

British Intelligence Training Exercise

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**Top Secret**

**Combat Force for Freedom**

“Combat Force for Freedom” is an ultra-Left group of international terrorists that has been establishing a network of paramilitary bases in the UK. Our intelligence indicates that the organisation is planning to launch a campaign aimed at prominent personnel in the near future.

Your task is to identify the locations of these bases from the encoded message printed below, which was intercepted by intelligence sources at 0530 today. The cryptic first sentence is believed to hold the key to cracking the code.

Your performance will be graded out of 100. You have 30 minutes to complete the assignment, with your time taken being deducted from 100 (e.g. 18 minutes counts as 18 points deducted from 100). Further info is available at the cost of 10 points per item of information, deducted from your score. Any locations not correctly identified will incur a further 10-point deduction.

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*Transcript of message  
Intercepted today at 0530*

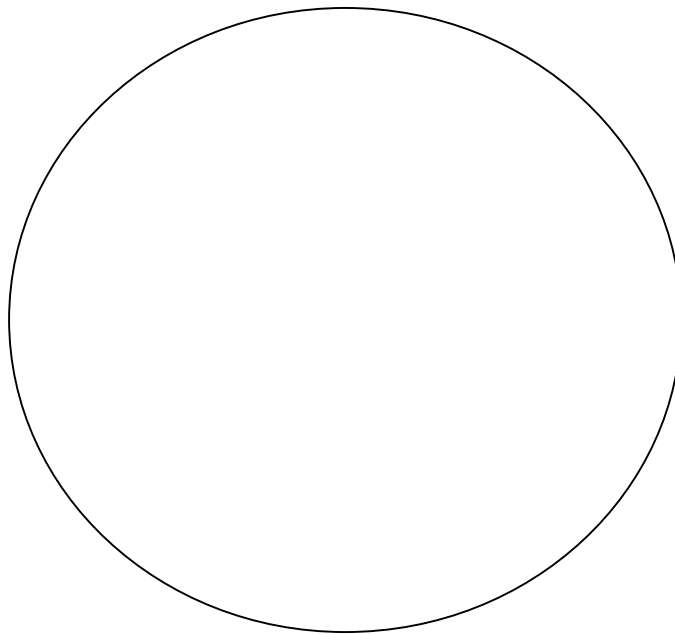
A LOOK AT THE CLOCK WILL REVEAL THE LOCATION:  
EACH LETTER IS WRITTEN FIVE HOURS BEFORE THE LAST.

TNTRKNOSTOEE  
EBI UTNRWONRE  
HOOOGGBLRUHH  
DSAI CLEMFCEL  
HOAONGBGRIUS

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SGOSTUUFURTA  
PWELHORNATLE  
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## SOLUTION

Draw a clock as shown and place the first letter at 12 o'clock, with each new letter laid 5 hours before the last. Finally read the place name, starting at 1 o'clock.



This will yield the following place names:

Stoke on trent, Winterbourne, Loughborough, Macclesfield,  
Gainsborough, Milford Haven, Fort Augustus, Nether Wallop,  
Christchurch, Skelmersdale

1) The CFFF write a letter every hour, on the hour

2) A clock face is needed to decode the message

3) Begin at 12 o'clock

4) After going back in time, read from the beginning

5) The second letter is at 7 o'clock