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“A side-effect of the continuing impasse over Turkey has altered the balance between US and UK land forces in Kuwait. This may result in UK forces playing additional ‘cutting edge’ roles.”

“As a result, 1(UK) Division is now likely to represent a higher and more significant proportion of the overall combat power available in the early stages of the ground campaign: for example, on current assumptions, it is likely to contain nearly 30% of the available tanks.”