

**CORDON/BLOCKING
POSITIONS
(INFANTRY TEAMS)**

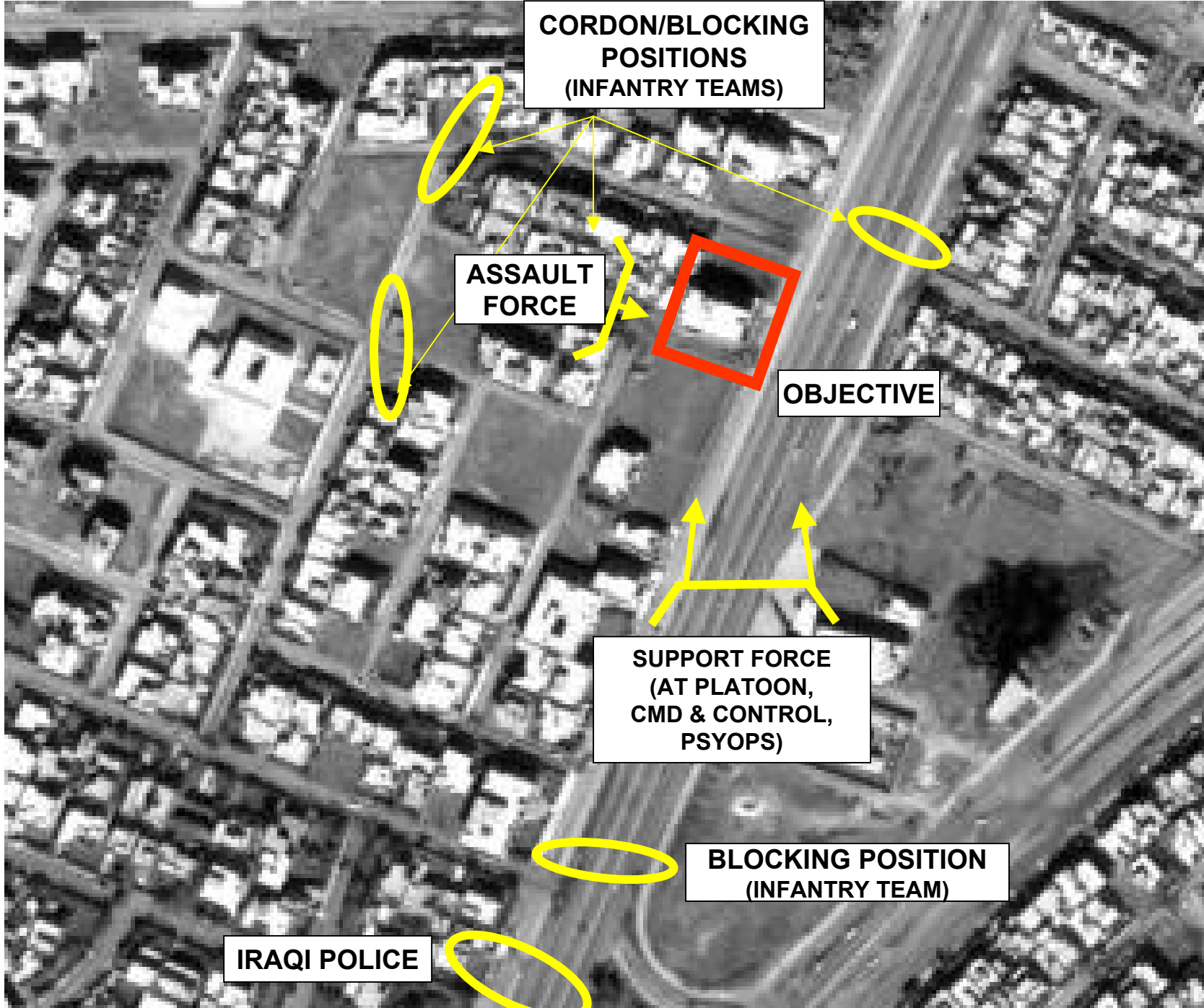
**ASSAULT
FORCE**

OBJECTIVE

**SUPPORT FORCE
(AT PLATOON,
CMD & CONTROL,
PSYOPS)**

**BLOCKING POSITION
(INFANTRY TEAM)**

IRAQI POLICE



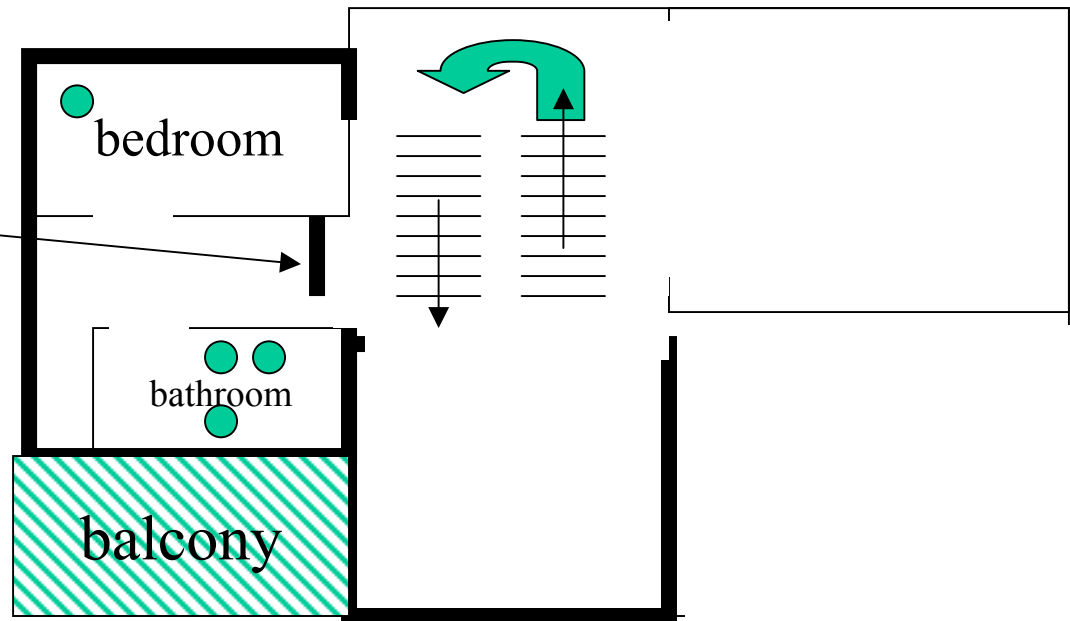
Top level of house

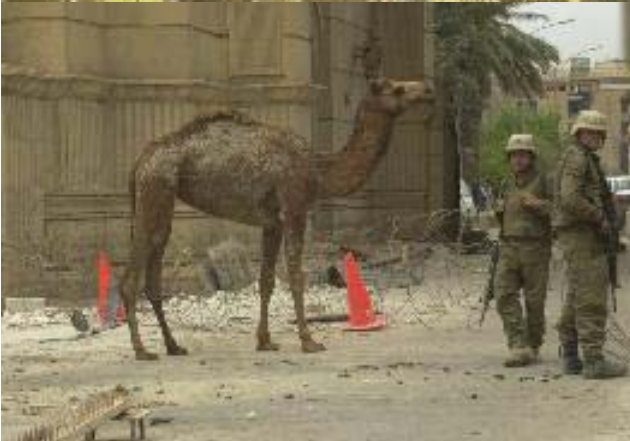
balcony



Fortified, reinforced
barricade protecting
top room

● Location of individuals
When building cleared





Major Forces Involved

101st Airborne Division (Air Assault)

Infantry Company (-)

OH-58D Attack Helicopters with 2.75 rockets and MGs

HMMWVs w/ TOWs

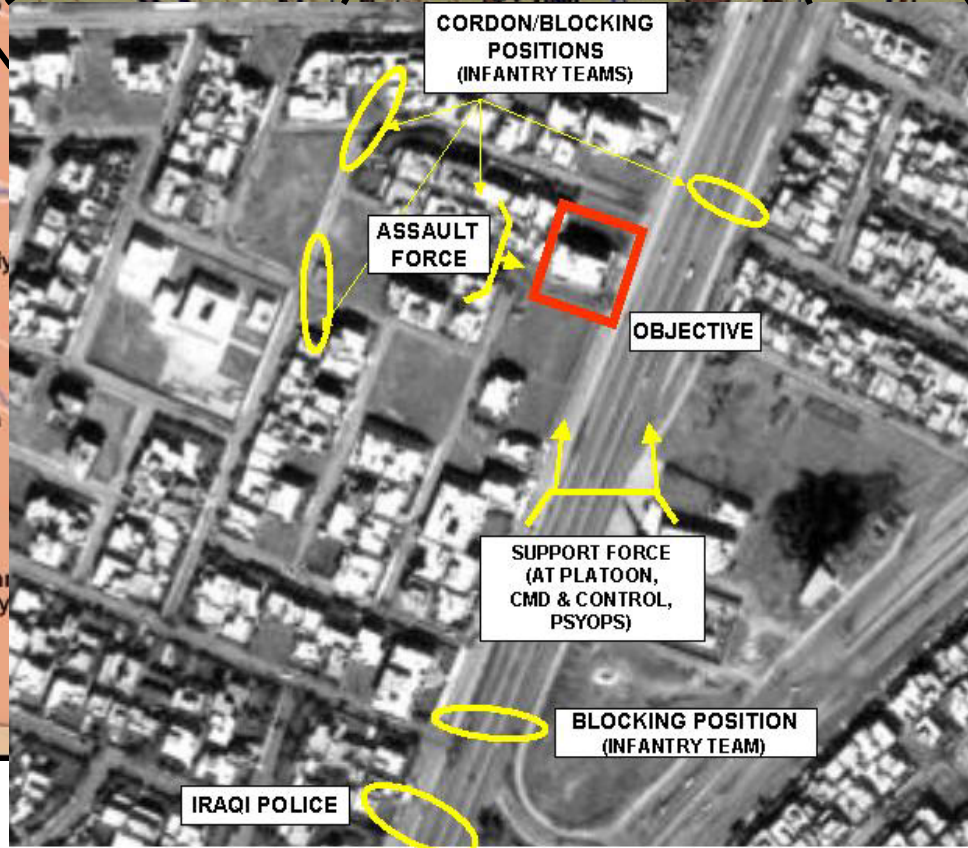
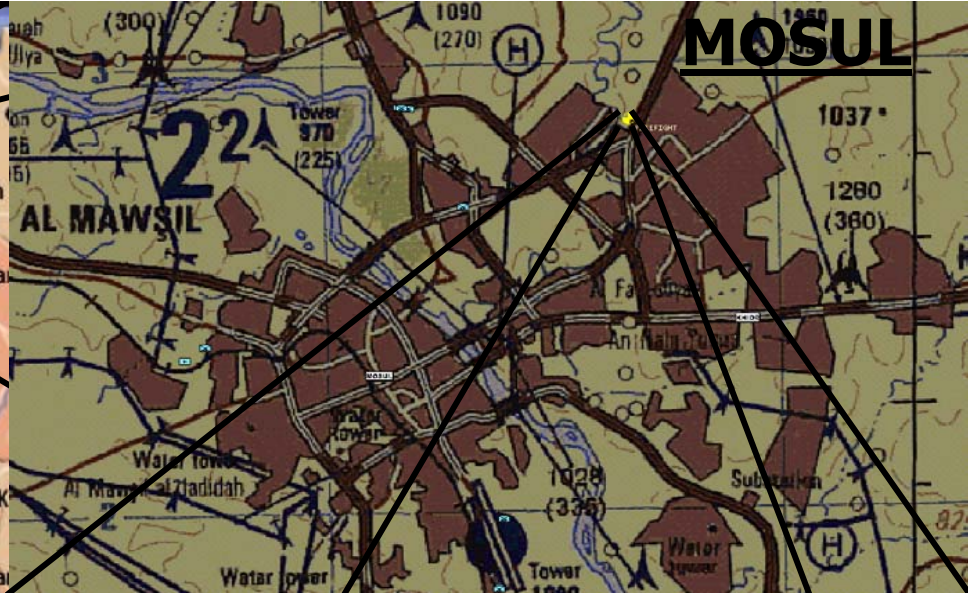
HMMWV-mounted MK-19s and 50 cal

AH-64s on station (not used)

USAF A-10s on station (not used)

Iraqi Police





Setting the Conditions

- **1000 Hours:** Coalition Forces in Position
 - 101ST Airborne Division Forces: AT Platoon, Weapons Squad
 - Cordon established
 - Operation commences
 - Interpreter used bullhorn to urge targets to surrender in support of “cordon and knock” operation

First Assault

- **1010 Hours:** Building Entered; Shots Fired Immediately
 - Targeted individuals barricaded in building in a fortified portion of the building armed with small arms
 - Three (3) coalition soldiers wounded on stairs; one (1) coalition soldier wounded outside building
 - Forces withdraw
 - Coalition Forces requested additional assets including ground QRF and Heavy Weapons
- **1015 Hours:** MEDEVAC Called
 - Determined that it was appropriate to prep the objective prior to reentry
 - Sporadic fire from the house over the next two (2) hours

1st Iteration of Deliberate Preparation

•1045 Hours:

- Significant MK19 grenade launcher fire
- Two (2) AT-4 rockets
- Significant HMMWV-Mounted 50-Caliber machinegun fire

• 1122 Hours: 2ND Brigade Combat Team (101 AB) Initiates Movement of the Ground QRF that Consisted of one (1) AT Platoon

• 1145 Hours: OH-58D Fire

- Four (4) KW Rockets
- 350 Rounds of 50-Cal

• 1150 Hours: QRF (one Additional Anti-Tank Platoon, PSYOPS Team, Additional MEDEVAC) On Station

• 1155 Hours: KW Fires Complete

Second Assault

•1200 Hours: House Reentered

- Fire returned from house
- Fire received on stairs leading to top floor
- Forces withdraw

• 1230 Hours: Report of Barricaded Room at Top of the Stairs

- Decision made to continue prep

2ND Iteration of Preparation

- **1300 Hours:**

- HMMWV-mounted 50-Cal fire; HMMWV-mounted MK19 grenade launcher fire
- Ten (10) TOW missiles fired from HMMWVs
- Decision made not to use AH-64, A-10, or any other weapons
- Likely that TOW missiles killed three (3) adults in bathroom on top floor

Third Assault

- **1321 Hours:** Building Entered for 3RD Time

- No fire on stairs
- Additional individual killed in bedroom
- Remainder of building cleared

- **1402 Hours:** Building Secure

Follow On Operations

- **1402 Hours:** Coalition Forces Extract Four (4) Bodies From Building
 - Evacuate bodies for positive identification
- **1500 Hours to Present:** TF Neighborhood and Civil Affairs Assets Deployed to Clean/Repair Area
 - Continuing to secure, exploit, and assess the site