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FOREWORD

Marine Corps Doctrinal Publication 2, *Intelligence*, and Marine Corps Warfighting Publication (MCWP) 2-1, *Intelligence Operations*, provide the doctrine and higher order tactics, techniques, and procedures for intelligence operations. MCWP 2-12, *MAGTF Intelligence Production and Analysis*, complements and expands upon this information by detailing doctrine, tactics, techniques, and procedures for the conduct of intelligence production and analysis in support of the Marine air-ground task force (MAGTF).

The target audience of this publication is intelligence personnel responsible for the planning and execution of intelligence production and analysis operations.

The MCWP 2-12 provides the information needed by Marines to understand, plan, and execute intelligence production and analysis to support MAGTF operations. It describes intelligence doctrinal fundamentals, the nature of analytical thinking, intelligence preparation of the battlespace, and intelligence support to targeting. This publication also discusses intelligence command and control, communications and information systems support, intelligence products and formats, planning, execution, and training.

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CHAPTER 1. FUNDAMENTALS

Marine air-ground task force (MAGTF) intelligence provides decision-makers with an understanding of the battlespace. This understanding encompasses a sophisticated knowledge of the threat and the physical, political, economic, and cultural environment in the area of operations (AO). That knowledge is developed through intelligence production and analysis (P&A).

What is Intelligence Production and Analysis?

P&A is the filtering, recording, evaluating, and analyzing of information, and product preparation of developed intelligence.

Analysis is a process that involves sifting and sorting evaluated information to isolate significant elements related to the mission of the command, determining the significance of the information relative to information and intelligence already known, and drawing deductions about the probable meaning of the evaluated information. Production is the conversion of evaluated material or information into intelligence. All sources of information are integrated, analyzed, evaluated, and interpreted to prepare intelligence products or all-source intelligence in support of known or anticipated user requirements. Production or the process of analysis and synthesis is the most important action in developing usable intelligence for the commander. Production, the fourth step in the intelligence cycle, helps forecast the effect gathered intelligence will have on the commander's ability to accomplish the mission.

Intelligence Functions

To support the commander, MAGTF intelligence organizations carry out six intelligence functions of which the P&A function is an inte-

gral part. In each function, data is synthesized into intelligence that provides a portion of the knowledge from which the commander can reach an acceptable level of understanding before making a decision. Intelligence answers the all-important question: "What effect does all this have on our ability to accomplish the mission?" Intelligence organizations—

- Support the commander's estimate.
- Develop the situation.
- Provide indications and warning.
- Support force protection.
- Support targeting.
- Support combat assessment.

Intelligence Cycle

The intelligence cycle consists of a series of related activities that translate the need for intelligence about a particular aspect of the battlespace or threat into a knowledge-based product that is provided to the commander for use in the decision-making cycle (see fig. 1-1).

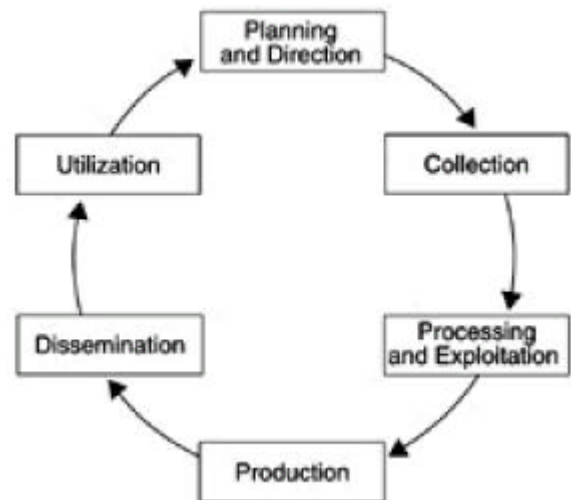


Figure 1-1. Intelligence Cycle.