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TACTICAL QUESTIONING / INTERROGATION SITUATION

References:

- A.
- B. JWP 1-10¹.

1. **Background.** The need to examine interrogation policy, develop a joint doctrine for interrogation and capability requirements were recognised in early 2002. DI HUMINT has sponsored a study of the subject to be carried out by CO JSIO. Although scheduled to be completed by the end of 02 it is unlikely that the draft paper will be ready before Feb 03. This was due to the author being deployed to Afghanistan. In Apr 02 DASD raised similar concerns regarding Tactical Questioning (TQ). In Reference A DGIC agreed that an examination of TQ would be included in the JSIO interrogation study as both activities are complementary.

2. **Definitions:**

a. **Interrogation:** The systematic questioning of a selected, unwilling individual by a trained interrogator.

b. **Tactical Questioning:** The first questioning to which a PW is subjected. Usually takes place at the HQ of the unit which captures the PW and is carried out by the capturing unit's personnel, not by trained interrogators.

3. **Policy.** Doctrine for the handling and questioning of Prisoners of War (POW) is given in Reference B. It is clear that TQ is conducted by capturing unit personnel and that TQ is acceptable from both a doctrinal and legal position. Further work is required in developing the CONOPS and Tactical Doctrine Notes. This will occur following the JSIO study.

4. **OP WARRIOR Planning.** In Feb 02 Land Command, recognising the requirement for trained TQ personnel in units, directed all High Readiness units to send personnel on PH&TQ courses at DISC, Chicksands. The response was patchy and it is likely that there will be a shortfall if a medium or large scale war fighting operation were to be conducted.

¹ Prisoners of War Handling – Joint Warfare Publication 1-10 – March 2001

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5. Support to Future Operation. Despite the outstanding work to be done to develop doctrine for TQ, plans are well advanced for any Gulf deployment in the near to medium term. Provision has been made for a JFIT, largely from the Reserves, and an FHT to support the UK Land Component, subject to confirmation of CONOPS. Land Command has made provision for [REDACTED] personnel from 1 (UK) Armd Div to be trained in TQ during four weeks in early 2003. In addition DISC is to conduct a TQ course for 1 MI Bde personnel during 16 - 20 Dec 02, although TQ will not be a primary task for MI Bde personnel.

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