I am not sure what the troops had stopped, but the unprecedented development did not go unnoticed among U.S. officials about Iraqi intentions and prompted the Pentagon to consider acting on the intelligence that U.S. forces could be deployed to the Omani coast. That idea was rejected, however, perhaps because the Pentagon was concerned about the impact on Omani TV weather forecasts and the diplomatic ramifications of such an action. The U.S. government reported the discovery in late July: about 10,000 of the troops Iraq was pulling out from the Kuwait border were headed for southeastern Iraq and appeared to be digging in at new positions, possibly to secure Iraq's border with Kuwait. Washington has been reported to the U.N. Security Council by several countries about the matter, including British and French observers, and U.S. officials have been told by the United Nations to expect a major diplomatic move. The U.S. government said it was working closely with allies on the matter, but it was not clear whether the troops would move out and what the impact on regional stability would be.

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