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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM, 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2016

Kurdish Peshmerga and Iraqi special forces have advanced to within around six miles of the city of Mosul, after launching a major three-pronged attack early on Thursday against dug-in Islamic State militants.

Hundreds of armoured vehicles including tanks and humvees began a large-scale offensive at around 6am local time. Their target was a series of villages to the north and north-east of Mosul held by Isis fighters.

Such an operation would aim to isolate the extremists in the Syrian city, limit their ability to reinforce its satellite strongholds across Iraq and Syria and seal off escape routes, as the flight of fighters is both a concern for the region and a terrorist threat to Europe.

Meeting is convened in the White House Situation Room to discuss and strategize immediate US involvement in the situation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Barack Obama", is written over a light blue background.

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

