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2. SCOPE

This manual presents a detailed account of intelligence doctrine, tasks, and structure in MAGTF and joint/combined operations, specifically for intelligence personnel.

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Part I. Intelligence

Chapter 1

Introduction

1001. Doctrinal Foundation

Intelligence is the foundation on which the operational effort is built. Intelligence is not a combat support function. It is an essential element of combat, a component of combat power, and the means which allows the commander to apply combat power at the decisive time and place. Success of the intelligence effort will depend upon command awareness and appreciation of intelligence as an element of combat power.

1002. Mission

MAGTF intelligence staffs are responsible to provide the commander, the staff, and the organization at each level of command with the intelligence and counterintelligence (CI) necessary to the decision-making process and to the successful planning and conduct of assigned missions.

1003. Objectives

The first intelligence objective is to keep the MAGTF commander and senior, adjacent, and subordinate commanders informed on the characteristics of the enemy, weather, and terrain within the area of operations (AO).

The second intelligence objective is to assist the MAGTF commander in planning and implementing counterintelligence measures. These measures are designed to discover, neutralize, or destroy the

effectiveness of actual or potential hostile intelligence, sabotage, terrorist, and subversive activities.

1004. Related Publications

This manual furnishes guidance concerning MAGTF intelligence operations. It provides an essential understanding of the intelligence process through the relationship of intelligence and information. This manual is the basic reference for intelligence. It is used in conjunction with Joint Pub 3-02, *Doctrine for Amphibious Operations*; NWP 11, *Naval Operational Planning*; FMFM 3-1, *Command and Staff Action* and other appropriate FMFMs, FMFRPs, and OHs. It should be noted that since signals intelligence operations is of a particularly sensitive nature, it will not be discussed in this manual. For details, see FMFM 3-23, (C) *Signals Intelligence/Electronic Warfare Operations* (U). FMFM 3-22, *Surveillance, Reconnaissance, and Intelligence Group* (SRIG) (currently under development) contains details describing Marine Corps counterintelligence, unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV), unattended ground sensor, interrogation-translation, imagery interpretation, and amphibious reconnaissance operations. For details concerning air reconnaissance operations, see FMFM 5-6, *Air Reconnaissance*.

1005. Doctrine for Intelligence Support

a. **General.** Intelligence support is based on the command's mission. In MAGTF intelligence operations, intelligence support is the fulfillment of the