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Hello,

Further to the earlier email exchanges please find the Op ALTAIR introduction, Ops room and Strategy along with photographs of the room and the new boat asset. **Could I ask that this is not shared beyond those on this email.**

For information,

- The room will be running as a trail next week but there are no anticipated 'RED' days until the first week of January.
- In addition to the attached briefing intel officers will now also sit within the ops room.
- I've been informed that JMSC have been sighted on this and that CTC have appointed an engagement officer.
- If you or your teams wished to be added to the daily DEVERAN weather reports then please supply me with the email address and I will make the request.
- The Border Force liaison is: [Name] [Personal Data] [redacted]@homeoffice.gov.uk

Regards

[Name]

Colleagues

On the 21<sup>st</sup> December, Clandestine Channel Threat Commander (CCTC) Dan O'Mahoney launches Operation Altair.

Operation Altair is the multi-agency response to the increase in attempts to enter the United Kingdom illegally via small boat. The scope of Operation Altair includes co-ordinating and where appropriate directing all the operational activity required to deliver a safe and effective response to illegal migration, balancing delivery across this Strategy's four strategic goals.

The four strategic goals of the operation are to **Save Lives, Secure the UK Border, Maintain Public Confidence** and to protect the **Vulnerable**.

The Clandestine Channel Threat Command (CCTC) will shape the United Kingdom's response to this threat by implementing a challenging Operational Campaign Plan which has five main objectives:

- **Reduce supply** - Reduce the pool of people in Calais seeking to illegally cross the Channel by reducing inward flows and dispersing those there.
- **Remove opportunity** - Minimise the opportunities and resources available to those seeking clandestine entry, by bearing down on the facilitators and hardening border security.

- **Prevent entry** - Stop attempts to cross the border illegally, including by intercepting and returning boats in the Channel and through other detection activity at ports.
- **Increase deterrence** - Reform asylum, increase penalties and maximise returns – to remove the incentives for people to seek to reach the UK via small boat or other dangerous methods.
- **Control arrivals** - Robust, resilient management of arrivals, from first contact onwards, to ensure safety, exploit opportunities for criminal investigation and to maximise returns.

As the overarching response, Operation Haldon, Operation Deveran and any other existing operations relating to the small boats threat will either cease and or be absorbed as part of Operation Altair, fully integrating into its command structures.

Through this coordinated approach, Operation Altair will inform and direct the cross-government response to the small boats' crisis through the 'clandestine threat' strategic aims, tactical plan(s), and the tactical and operational response for the Home Office. This will include international engagement to influence and understand French operational planning/responses and coordinate a UK/France response where appropriate.

The CCTC will undertake and support the following activity to deliver on our desired end state of maintaining the integrity of the UK's borders from those seeking to gain illegal access, whilst prosecuting those who seek to profit from people smuggling and organised crime:

- Enhanced use of **Technology** to detect and deter migrants from attempting the crossing.
- **Strategic communications** plan targeting migrants, organised crime groups, hauliers and the public to disrupt further clandestine activity.
- Use of **Maritime assets** to identify and prevent small boats from entering the United Kingdom.
- **Continued dialogue** and intelligence sharing with European Counterparts.
- Improvement of **Tug Haven Facilities** ensuring staff and migrant welfare are maintained.
- Creation of a **multi-agency control room** supporting Gold and Silver decision making roles.

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