

(GOD VOICE)

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IS UNDER SIEGE. THE ENEMY HAS MASSED TROOPS ALONG OUR BORDERS, AND HAS RECRUITED AGENTS THAT INFILTRATE EVERY ASPECT OF OUR COUNTRY, OUR SOCIETY, OUR WAY OF LIFE. THE ENEMY IS ILLEGAL DRUGS.

(BEAT; CONVERSATIONAL)

DOES THIS SOUND FAR-FETCHED? CONSIDER THAT ONE OUT OF EIGHT STUDENTS IN THE EIGHTH-GRADE IS A CURRENT DRUG USER, OR ONE IN FOUR SENIORS IN HIGH SCHOOL IS A CURRENT USER. ONE IN THREE HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS HAS WITNESSED A DRUG DEAL IN THEIR SCHOOL, AND ALMOST HALF OF HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS HAVE ATTENDED A 'PARTY' WHERE ILLEGAL DRUGS WERE OPENLY USED. IN FACT, MORE THAN ONE OUT OF THREE AMERICANS TWELVE YEARS AND OLDER HAVE USED ILLEGAL DRUGS IN THEIR LIFETIME.

(BEAT)

MOST JAILS NOW PERFORM ROUTINE DRUG SCREENING DURING ARREST PROCESSING. TWO-THIRDS OF THOSE ARRESTED 'POP POSITIVE' ON THESE TESTS.

MORE THAN HALF THE COCAINE ON AMERICAN STREETS ENTERS THE U.S. ACROSS OUR BORDER WITH MEXICO, ALONG WITH STAGGERING QUANTITIES OF MARIJUANA. A MAJORITY OF THESE SHIPMENTS GO TO TRAFFICKERS IN LOS ANGELES, WHO THEN DISTRIBUTE IT NATIONWIDE.

IT USED TO BE CHILD'S PLAY TO SMUGGLE TRUCKLOADS OF DRUGS FROM TIJUANA, STRAIGHT ACROSS THE BORDER TO SAN DIEGO. THAT IS, UNTIL JOINT TASK FORCE SIX AND TEAM ENGINEER INSTALLED A FENCE-AND-ROAD SYSTEM THAT SEALED SEVENTEEN MILES OF BORDER, FROM THE PACIFIC OCEAN, TO TIN CAN HILL.

THE FENCE AND ROAD SYSTEM LEFT THE SMUGGLERS THREE OPTIONS. RISK DETECTION AND CAPTURE TRANSPORTING THE DRUGS THROUGH THE LAND PORTS OF ENTRY - WHERE COUNTERDRUG GUARDSMEN ASSIST CUSTOMS OFFICERS TO SEARCH MANY MORE VEHICLES.

OR, WASTE PRECIOUS MINUTES TRAVERSING THE FENCE, WHERE THE NEWLY INSTALLED ROAD NETWORK GREATLY DECREASES BORDER PATROL'S RESPONSE TIME.

OR ATTEMPT TO FLANK THE FENCE AND THE UN-DRIVABLE HILLS BY TRANSPORTING THE DRUG SHIPMENTS EAST, THEN ACROSS THE BORDER, AND BACK TO SAN DIEGO. WHEN THE DETOURING SMUGGLERS FIRST CROSSED THE BORDER NEAR TECATE, THEY NOTICED TEAM ENGINEER WAS ALREADY INSTALLING THE NEXT SEGMENT OF BORDER FENCE AND ROADS. SO FAR, TEAM ENGINEER HAS EXTENDED THIS BARRIER-AND-ROAD NETWORK TO THE WESTERN EDGE OF THE IMPERIAL VALLEY AND IS EXTENDING ANOTHER FENCE OUTWARD, BOTH EAST AND WEST, FROM THE IMPERIAL VALLEY BORDER TOWNS OF CALEXICO AND MEXICALI.

IF A SMUGGLER WANTS TO DRIVE A LOAD OF DRUGS ACROSS AN UNFENCED SEGMENT OF BORDER, HE STILL HAS TO RUN A TEN-MINUTE GAUNTLET OF OPEN DESERT BEFORE HE REACHES A PAVED ROAD - AND IS STILL A DAY'S DRIVE FROM LOS ANGELES. THAT'S WHY THIS ENGINEER OPERATION IS SO IMPORTANT...

(MILITARY BRIEFING)

SEVERAL DRUG CARTELS HAVE ESTABLISHED OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN MEXICO, IN THE VICINITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL BORDER WITH CALIFORNIA.

SMALL OPERATIONAL SMUGGLING BASES ARE STRATEGICALLY LOCATED ALONG THE 147-MILE LENGTH OF THE BORDER, TO PROVIDE THE ENEMY WITH UNIMPEDED APPROACH TO ACCESSIBLE, LIGHTLY-PATROLLED AREAS ALONG THE BORDER.

A SMUGGLER'S GREATEST RISK OF DETECTION, CAPTURE AND ARREST STARTS THE MOMENT HE CROSSES THE BORDER, AND ENDS WHEN HE AND HIS CARGO ARE FINALLY IN A VEHICLE TRAVELLING ON IMPROVED RURAL ROADS OR INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS.

HIS IDEAL AVENUE OF APPROACH IS TO DRIVE A LARGE LOAD OF DRUGS ACROSS AN UNFENCED, DRIVABLE STRETCH OF BORDER IN THE VICINITY OF A HARD-BALL ROAD. LAW ENFORCEMENT THEN HAS LESS THAN 30 SECONDS TO DETECT HIM. IF HE REACHES THE ROAD WITHOUT DETECTION, HE'S AS GOOD AS HOME FREE.

SMUGGLING CARTELS ARE VERY ADEPT AT INTELLIGENCE, RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE ALONG THE BORDER. THEY KNOW THE TERRAIN, THE SHIFT SCHEDULES OF LAW-ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, AND LAW-ENFORCEMENT'S RADIO FREQUENCIES AND ACCESS CODES.

THE UNITED STATES BORDER PATROL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING THE SECURITY OF THE BORDER AGAINST UNLAWFUL CROSSING BY PERSONS WHO ARE NOT U.S. CITIZENS. THE SHERIFFS' DEPARTMENTS OF SAN DIEGO AND IMPERIAL COUNTIES, ALONG WITH THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL, ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR POLICING UNLAWFUL ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING DRUG SMUGGLING, ALONG THE CALIFORNIA-MEXICO BORDER.

SHERIFFS' DEPUTIES AND BORDER PATROL AGENTS ASSIST ONE ANOTHER IN THEIR TASKS.

THE CALIFORNIA BUREAU OF NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT AND THE UNITED STATES DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY PERFORM DRUG SEIZURE OPERATIONS ALONG THE BORDER, AND ASSIST LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT IN THEIR DRUG INTERDICTION EFFORT.

THE CALIFORNIA NATIONAL GUARD COUNTERDRUG DIRECTORATE PROVIDES COUNTERDRUG SUPPORT TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WITHIN THE BORDER AREA OF OPERATION.

TEAM ENGINEER IS SPECIFICALLY TASKED WITH DEVELOPING AND INSTALLING A ROAD NETWORK ALONG THE BORDER TO ENHANCE THE MOBILITY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, AND ERECTING A VEHICLE AND PERSONNEL BARRIER ON THE BORDER TO PROVIDE COUNTERMOBILITY AGAINST THE DRUG SMUGGLING THREAT.

(PROUD; SOLEMN)

TEAM ENGINEER PROVIDES LAW ENFORCEMENT WITH MOBILITY, COUNTERMOBILITY, AND GENERAL ENGINEERING SUPPORT, TO ENHANCE DRUG INTERDICTION CAPABILITIES ADJACENT TO THE UNITED STATES - MEXICO BORDER IN CALIFORNIA.

(BRIEFING)

TO REGAIN CONTROL OF THE BORDER AND THE ADJACENT TERRAIN, TEAM ENGINEER AND ROTATIONAL UNITS WILL INSTALL A SMOOTH, HIGH SPEED, LOW-MAINTENANCE NETWORK OF ROADS TO-AND ALONG- THE BORDER, AND ERECT A BORDER BARRIER TO DETER THE USE OF VEHICLES IN SMUGGLING OPERATIONS THE BARRIER WILL FORCE SMUGGLERS TO PACK THEIR ILLEGAL DRUGS ON FOOT THROUGH RUGGED, DIFFICULT TERRAIN, WHERE THE APPREHENSION WINDOW IS LARGER, WHILE THE BORDER ROAD NETWORK WILL GREATLY DECREASE LAW ENFORCEMENTS' RESPONSE TIME.

TEAM ENGINEER WILL DESIGN THE ROAD-AND-BARRIER NETWORK.  
TEAM ENGINEER WILL COORDINATE THE PLANS WITH AGENCIES SUCH  
AS BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, THE UNITED STATES FOREST  
SERVICE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCIES.

(BEAT)

IN ADDITION, THEY WILL OBTAIN DESIGN APPROVAL AND PERMITS  
FOR CONSTRUCTION FROM THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS.  
TEAM ENGINEER WILL ALSO COORDINATE FOR PERMISSION TO INSTALL  
ROADS AND BARRIERS ON ANY PRIVATE PROPERTY AND RIGHTS OF  
WAY.  
TEAM ENGINEER WILL COORDINATE ALL CLASS-FOUR BUILDING  
MATERIALS, AND ACQUIRE, RENT OR LEASE CONSTRUCTION  
EQUIPMENT.  
RESERVE AND NATIONAL GUARD ENGINEER UNITS WILL DEPLOY TO THE  
BORDER TO INSTALL PORTIONS OF THE ROAD-AND-BARRIER PROJECT.  
TEAM ENGINEER WILL COORDINATE THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE ROAD-  
AND-BARRIER PROJECT TO THE ROTATIONAL UNITS.  
THE BORDER ROAD NETWORK MUST BE SURVEYED AND BUILT FIRST, TO  
PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION ACCESS TO BARRIER INSTALLATION CREWS.  
THE ROAD NETWORK SHOULD ALSO BE CROSS-LINKED, TO PROVIDE  
ALL-WEATHER MOBILITY TO PREVIOUSLY INACCESSIBLE BORDER  
TERRAIN, AND TO PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT SWIFT ACCESS FROM  
ONE SECTION OF BORDER TO ANOTHER.

COUNTERDRUG INTELLIGENCE WILL GATHER RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE INFORMATION FROM LAW-ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND COUNTERDRUG TEAMS, AND DISSEMINATE IT TO TEAM ENGINEER ROTATIONAL UNITS TO ENHANCE FORCE PROTECTION.

TEAM ENGINEER WILL DETERMINE ALL SCHEDULING OF THE BORDER BARRIER CONSTRUCTION. ROTATIONAL UNITS MUST BE PREPARED TO 'HIT THE GROUND RUNNING' UPON DEPLOYING TO THE TEAM ENGINEER AREA OF OPERATION, AND TO 'FALL IN' ON THE CURRENT PHASE OF THE PROJECT.

CAMP MORENA IS LOCATED 4000 FEET ASL, THE TERRAIN IS CHARACTERIZED AS MOUNTAINOUS 'HIGH DESERT'. A PORTION OF A DEPLOYING UNITS' PERSONNEL MAY NEED 1 TO 3 DAYS TO ACCLIMATE TO THE ALTITUDE. THE BORDER BARRIER AREA OF OPERATION IS GENERALLY HOT, WITH SUMMER DAYTIME TEMPERATURES REACHING 120 DEGREES. DEPLOYING UNITS MUST HAVE, AND ENFORCE, A PERSONNEL HYDRATION POLICY TO REDUCE OR ELIMINATE INSTANCES OF HEAT CASUALTIES. ALTHOUGH THE BORDER BARRIER OPERATION HAS HAD NO INJURIES DUE TO POISONOUS BITES OR STINGS, THE DESERT IS HOME TO POISONOUS OR IRRITATING PLANTS, SUCH AS POISON OAK, AND POISONOUS INSECTS AND ANIMALS, SUCH AS SCORPIONS, TARANTULAS AND SNAKES.

DEPLOYING PERSONNEL MUST BE TRAINED TO RECOGNIZE AND AVOID THESE DANGERS, AND TO PERFORM FIRST-AID FOR ANY VICTIMS OF POISONOUS STINGS OR BITES.

CALIFORNIA'S BORDER WITH MEXICO IS A FRAGILE ECOSYSTEM. TEAM ENGINEER WORKS WITH THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION TO DEVELOP CONSTRUCTION PROCEDURES AND PRACTICES THAT WILL MINIMIZE THE IMPACT OF CONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS ON THE ECOLOGY.

MANY OF THE CONSTRUCTION PERMITS ARE ONLY GRANTED WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THESE PROCEDURES AND PRACTICES WILL BE FOLLOWED TO THE LETTER, OR WILL BE MODIFIED ONLY WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE CORPS.

AN EXAMPLE OF THIS CONSIDERATION FOR THE ENVIRONMENT IS THE MODIFIED VEHICLE BARRIER IN EASTERN SAN DIEGO COUNTY. THIS BARRIER IMPEDES VEHICLE TRAFFIC WHILE STILL ALLOWING ANIMAL MIGRATION AND WATER FLOW ACROSS THE CALIFORNIA-MEXICO BORDER.

TEAM ENGINEER WILL ARRANGE FOR SECURITY OF CONSTRUCTION CREWS WITH THE U.S. BORDER PATROL, AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, AS APPROPRIATE.



ROTATION UNITS ARE PROVIDED ALL CONSTRUCTION TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT, AND WILL ONLY NEED TO BRING ADMIN SUPPLIES AND SOLDIERS' UNIFORMS, OCIE, AND PERSONAL ITEMS.

CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS ARE OBTAINED BY TEAM ENGINEER, AND HAND-RECEIPTED TO ROTATIONAL UNITS, WHO WILL PERFORM PMCS ON ALL PROVIDED EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS. CAMP MORENA PROVIDES A MAINTENANCE SHOP WHERE ROTATIONAL UNITS' MECHANICS MAY REPAIR VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT.

A MEDEVAC HELICOPTER AND AMBULANCES ARE MAINTAINED AT CAMP MORENA. A MEDEVAC CREW IS ON STANDBY DURING CONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS. NO CONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED WITHOUT A MEDEVAC AMBULANCE AND CREW PRESENT AT THE CONSTRUCTION SITE. CAMP MORENA ALSO MAINTAINS TWO MEDICAL CLINICS.

CAMP MORENA MAINTAINS BILLETING FOR ABOUT 200 ROTATION PERSONNEL, TO INCLUDE PERSONAL HYGIENE. SOME OF THE BILLETS ARE IN THESE MODULAR BUILDINGS, OTHERS ARE IN GEE-PEE-MEDIUM TENTS. THESE TENTS ARE ALSO LOCATED AT THE FORWARD CONSTRUCTION OPERATION SITES. THE CAMP MORENA DINING HALL PROVIDES A ROTATIONAL UNITS MESS SECTION WITH THE FACILITIES TO FEED 200 PERSONNEL.

TEAM ENGINEER ALSO HAS TWO MOBILE KITCHEN TRAILERS. THESE M-K-T'S PROVIDE REMOTE BIVOUAC SITES WITH CO-LOCATED DINING CAPABILITY. CAMP MORENA ALSO PROVIDES ATHLETIC AND RECREATION FACILITIES.

(PEP TALK)

ROTATIONAL UNITS PARTICIPATING IN THE PROJECT WILL BE ABLE TO TRAIN TO THEIR MISSION ESSENTIAL TASK LISTS INVOLVING: DEPLOYMENT TO THE AREA OF OPERATIONS; STAGING FOR CONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS; PERFORMING AND MANAGING CONSTRUCTION TASKS; AND SUSTAINING THE CONSTRUCTION MISSION.

(BEAT)

THE BORDER FENCE AND ROAD PROJECT IS A REAL-WORLD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT. WELDING CREWS ASSEMBLE THE BARRIER PANELS. EQUIPMENT OPERATORS USE DOZERS, SCRAPERS, BACKHOES AND FRONT-END LOADERS TO CREATE ROADS AND BARRIER FOUNDATIONS.

SUPPLY AND MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL KEEP THE PROJECT ON SCHEDULE WITH TIMELY REPAIRS OF EQUIPMENT AND DELIVERY OF CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES. AND LEADERS - OFFICER AND NCO - GAIN EXPERIENCE MANAGING A PROJECT WITH A REAL-WORLD GOAL.

(BEAT)

WHEN THE ROTATIONAL UNIT RE-DEPLOYS TO ITS HOME STATION, THE ROADS AND BARRIER ITS PERSONNEL CONSTRUCTED WILL REMAIN STANDING - DETERRING SMUGGLERS' VEHICLES, FORCING SMUGGLERS TO MAKE LONG ARDUOUS DETOURS, AND SPEEDING LAW ENFORCEMENTS' DETECTION, LOCATION AND CAPTURE OF SMUGGLERS AND THEIR CARGO.

(BEAT)

NO AMERICAN—YOUNG, OLD, MALE, FEMALE, BLACK, WHITE, RICH, OR POOR—IS IMMUNE FROM THE EFFECTS OF DRUG ABUSE. IT MULTIPLIES THE INCIDENCE OF CRIME, VIOLENCE, WORKPLACE ACCIDENTS, FAMILY MISERY, AND DRUG-EXPOSED CHILDREN. DRUGS DRAIN THE PHYSICAL, INTELLECTUAL, SPIRITUAL, AND MORAL STRENGTH OF AMERICA.

(BEAT)

AMERICA NEEDS THE HELP OF ENGINEER UNITS SUCH AS YOURS. THE BORDER FENCE AND ROAD PROJECT IS A FRONT IN AMERICA'S BATTLE AGAINST DRUGS. EVERY MILE INSTALLED IS A SMALL VICTORY AGAINST DRUGS—A VICTORY THAT WILL BE FELT IN YOUR HOMETOWN. AMERICA CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE.