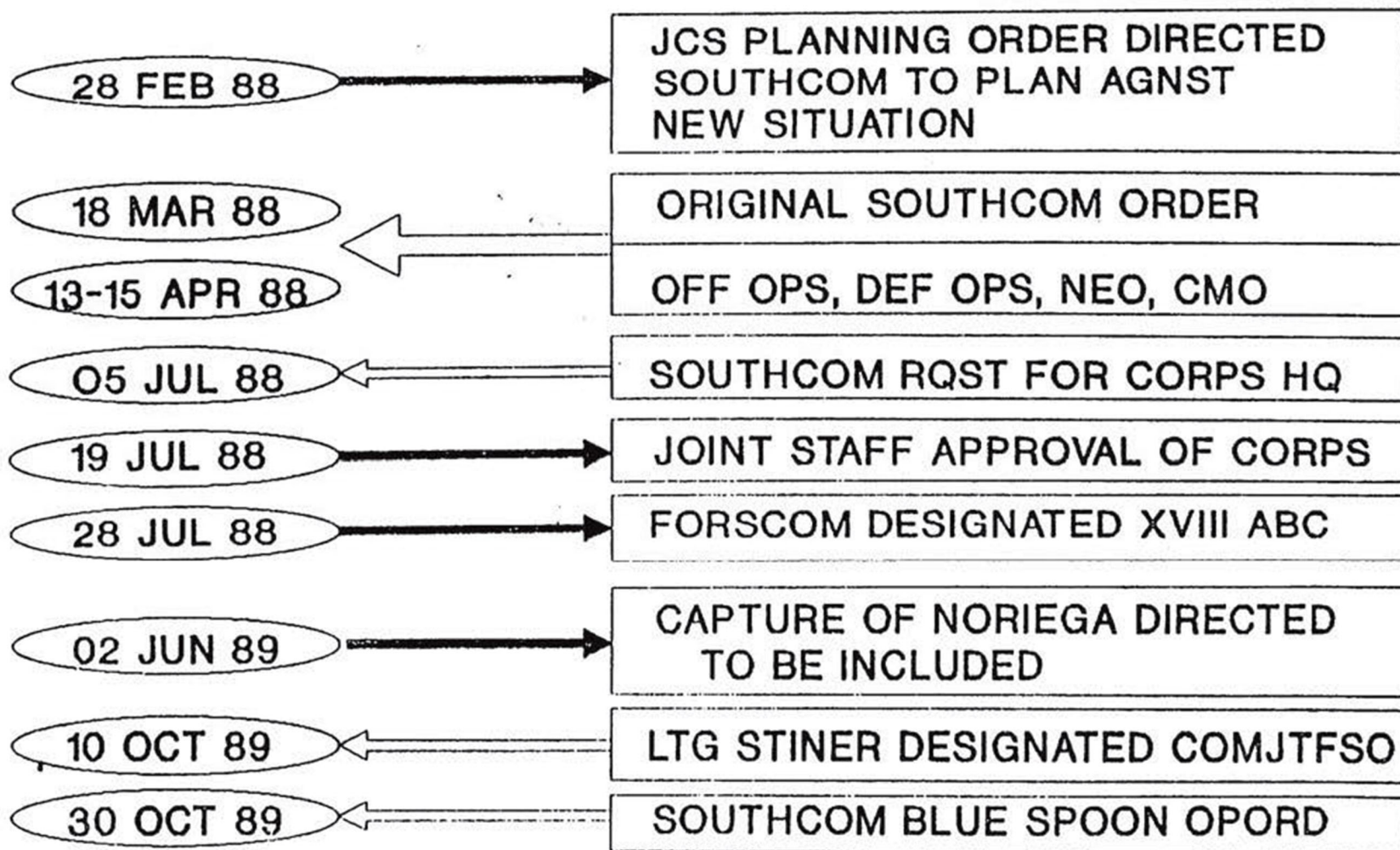
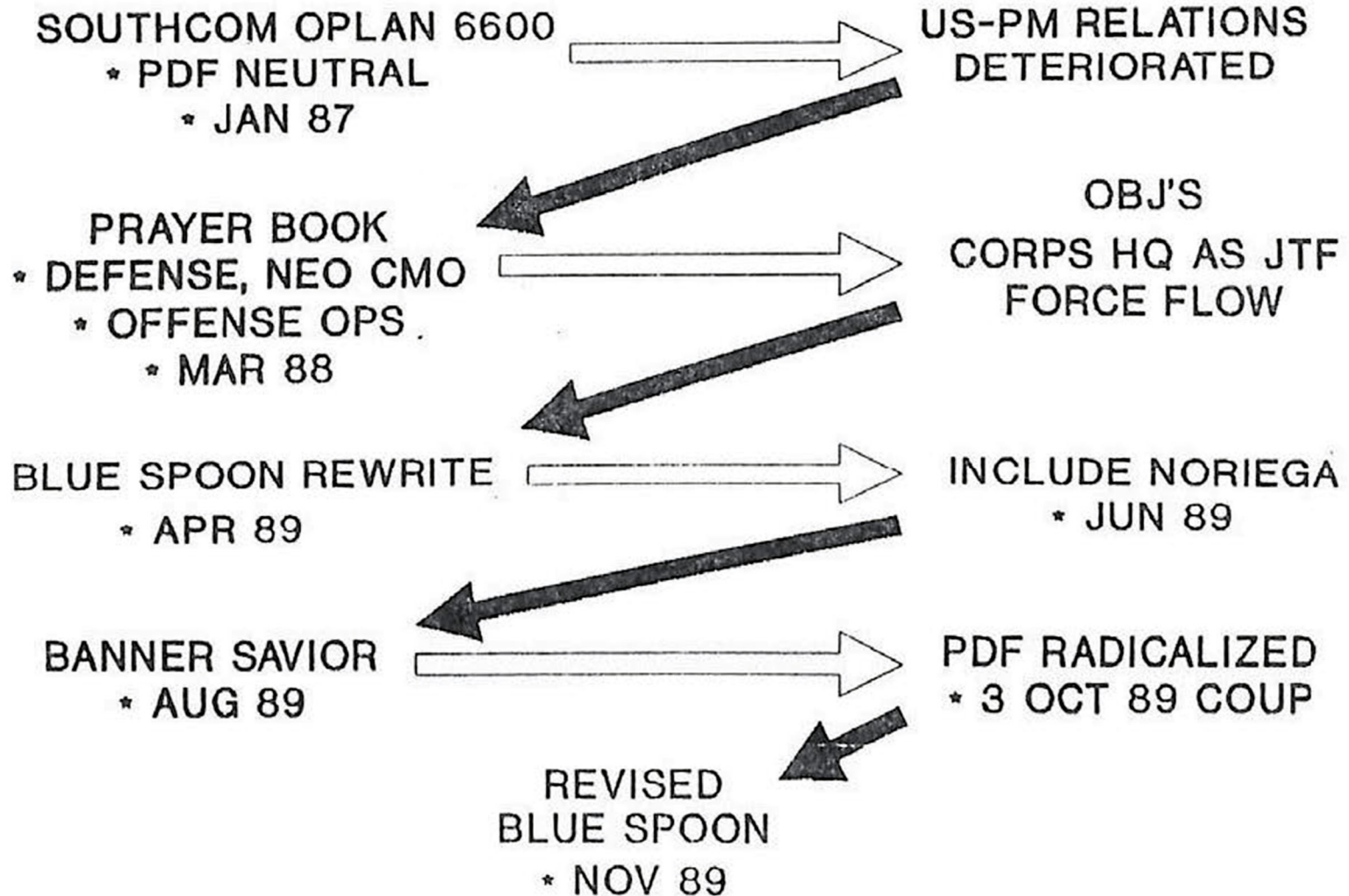


# PANAMA

## KEY PLANNING DATES



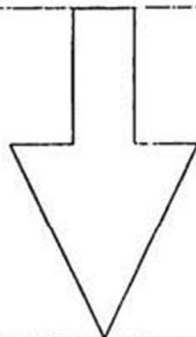
# PANAMA PLANNING CHRONOLOGY



**SOUTHCOM  
CONCEPT OF OPERATION**

**PRAYER BOOK**

**POST TIME - UNILATERAL DEFENSE OF THE CANAL  
KLONDIKE KEY - NONCOMBATANT EVACUATION OPNS (NEO)  
BLUE SPOON - OFFENSIVE OPNS TO NEUTRALIZE PDF  
BLIND LOGIC - CIVIL-MILITARY OPNS**



**OPERATIONS LINKED BUT NOT SEQUENTIAL  
ONE TIME PHASED FORCE DEPLOYMENT LIST (TPFDL)  
ALLOWED FOR DEFENSE - DETERRENCE - NEUTRALIZATION**

# ORIGINAL BLUE SPOON CHARACTERISTICS

- ✓ PURPOSE: TO NEUTRALIZE THE PDF
- ✓ CAPTURE OF NORIEGA WAS NOT ADDRESSED
- ✓ FORCES INCLUDED: CVBG, USMC FORCES, 7TH ID (BDE OF 82D ABN ON CALL)
- ✓ ONE FORCE LIST (TPFDL) FOR ALL OPORDERS (NEO, DEF OPS, OFF OPS, CMO)
- ✓ HQ USSOUTHCOM WAS WARFIGHTING HQ
- ✓ MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY
  - FORCE (1 TO 12 DAYS FLOW)
  - TIMING & OBJECTIVES

# REVISED BLUE SPOON CHARACTERISTICS

- ✓ PURPOSE:
  - NEUTRALIZE THE PDF
  - REMOVE NORIEGA
- ✓ FORCES INCLUDED: BDE 82D ABN, 7TH ID, REDUCED MARINE FORCES
- ✓ ONE FORCE LIST (TPFDL) FOR ALL FORCES
- ✓ HQ JTF-SOUTH WAS WARFIGHTING HQ
- ✓ REDUCED FLEXIBILITY AT EXECUTION PLANNING BUT GREATER ASSURED CAPABILITY
  - FORCE (MECH BN, BDE 7 ID, ABN BDE AT H+45, 7 ID FOLLOW ON)
  - TIMING & OBJECTIVES (ASSURED OF HITTING MORE OBJ'S ON D-DAY)

# BLUE SPOON OBJECTIVES

## A COMPARISON

<u>MISSION/OBJECTIVE</u>	<u>ORIGINAL ORDER</u>	<u>REVISED ORDER</u>
ISOLATE LA COMANDANCIA	RANGERS/H-HR	MECH BN/H-HR
SEIZE TOCUMEN	RANGERS/H-HR	RANGERS/H-HR
DENY PAITILLA AF	SEALS/H-HR	SEALS/H-HR
DISABLE PDF NAVY	SEALS/H-HR	SEALS/ H-HR
DISABLE PHONE XCHNG	SF/H-HR	
R&S FT CIMARRON	SF/H-HR	SF/H-HR
R&S PACORA RIVER	SF/H-HR	SF/H-HR
R&S TINAJITAS	SF/H-HR	SF/H-HR
R&S PM VIEJO	SF/H-HR	470TH MI/H-HR
R&S DAVID	SF/H-HR	
R&S PAITILLA		470TH MI/H-HR
SECURE OLD CANAL ZONE	193D BDE-7 ID	193D BDE-7 ID
SEIZE FT CIMARRON	7 ID/ON ORDER	BDE 82 ABN/H+45
SEIZE TINAJITAS	7 ID/ON ORDER	BDE 82 ABN/H+45
SEIZE PM VIEJO	7 ID/ON ORDER	BDE 82 ABN/H+45
SEIZE DAVID	MARINES/ON ORDER	
BLOCK WEST APPROACH	MARINES/H-HR	MARINES/ H-HR
LIBERATE RENACER PRISON		7 ID(BN 82D)/H-HR
SEIZE RIO HATO		RANGERS/H-HR

# BLUE SPOON CONTRASTED

## ORIGINAL ORDER

- HQ, USSOUTHCOM A  
WARFIGHTING HQ
  
- EXTREME FLEXIBILITY
  - FORCE FLOW - AMOUNT OF  
FORCES UNSPECIFIED
  - FOLLOW-ON OBJ'S NOT  
DESIGNATED
  
  - COMPLICATED
  
- ONLY NEUTRALIZED PDF

## REVISED ORDER

- COMJTF SO OPCON OF  
ALL FORCES
  - WARFIGHTER
  
- LESS FLEXIBILITY
  - FORCES CHANGED-  
MORE AT H-HR
  - FOLLOW-ON OBJ'S  
INCORPORATED INTO  
D-DAY OPNS
  - SIMPLER
  
- INCLUDED REMOVAL OF  
NORIEGA INTO OPORDER