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FOREWORD

Marine Corps Doctrinal Publication (MCDP) 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 2-14, *Counterintelligence*, complements and expands on this information by detailing doctrine, tactics, techniques, and procedures for the conduct of counterintelligence (CI) operations in support of the Marine air-ground task force (MAGTF). The primary target audience of this publication is intelligence personnel responsible for the planning and execution of CI operations. Commanders, planners, and other personnel who use the results from CI operations or provide support to them should also read this publication.

MCWP 2-14 describes aspects of CI operations across the spectrum of MAGTF, naval, joint and multinational operations, including doctrinal fundamentals, equipment, command and control, communications and information systems support, planning, execution, security, and training. MCWP 2-14 provides the information needed by Marines to understand, plan, and execute CI operations in support of the MAGTF across the spectrum of conflict.

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# CHAPTER 1. DOCTRINAL FUNDAMENTALS

Intelligence strives to accomplish two objectives. First, it provides accurate, timely, and relevant knowledge about the enemy (or potential enemy) and the surrounding environment. The primary objective of intelligence is to support decisionmaking by reducing uncertainty about the hostile situation to a reasonable level, recognizing that the fog of war renders anything close to absolute certainty impossible. The second intelligence objective assists in protecting friendly forces through counterintelligence (CI). CI includes active and passive measures intended to deny the enemy valuable information about the friendly situation. CI includes activities related to countering hostile espionage, subversion, and terrorism. CI directly supports force protection operations by helping the commander deny intelligence to the enemy and plan appropriate security measures. The two intelligence objectives demonstrate that intelligence possesses positive—or exploitative—and protective elements. It uncovers conditions that can be exploited and simultaneously provides warning of enemy actions. Thus, intelligence provides the basis for our own actions, both offensive and defensive. Identifying, planning, and implementing MAGTF operations and measures are the main focus of this publication.

## 1001. OBJECTIVE

The principal objective of CI is to assist with protecting friendly forces. CI is the intelligence function concerned with identifying and counteracting the threat posed by hostile intelligence capabilities and by organizations or individuals engaged in espionage, sabotage, subversion or terrorism. CI enhances command security by denying an adversary information that might be used to conduct effective operations against friendly forces and to protect the command by identifying and neutralizing espionage, sabotage, subversion or terrorism efforts. CI provides critical intelligence support to command force protection efforts by helping identify potential threats, threat capabilities, and planned intentions to friendly operations while helping deceive the adversary as to friendly capabilities, vulnerabilities, and intentions. Physical security reduces vulnerability. Operations security reduces exposure. Combating terrorism makes us a less lucrative target. CI increases uncertainty for the enemy, thereby making a significant contribution to the success of friendly operations. CI also identifies friendly vulnerabilities, evaluates security measures, and assists with implementing appropriate security plans. The integration of intelligence, CI, and operations culminates in a cohesive unit force protection program.

**CI**—Information gathered and activities conducted to protect against espionage, other intelligence activities, sabotage, or assassinations conducted by or on behalf of foreign governments or elements thereof, foreign organizations, or foreign persons, or international terrorist activities. (Joint Publication [JP] 1-02)

## 1002. BASIC CONSIDERATIONS FOR CI ACTIVITIES

### Hostile Objectives

Adversaries can be expected to use every available means to impede our forces with their efforts directed towards intelligence, espionage, sabotage, subversion, and terrorist operations. Hostile intelligence collection activities are directed toward obtaining detailed knowledge of our forces and their