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DHPG Circulation

5. There is a great deal of ignorance surrounding the subject area. Most commanders do not understand that the JFIT is not the 'complete capability' but a relatively small group of specialist individuals who are one small part of a much larger PWHO which must be provided from elsewhere. There is adequate doctrine (JWP 1-10) but the UK has not invested in the means to deliver it.

ASSUMPTIONS

6. It is assumed that:

a. This Defence capability will be part of the DHU but that it will only deliver the specialist JFIT component to a designated PWHO delivered by the formation being supported.

c. There is no longer any difficulty with the use of the term "interrogation" or the willingness to employ the skills necessary to exploit unwilling human sources as one capability within the HUMINT Spectrum.

d. Any solution should be manpower neutral.

e. A JFIT will not be required to operate independently and thus will not be self-supporting.

f. Tertiary Interrogation, if required, will be conducted in the UK at a specialist site.

FACTORS FOR CONSIDERATION

7. Statutory Requirements. The UK has agreed to comply with the Geneva Convention (GC) and has signed NATO STANAGs 2033 (Interrogation of PW) and 2044 (Procedures for Dealing with PW). These require UK forces to comply with them and to use appropriately qualified personnel throughout the PW handling chain. Ministers have intended, in the past, to hand PWs over to other nations until reminded that the UK would first need to promulgate internationally a specific withdrawal from its GC responsibilities. In short, the UK is responsible for the PWs/detainees it acquires from the point of capture until their release. Interrogation, providing that it complies with the GC, is permitted.

8. Scales of Effort.

a. Size of a JFIT. Interrogators are trained, and a JFIT must be configured, to exploit an *unwilling* source.³ In order to achieve this various ploys may be employed which means that the source may need to be confronted by several interrogators at the same time or individually.

³ Although the interrogator must be able to exploit unwilling sources, history suggests that most PWs are prepared to talk to their interrogators without coercion and irrespective of any resistance training that they may have received.

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