



OSINT Requirements, Collection, and Production Management



“One Way of Doing Things”

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USSOCOM Mission

USSOCOM Plans, Directs and executes Special Operations in the conduct of the Global War on terrorism in order to disrupt, defeat and destroy terrorist networks that threaten the United States, its citizens and interests worldwide. USSOCOM organizes, trains, and equips special operations forces provided to geographic Combatant Commanders, American Ambassadors and their Country Teams.

Who We Are

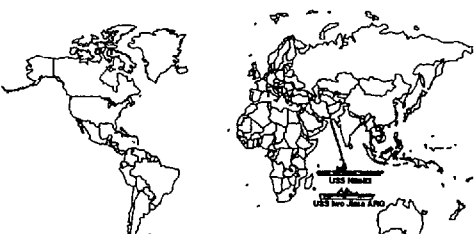
- Open Source Exploitation Branch (OSEB)
- Created 1999
- Mission Statement:
Meet HQ USSOCOM, Component Command, and Sub-Unified Command requirements for Open Source Intelligence by providing complimentary capabilities to, and meeting requirements not fulfilled by other intelligence assets.



Challenges

- New Mission = New Requirements
- Customer Base = Extraordinarily Diverse
- Business Process = Centralized Execution
- Environment = Responsive to Full Spectrum
- Global Requirements = Global Coverage
 - Deployed to 152 Countries / Foreign Territories
 - 16 Crisis Response Operations
 - 280 Joint Combined Exercises for Training (104 Countries)

CURRENT WORLDWIDE SOF DEPLOYMENTS



SUMMARY FOR WEEK OF 19-25 Jul 2003	SOF PERSONNEL DEPLOYED			COUNTRIES & FOREIGN TERRITORIES	LIMITED STATES & TERRITORIES
	IN AOR	FY Peak	FY Avg		
COMUS	1831	3781	2138	0	33
OCOMUS	8847	14832	7862	57	4
COMBINED	8778	18613	10,003	57	37

Assumptions

- No “Silver Bullets”
- One Size DOES NOT fit all
- Capability and solutions require investment
 - Time, \$\$, effort
- OSINT is multi disciplined
- Business process ownership and training ARE “must haves”



Global Coverage Concept

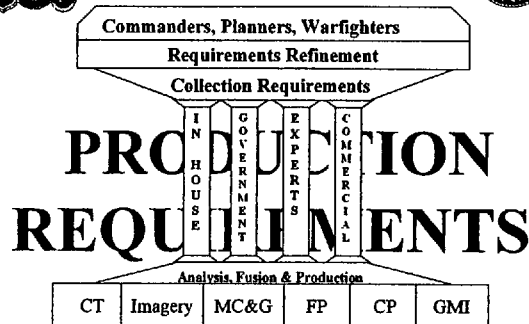


Identify, retrieve and disseminate actionable OSINT data relevant to global SOF requirements in a timely manner

- Data must support analysis, production and operations planning
- Exploit data for I&W and FP tip-offs
- Use domestic and international OSINT network, experts, and education/trade institutions to corroborate data



Information Supply Chain



Success Stories



- Global Coverage for Tier 2/3/4 countries
- Supported/Corroborated single source reporting
- 4 personnel accomplishing 33% of the production (metrics driven)
- Filled information gaps
 - Saved lives, valuable analytical time, and \$\$
 - Focused research effort in multiple areas

Line Cut or Lion Cut

Gas for trip \$1 59, Cat Carrier 32 99, Grooming fee \$80 00
Getting the look from one seriously pissed off cat PRICELESS!



Bottom Line

- Understand the Requirement (*Line Cut or Lion Cut*)
- Use the “best” Collection source
- Production must suit customer needs



Questions ?

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