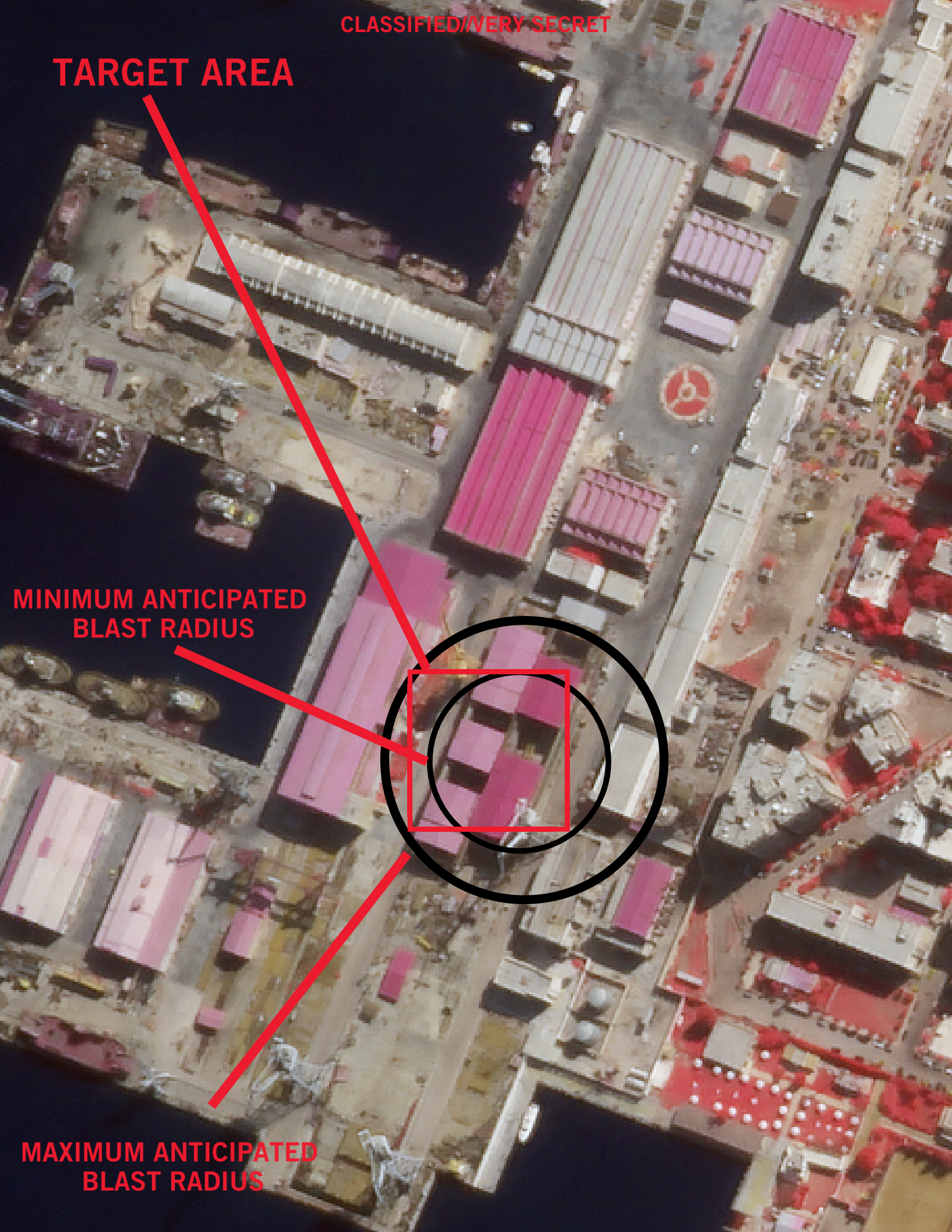
RAW PRODUCT RECEIVING

SUSPECTED WEAPONS CACHE

TARGET AREA

MINIMUM ANTICIPATED  
BLAST RADIUS

MAXIMUM ANTICIPATED  
BLAST RADIUS



# THE MINGLETON TIMES

## *It's Oh-Fish-ial: Panic Buying Surges Like a Tsunami in Floraland*

March 17, 2023

SPECIAL REPORT by Huertin Jones



Empty store shelves at the Floraland General Store in downtown Kaluga after recent attacks by Westphalia.

**Kaluga, Floraland** – As war grips Floraland, panic has set in amongst the population, triggering a run on consumer goods as locals rush to stock up on essentials in fear of a protracted conflict. Consumers are finding supermarket shelves depleted of items such as bottled water, canned goods, and fish products - staples in the Floralandian diet. Nowhere is this more apparent than in the capital city of Kaluga where nearly half of country's population resides. Wes Hill, Store Manager at a local FishMart, reported witnessing customers aggressively pushing their way through aisles to race for limited goods. "Customers are crazed" says Hill. "I even saw one guest get beaten with a Tuna." Instagram photos posted by shoppers also appear to show local law enforcement stationed at some stores to preserve order. #NoFish is currently trending online as anger and fear spreads due to increasing shortages.

Westphalian attacks have stoked fresh concerns about Floraland's already tight food supply, which is largely dependent on ocean resources. Kaluga is also home to Floraland's largest seafood processing plant located within the Port of Kaluga, which is responsible for processing the overwhelming majority of the nation's seafood supply.



Plant Operations Manager Corbin Dallas described the situation at the plant as “tense,” noting that it has been difficult to satisfy demand for fish products in the domestic market while also maintaining export quotas. Pre-war environmental degradation already took a devastating toll in the area, transforming Floraland’s once bountiful offshore fisheries into an increasingly barren landscape. The offshore ecosystem teeters on the verge of total disaster, with the new war presenting an even greater danger to that balance. Mr. Dallas said further damage to those fisheries would undoubtedly seriously impact the plant’s ability to supply the foods which Floralandians rely so heavily upon.

Lewis Ray, Chair of the Floralandian Economic Council, a leading non-governmental agency, warned that further deterioration of the supply chain risks potential food shortages and urged consumers to avoid excessive overstocking of goods. “In these challenging times we must come together as one and be thoughtful of the resources we take which may be at the expense of our neighbors. Citizens should attempt to remain calm and be confident that our government will take the appropriate measure to ensure the needs of every citizen.”

CLASSIFIED//VERY SECRET



**TARGET 2:**  
**COMBAT OUTPOST ROADBLOCK**

CLASSIFIED//VERY SECRET

**From:** HAMILL, CARRIE F <carrie.f.hamill@airforce.westphalia>

**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2023 4:27 PM

**To:** WILLIAMS, BILLY D. <billy.d.williams@airforce.westphalia>

**Subject:** COP Roadblock - Mission Concept

**ATTACHMENT:** "Fact Sheet - Thundering Cricket"

**Classification:** **VERY SECRET//NOFORN**

**ENCRYPTED BY SIS COMM 2.35**

MG Williams,

BLUF: Here are the details of the mission we spoke about earlier today.

Our recent ops have been less successful than desired, with minimal effects on Floraland's fighting capacity. We believe this is due to Floraland troops receiving advanced warning of our operations and taking actions to reduce damage to critical systems and launching counterattacks. After significant research by our intelligence team, we believe that we have found the source of the advanced warning – a small Combat Outpost (COP) located in our primary flight path near the Floraland-Lockivo border. It appears the COP has been previously overlooked because it is obscured by low cloud cover caused by a weather phenomenon in the Misty Mountains. We're calling this target "COP Roadblock." Fortunately, while the cloud cover prevents our detection, it also limits their ability to spot our aircraft, only allowing them to identify our aircraft via audible noise (as you may recall from your flying days, our 5H-8 "Screaming Banshee" is not a stealth aircraft by any means).

As it happens, our weapons shop had an idea – employing the "Thundering Cricket," a newer weapon that can temporarily deafen individuals within a certain radius (fact sheet attached). My strategic planners have developed a mission to utilize the Thundering Cricket, and it may be the perfect weapon to change this entire conflict.

Concept of Operations: We will launch a flight of four 5H-8 to strike strategic targets within Floraland—we'd love to use another type of aircraft, but we simply don't have an airframe or weapons platform that can match the Screaming Banshee's capabilities. To help protect the flight, 30 minutes prior to that strike, we will launch an aircraft to fly over the COP and drop the Thunder Cricket in the center of the base. When detonated, it should cover the entire radius of the base, temporarily deafening anyone on the COP. This will provide us with a critical 1 – 2 hour window that will allow our aircraft to avoid detection by members of COP Roadblock, clearing the way for our fighters.

We believe that under the cover of deafness we can inflict greater damage and bring this war to a faster end. Given our agreement with Lockivo enabling us to freely conduct combat flight operations in their airspace we won't have any issues with use of Lockivo airspace for this mission's route.

v/r,

Col. Hamill

CARRIE F. HAMILL

Colonel, Westphalia Air Force

Deputy, Strategic Operations Cell

**NORTICO**

**LOCKIVO**

COP ROADBLOCK

"Misty Mountains"

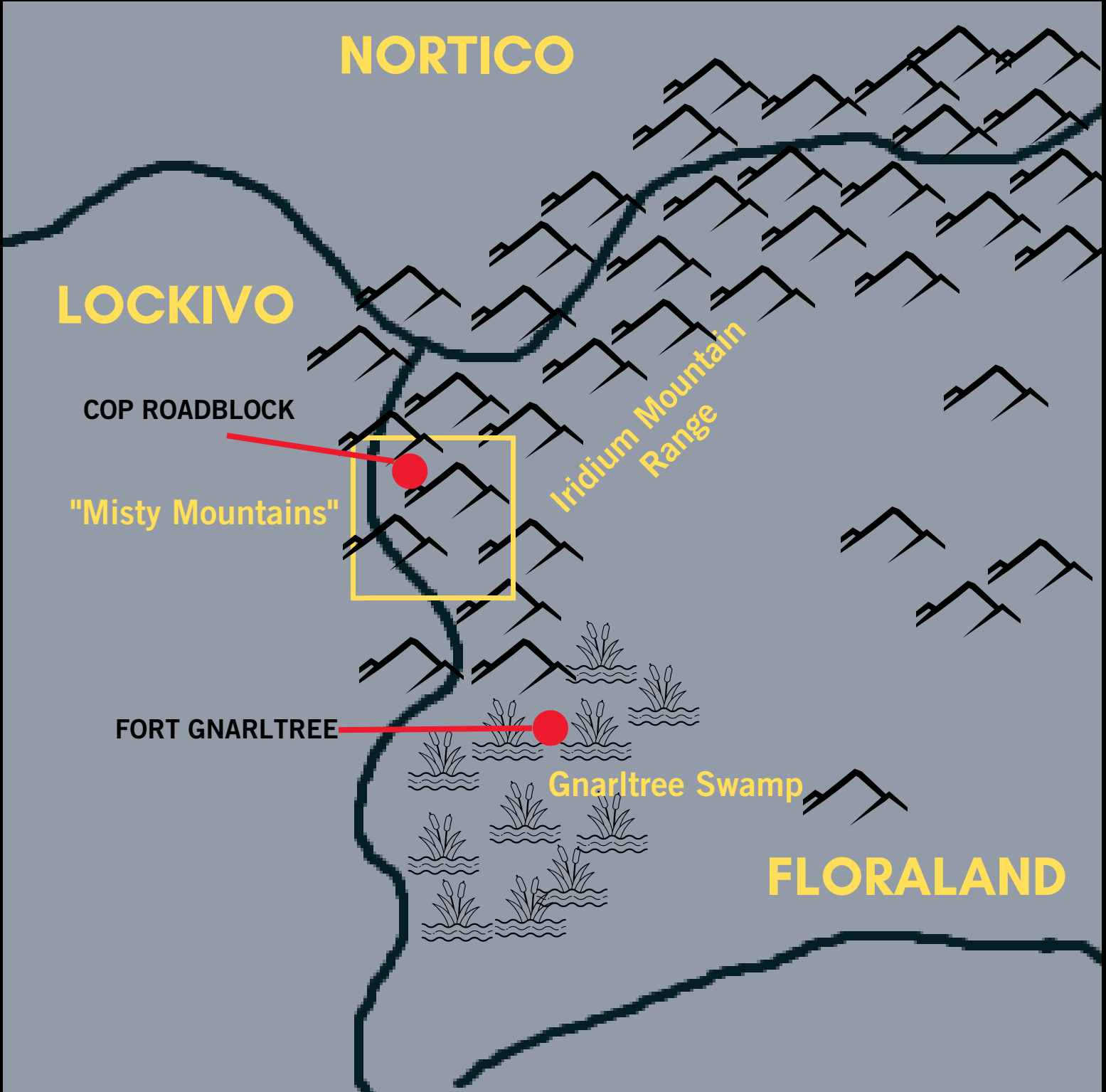
Iridium Mountain  
Range

FORT GNARLTREE

Gnarltree Swamp

**FLORALAND**

**CLASSIFIED//VERY SECRET**





## Intelligence Report

---

March 20, 2023

SUBJECT: Floraland Combat Outpost (“COP Roadblock”) & Early Warning System

Reports suggest that our recent operational struggles have been the result of advanced notice of our airborne missions. It was hypothesized that the advanced notice was being provided by an early warning system operated by Floraland. After careful analysis, intelligence analysts have concluded that the early warning system is likely a human-based one operating out of a Floraland Combat Outpost (COP) on the north-western border with Lockivo, on the western edge of the Iridium Mountain Range, known to the Floraland natives as the “Misty Mountains,” and the northern edge of the Gnarltree Swamp. Below is a report on the COP, which we have designated as “Roadblock.”

1. COP Roadblock is situated in the Misty Mountain Range, near the north-western border between Floraland and Lockivo. Originally used as an outpost for exploration and scientific experiments in the mountains and swamp, the Floraland military converted the outpost to a military COP in 2002 due to rising tensions with Lockivo. The COP comprises a small area – only 1800 meters in diameter – but it contains dorms, a mess hall, and working facilities for a small military contingent. It is estimated that approximately 50 military personnel are assigned to the COP. The nearest town is 25 kilometers to the east.
2. The COP was initially used by the Floraland military as a base of operations for a border patrol unit, however it is believed that Floraland is now using it as a human-based early warning system for our airborne missions flying routes over the Misty Mountains. This location was previously overlooked in our operational planning, as pilots report low cloud cover over the COP, obscuring it from view. In addition, there does not appear to be any signals equipment (e.g., radar) located at the COP, avoiding detection by our reconnaissance aircraft.
3. Based on recent intelligence, it is the opinion of the intelligence analysts that the COP is being used by Floraland as an early warning system. Given the low cloud cover, we believe that the COP personnel largely rely on audible sounds from the aircraft flying above. For example, the noise produced by our mainstay fighter/bomber aircraft, the 5H-8 “Screaming Banshee” (known for its loud operating volume) likely allows observers on the ground to detect flights. Once detected, we believe COP personnel use a cellular network to alert inland troops of the coming mission. We do not believe that COP personnel have visibility of the aircraft, due to the dense cloud cover (NOTE: We have requested a weather report to determine the likelihood of aircraft visibility from the COP).





## Weather Report

---

March 25, 2023

SUBJECT: Floraland Combat Outpost "Roadblock"

Upon request, meteorologists from the Westphalian Air Force Weather Operations Center (WOC) provided the following regarding the Floraland Combat Outpost (COP) designated "Roadblock:" The COP Roadblock is positioned at a higher altitude (6500 ft ASL) near the Misty Mountain portion of the Iridium Mountain Range. Due to the adiabatic cooling from naturally occurring mountain winds, condensation forms where warm air from the Gnarltree Swamp meets cool air in the vicinity of the COP. While this weather phenomenon can sometimes result in a thick fog, making the mountains appear "misty." However, given the altitude of the COP, it more often results in low cloud cover directly over the COP. The density of the cloud cover or fog varies throughout the year, with November through April being the most dense. During these months, intelligence collection from the air or satellite is limited to signals intelligence; photos and videos are obscured by the clouds and fog. Similarly, low cloud cover makes the visibility of aircraft flying over the COP difficult, if not impossible.

# Thundering Cricket – Munition Fact Sheet



Description: An air-delivered munition that detonates upon impact, using a small explosive to force air through a powerful air horn. The sounds produced exceed 140 decibels, causing temporary deafness to those within a certain radius of impact. It is very flexible to operators' needs, as it can be affixed to any legacy ordnance (GBU-12, GBU-38, BLU-126, etc.).

## Effects:

- Temporarily deafens personnel within 900 yards, lasting 1 to 2 hours
- Initial tests show that no other damage is caused by the weapon (e.g., no concussion issues, no ear bleeding, nor any other known physical consequences)\*

\* Testing conducted in open fields. No current data on the effects of weapon in a battlefield with buildings, concrete, and other structures that could dampen or amplify sound. Additional testing in progress.

CLASSIFIED//VERY SECRET



**TARGET 3:**  
**FORT GNARLTREE**

CLASSIFIED//VERY SECRET

**From:** DAVIES, AUBREY R. <aubrey.r.davies@army.westphalia>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 23, 2023 10:25 AM  
**To:** WILLIAMS, BILLY D. <billy.d.williams@airforce.westphalia>  
**Subject:** Fort Gnarltree Mission proposal  
**Classification:** **VERY SECRET//NOFORN**  
**ENCRYPTED BY SIS COMM 2.35**

Billy,

Just got out of the meeting with strategic planners regarding Operation Haymaker. We're adding that Floralandian base in the middle of Gnarltree swamp as part of the operation's package of targets.

As you know, Fort Gnarltree could serve as an operational foothold for us, particularly as we get into the summer months. In addition, our capture of the Fort, the supplies located there, and the elimination of the Special Forces base of operations could serve as a moral victory (and demoralizing for the Floraland military). However, we've been unable to launch a ground assault given the swampy surrounding area and spring flooding.

My thought was that we could use that HAL-9000 drone we were briefed about in last week's battle call. If it can do what they say it can do, I say we drop the drone next to the fort, have it conduct an hour-long mission within the base perimeter, and see what it can do in that hour. Then, we can send one of our helicopters to go collect it at a designated rendezvous point.

If it proves successful, we could employ it more often to weaken their forces in advance of an air assault. Standing by for your thoughts, sir.

v/r,

Aubrey

MAJOR GENERAL AUBREY DAVIES  
Deputy Commander, Westphalia Defense

*"Expecto Patronum"*

NORTICO

LOCKIVO

COP ROADBLOCK

"Misty Mountains"

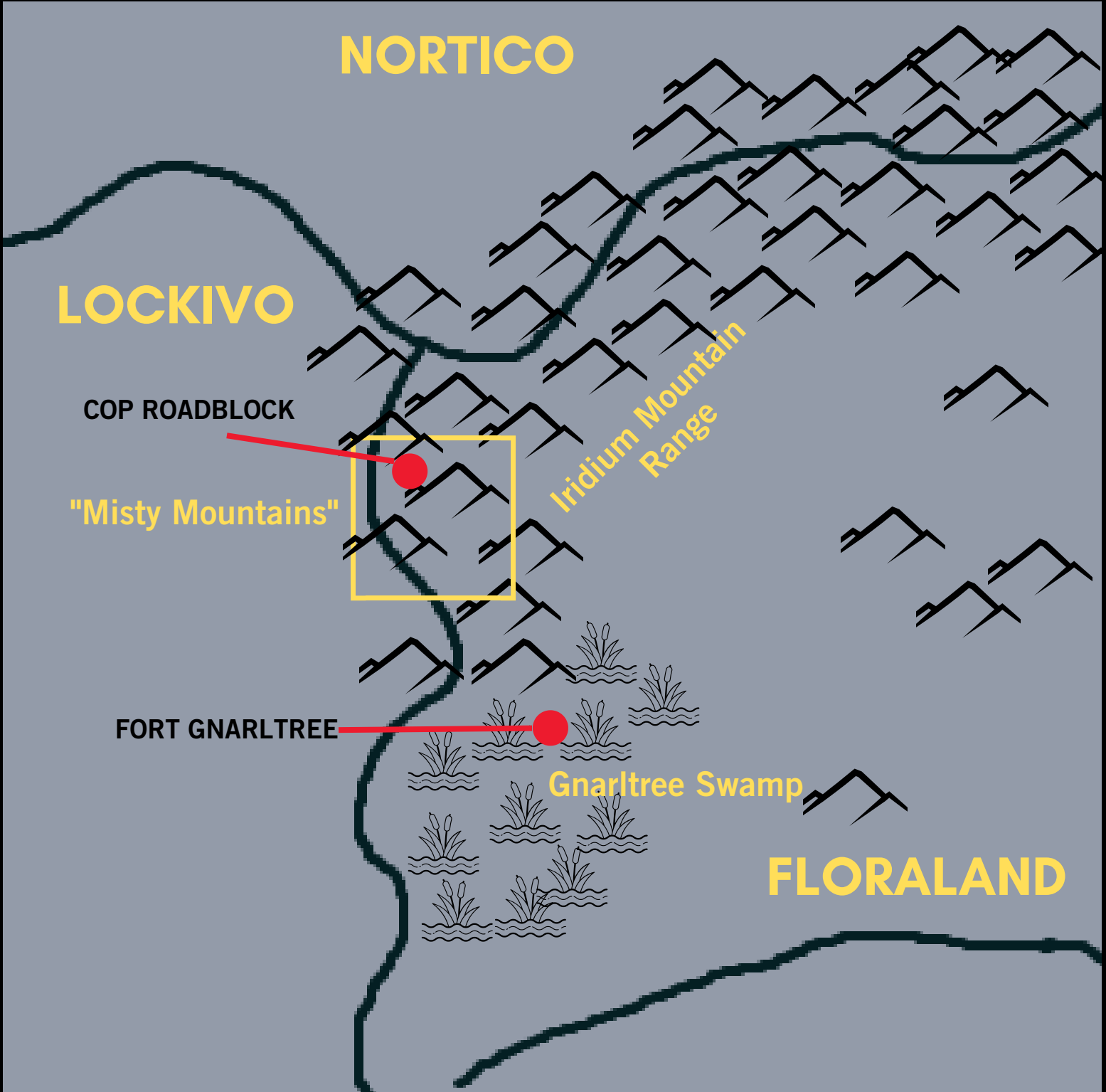
Iridium Mountain Range

FORT GNARLTREE

Gnarltree Swamp

FLORALAND

CLASSIFIED//VERY SECRET





## Intelligence Report

---

March 18, 2023

SUBJECT: Fort Gnarltree

Strategic Planners requested a full intelligence report of Fort Gnarltree, a Floraland Army fort located in Gnarltree Swamp.

1. The Floraland Army maintains a fort, a strategic foothold, in the Gnarltree Swamp in west Floraland. Named after Dr. Melissa Gnarltree, an explorer and scientist who first mapped out the area in 1902, the swamp comprises 750 square miles of unimproved land rich in natural resources. Dr. Gnarltree was commissioned to map out the area in hopes to find a place suitable for scientific research on the rich biodiversity and natural resources in the area. Dr. Gnarltree discovered an area near the center of the swamp to develop and build a base camp for her research; she later built Camp Gnarltree on a concrete mass supported by concrete piers buried deep in the swamp, which was finished in 1923.
2. During the Shellumbria Civil War, the camp was fortified and used as a lookout post during the Gemzoo Offensive. It was later expanded and further fortified in 1976 and renamed Fort Gnarltree. While it is believed that the swamp contains approximately 60% of Floraland's natural resources, production of the natural resources was halted in 2000 due to increasing production costs. Since then, Fort Gnarltree remains operational, but with only military personnel in the area. In 2002, Floraland's Tactical Group 1 (known as Tac-1), an elite squad of Special Forces, was relocated to Fort Gnarltree as a new base of operations. In the 20 years since, Tac-1 has established a schoolhouse for all Floraland Special Forces, moving the training center from Kaluga in 2007. Now, Fort Gnarltree is home to approximately 2,000 military personnel, mostly Special Forces (graduates and trainees) with some supporting security and logistical personnel, along with living quarters, storage facilities, and training infrastructure.
3. Based on multiple reports (mainly, human intelligence), the Gnarltree Swamp is comprised of land permanently saturated with water, continually flooded with water from the ice melting off the Iridium and Misty Mountain Ranges. When the ice melt is significantly higher (during the spring season – February through April), Fort Gnarltree is inaccessible by road; all necessary supplies are air dropped by either helicopter or airplane (there is no runway for landing). In addition, scientific reports note that the swamp is home to over 250 species of wildlife, including many species incredibly dangerous to humans. The swamp is also a breeding ground for a deadly fungus variant known as TLOO-23 variant cordyceps, which is particularly harmful to humans. These difficult conditions make a land-based operation difficult, if not impossible (particularly in the spring months).

# HAL 9000



**Description:** The HAL 9000 is a newly developed, fully autonomous drone capable of executing complex tasks. The HAL 9000 operates without a “man in the loop” and can be left to accomplish any assignments completely independently using its advanced image sensors and learning algorithms. These learning algorithms have been specifically designed to allow the HAL 9000 to use its optical and audio sensors to observe and identify enemy combatants. The HAL 9000 weapons capabilities coupled with its advanced sensors will change warfare forever.

## **General Specifications:**

- Maximum 2 hour flight time
- Maximum Altitude of 500 yards
- Stealth Capable – no audible noise unless within 25 yards of the drone
- Precision munitions eliminate targets instantly from a distance of 150 yards
- Rapid data processing and reaction speed allows target engagement every 30 seconds

**Testing Results:** Testing conducted in a controlled laboratory environment. Impressively, the HAL 9000 correctly identifies enemy combatants 75% of the time and will incorrectly target civilians a mere 25% of the time.



**American  
Red Cross**

International  
Humanitarian Law

Layout by Lindsay Womack | [www.lindsaywomackdesigns.com](http://www.lindsaywomackdesigns.com)