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**National Intelligence Topics:
Marine Corps "Top Ten" for 1992**

- 01 Indications and warning (I&W) of low intensity conflict (LIC) circumstances likely to require stability operations by U.S. military forces, to include short-notice non-combatant operations (NEO) and humanitarian assistance.
- 02 Proliferation of nuclear, biological, and chemical (NBC) capabilities to any governmental or non-governmental organization.
- 03 Proliferation of anti-air and anti-ship weapons systems within the Third World, to include coastal missile systems, mines, submarines, and electronic warfare, and to include capabilities of non-governmental organizations.
- 04 Plans and intentions of radical and revolutionary groups engaged in protracted socio-economic or ideological conflict in the Third World.
- 05 Command and control, communications, computing, and intelligence (C3I) capabilities of narcotics traffickers and other criminal elements against which U.S. forces may be employed.
- 06 Plans and intentions of Japan and other major powers with respect to military, economic, and demographic expansion in Asia and the Pacific Basin, and plans and intentions of countries in that region reacting to external incursions.
- 07 Plans and intentions of Latin American governments with respect to the control of narcotics, revolution, and technology transfer/gray arms.
- 08 Plans and intentions of Middle Eastern actors, both governmental and non-governmental, with respect to regional stability and the sovereignty of other Arab and African nations.
- 09 Plans, intentions, and capabilities of national and transnational terrorist organizations.
- 10 Changes and trends in the Soviet Union, the People's Republic of China, North Korea, Eastern Europe, and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) countries.

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From: Commandant of the Marine Corps
To: Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

Subj: SERVICE NOMINATIONS FOR NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE TOPICS 1992

Ref: (a) SJS 2031/830-00

Encl: (1) National Intelligence Topics: Marine Corps "Top Ten"
for 1992

1. This memorandum responds to the reference, which was received at this Headquarters 3 May 1991.
2. The enclosure provides a concise listing of the "top ten" intelligence issues of greatest concern to Marine Corps leadership in the 1992 timeframe.
3. We recommend the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) consider making a substantive break with past National Intelligence Topic listings which emphasized the Soviet Union and strategic nuclear and conventional threats to the virtual exclusion of all other forms of threat. We believe that no more than two Soviet-related topics should remain in the "top ten" but be dropped to the lower half to enable us to emphasize topics dealing with emerging non-conventional threats against which the intelligence community is not now well-equipped to collect, assess, and forecast.
4. We strongly recommend that the 1992 listing reflect the importance of low-intensity conflict indications and warning (LIC I&W) by making this the first priority. We also recommend the JCS recognize and emphasize the importance and probability of action being required against non-conventional threats by including as many of our recommended topics as possible in the consolidated JCS listing.
5. Our POC for intelligence priorities is Mr. Robert Steele, USMC Management Analyst for the C4I2 Department, at (703) 693-5422.

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SUBJECT:

NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE TOPICS 1992

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REMARKS:

Attached is a proposed CONCURRENT HQMC/MCCDC ROUTE SHEET with which to obtain consensus on a list of ten intelligence topics intended to reflect the needs of the Service in 1992. Request signature and release of HQMC route sheet.

SPB/E w/ JCS AO, HE
SAYS JCS LIST IS "DONE"
(AND STILL SOVIET) BUT
HE WOULD WELCOME OUR
INPUT AS IT COULD HELP
HIM IN OTHER RELATED
MEETINGS. U/E SP.

Very respectfully,

R. D. STEELE

*Concur w/concept; however, should
attach w/ (as) and the
current Top Ten DITS. Review
these prior to signature
J.G.*

ACTION CODES:

I-ORIGINATOR	F-CONCURRENCE	X-DECISION	Q-OTHER
A-ACTION	G-INFORMATION	L-RETENTION	
B-GUIDANCE	H-RETURN TO:	R-READDRESSSED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION	Q-COORDINATE WITH:
C-SIGNATURE	I-INITIAL	P-READDRESSSED - PROVIDE RESPONSE FOR DIR INT/C4	CF-COPY FURNISHED
D-COMMENT	J-DISPOSITION		
E-RECOMMENDATION			

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HEADQUARTERS MARINE CORPS ROUTING SHEET (5211)
NAVMC HQ-335 (REV. 12-88)

CONCURRENT ROUTING TO ALL

1. DATE

2. OPERATION CODE

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3. SUBJECT

PROPOSED NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE
TOPICS FOR 1992

ROUTING - Use numbers to show order of routing

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		DIR MCH&M HD							
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		SA/TA C4							
		ADMIN OFFICER							
		DEPDIR C4 DIV							
		DEPDIR INT DIV							
		DEPDIR C2I DIV							

10. REFERENCES HELD BY (Name, Grade, Office Code, Telephone Extension)
Mr. Steele, GS-14, C4I2R, 3-5422

11. REMARKS AND SIGNATURE (If additional space is necessary, attach plain paper)
On 3 May we received a short-fused JCS tasker due 6 May, asking that we identify a list of ten intelligence topics reflective of our Service's priorities.

Traditionally the JCS response is heavily skewed toward Soviet and nuclear/conventional capabilities. We have prepared a draft which may help influence national and defense intelligence production and collection even if our topics are not accepted by JCS.

AC/S C4I2, as Senior Intelligence Officer of the Service, and Service representative to National Foreign Intelligence Board and Military Intelligence Board, can use this list, if validated by addressees, as basis for requesting additional attention to Marine Corps needs on an agency by agency, product by product basis. Recommend concurrence.