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SUBJ/LIMITATIONS ON PUBLIC RELEASE AND DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION AND  
/TECHNICAL DATA ABOUT IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE (IED) DEFEAT EFFORTS

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GENTEXT/REMARKS/1. THIS MESSAGE EMPHASIZES COMPLIANCE WITH POLICIES GOVERNING THE PUBLIC RELEASE AND DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION AND TECHNICAL DATA ABOUT IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES (IED) DEFEAT EFFORTS, PARTICULARLY INFORMATION BRIEFINGS FOR DEPLOYED COALITION FORCES. DEPARTMENT OF NAVY (DON) PERSONNEL SHALL ONLY RELEASE OR DISCLOSE IED-DEFEAT INFORMATION THAT IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH INFORMATION SECURITY AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS/DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION REGULATIONS AND POLICIES (SECNAV INSTRUCTION 5510.36 AND 5720.44B). ACCORDINGLY, DON PERSONNEL SHALL BE PARTICULARLY VIGILANT TO ENSURE THAT INFORMATION AND TECHNICAL DATA RELATED TO IED-DEFEAT EFFORTS, AS OUTLINED IN THE NEW DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD) POLICY ON "DISCUSSION OF IEDS AND IED-DEFEAT EFFORTS IN OPEN SOURCES," DATED 24 APRIL 2006 (LOCATED AT [HTTP://RELEASABLE.PORTAL.INSCOM.ARMY.SMIL.MIL/JIEDDTF/DEFAULT.ASPX](http://RELEASABLE.PORTAL.INSCOM.ARMY.SMIL.MIL/JIEDDTF/DEFAULT.ASPX)), BE HANDLED AS FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY AT A MINIMUM, OR AS CLASSIFIED IF DEEMED SO BY AN APPROVED SECURITY CLASSIFICATION GUIDE OR AUTHORITY.

2. IEDS ARE A SIGNIFICANT TACTICAL THREAT TO COALITION FORCES DEPLOYED IN THE U.S. CENTRAL COMMAND (USCENTCOM) AREA OF OPERATIONS (AO). THE JOINT IED-DEFEAT ORGANIZATION (JIEDDO) IS A JOINT COMBINED INTERAGENCY PROGRAM TASKED TO LEVERAGE ALL AVAILABLE RESOURCES AND TECHNOLOGIES IN A COORDINATED CAMPAIGN TO DEFEAT THE IED THREAT. DON HAS BEEN THE DOD EXECUTIVE AGENT FOR JOINT EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL COUNTERMEASURES TECHNOLOGY AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS SINCE 1971, AND WAS RECENTLY ASSIGNED AS THE LEAD SERVICE FOR COUNTER RADIO-CONTROLLED IED ELECTRONIC COUNTERMEASURES

TECHNOLOGY. IN VIEW OF THE CRITICAL PART THAT IED INFORMATION AND TECHNICAL DATA PLAY IN IED-DEFEAT EFFORTS, DON PERSONNEL MUST UNDERSTAND THAT FOLLOWING APPLICABLE INFORMATION SECURITY, DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION, AND OPERATIONS SECURITY POLICIES PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN SUPPORTING COALITION IED-DEFEAT EFFORTS.

3. INSURGENT FORCES IN THE USCENCOM AO CAN USE PUBLIC MEDIA, THE INTERNET, AND INFORMATION GLEANED FROM PRIVATE, PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNOLOGY FORUMS TO GAIN INSIGHTS INTO COALITION IED-DEFEAT EFFORTS. THEREFORE, INFORMATION AND TECHNICAL DATA ABOUT IED-DEFEAT EFFORTS, PARTICULARLY COUNTERMEASURE TECHNOLOGIES, DEFEAT TACTICS, TACTICS, TECHNIQUES, AND PROCEDURES (TTP), AND ORGANIZATIONAL AND DOCTRINAL INITIATIVES, MUST BE PROTECTED FROM UNAUTHORIZED PUBLIC RELEASE OR DISCLOSURE.

4. ATTENTION TO DOD PUBLIC DISCLOSURE AND INFORMATION SECURITY POLICIES PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN PROTECTING AGAINST UNAUTHORIZED PUBLIC RELEASE OR DISCLOSURE OF IED-DEFEAT EFFORT INFORMATION AND TECHNICAL DATA, AND WILL REDUCE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF IEDS AGAINST COALITION FORCES. THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF INFORMATION MUST BE GUARDED AND CLASSIFIED APPROPRIATELY:

- (a) OUR SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE OF ENEMY IED TTP, AND OUR ANALYSIS OF ENEMY CAPABILITIES OR VULNERABILITIES;
- (b) FRIENDLY FORCE EQUIPMENT, TECHNOLOGICAL, ORGANIZATIONAL, OR OPERATIONAL VULNERABILITIES;
- (c) SPECIFIC FRIENDLY FORCE TECHNOLOGY AREAS OR DETAILS, ORGANIZATIONAL INITIATIVES, AND OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES DESIGNED TO COUNTER IEDS;
- (d) SPECIFIC EXPLOITATION TTP;
- (e) PHOTOS OF OR INFORMATION ABOUT VEHICLES OR EQUIPMENT THAT HAVE BEEN DAMAGED BY AN IED;
- (f) PHOTOS OF OR INFORMATION ABOUT RECOVERED COMPONENTS OF AN IED;
- (g) LOCALLY PRODUCED BRIEFINGS; NOTE - THE MINIMUM LEVEL OF CLASSIFICATION FOR ANY BRIEFING OR DOCUMENT RELATED TO IED-DEFEAT EFFORTS IS FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY. THE ASSOCIATION OF ANY OF THIS INFORMATION WITH DEPLOYED TROOPS OR SPECIFIC LOCATIONS WILL NORMALLY MEAN IT SHOULD BE CLASSIFIED AND AFFORDED AN APPROPRIATELY GREATER LEVEL OF PROTECTION. SPECIFIC CLASSIFICATION GUIDANCE CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE JOINT IED-DEFEAT ORGANIZATION. BRIEFINGS THAT ARE

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DESIGNED TO IMPART INFORMATION TO SERVICE MEMBERS WHO ARE PREPARING FOR DEPLOYMENT GENERALLY ARE NOT SUITABLE FOR PRESENTATION OR RELEASE TO THE PUBLIC (WHICH INCLUDES THE MEDIA); AND

(h) IED COUNTERMEASURES CONSIST OF TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS AS WELL AS OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES, ALONG WITH ORGANIZATIONAL, AND DOCTRINAL INITIATIVES. ALL MUST BE PROTECTED.

5. THE FOLLOWING ARE APPROVED TALKING POINTS FOR ALL PERSONNEL:

(a) THE IED THREAT AND ITS DEFEAT IS A TOP PRIORITY FOR DOD;

(b) DOD IS DEVOTING SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES (EQUIPMENT, PERSONNEL, AND TTP) TO DEFEATING IEDS;

(c) THE JIEDDO WORKS WITH THE SERVICES AND ALL OF DOD TO DEVELOP INTEGRATED SOLUTIONS THAT BALANCE INTELLIGENCE, TRAINING AND TECHNOLOGY;

(d) THE IED ISSUE IS A COMPLICATED ONE, AND NO SINGLE SOLUTION EXISTS TO DEFEAT IEDS. OUR STRATEGY INCLUDES THREE COMPONENTS:

(1) TRAINING IS PARAMOUNT. THE BEST SENSOR AND WEAPON ON THE BATTLEFIELD IS A WELL-TRAINED, SITUATIONALLY AWARE SOLDIER, SAILOR, AIRMAN OR MARINE.

(2) KILLING OR CAPTURING BOMB MAKERS AND DISRUPTING OR ELIMINATING THEIR NETWORKS IS VITAL.

(3) PROVIDING TROOPS ON THE BATTLEFIELD WITH EFFECTIVE, INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY ENABLES THE FIGHT.

6. POC: CHINFO PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER AT (703) 697-7391; MARINE CORPS PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER AT (703) 614-4309; JIEDDO PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER AT (703) 601-3784.

7. RELEASE AUTHORIZED BY THE HONORABLE DONALD C. WINTER, SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.//

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