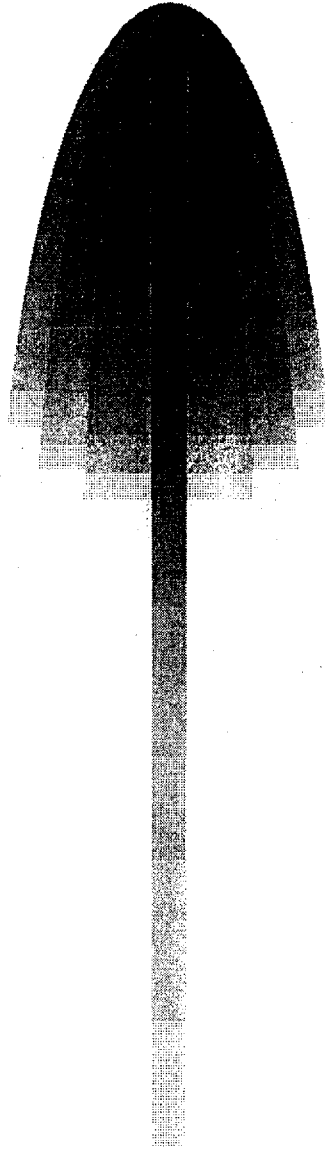
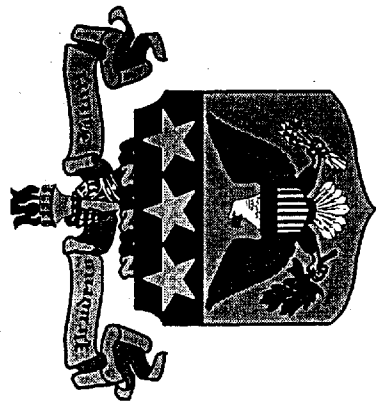
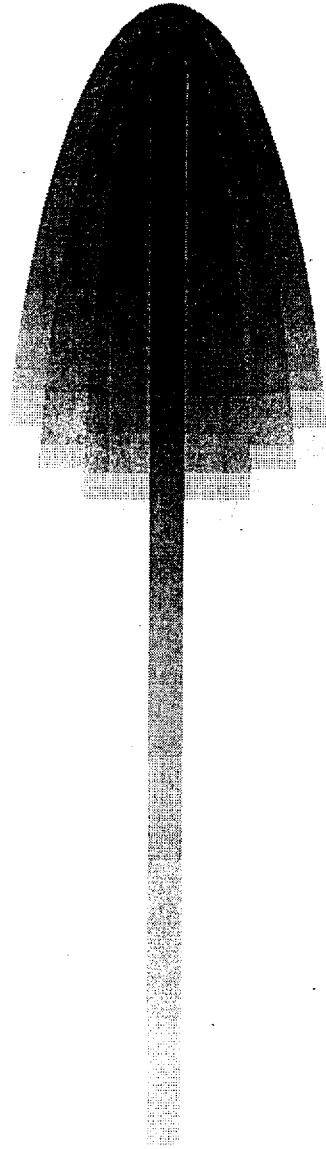


Transnational Enemies



Threats Without Names



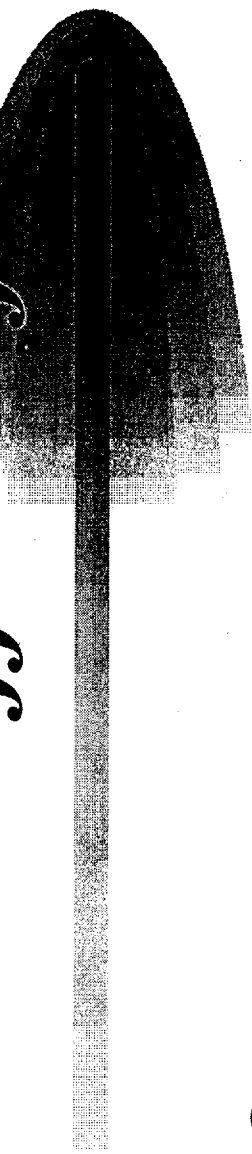


Context

The Real Revolution



Standoff Warfare



- **Force-on-force**
- **Speed, precision and range are the key factors**
- **Sensor-gathered information and data fusion**
- **Focus of "RMA" thinking**

Hands-On Warfare

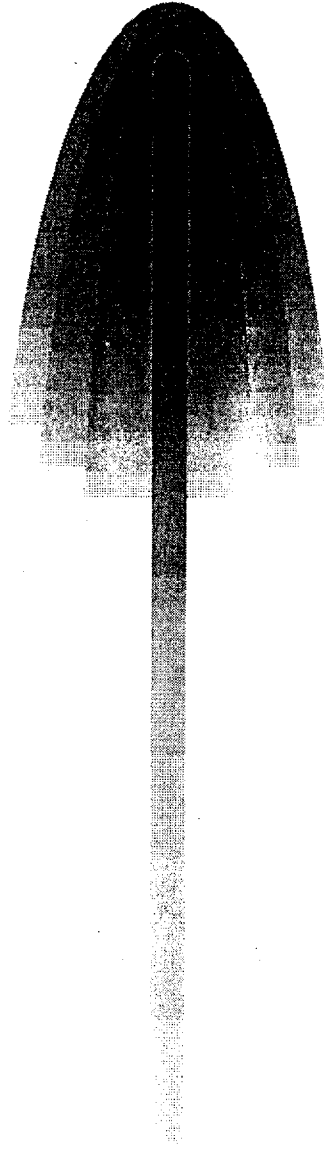


- Non-combatants are interspersed
- Military operations in urban terrain, counterinsurgency, etc.
- Enemies are remnants of forces defeated in standoff warfare or opponents deliberately pursuing asymmetry such as militias or insurgents
- Robotics and nonlethal weapons are key technologies
- Human factors as important as sensor-gathered data

Indirect Warfare



- Hidden, subtle, camouflaged
- Cyberwar, netwar, information warfare
- Most perplexing for the United States
- Nontraditional enemies, including *transnational ones*



Characteristics

Composition

- Usually loose or no ties to states
- Diverse blend of anti-U.S. organizations
 - *Political or ideological groups*
 - United States as the symbol of radical change
 - *Ethnic, religious or cultural groups*
 - American cultural imperialism
 - *Criminal organizations*

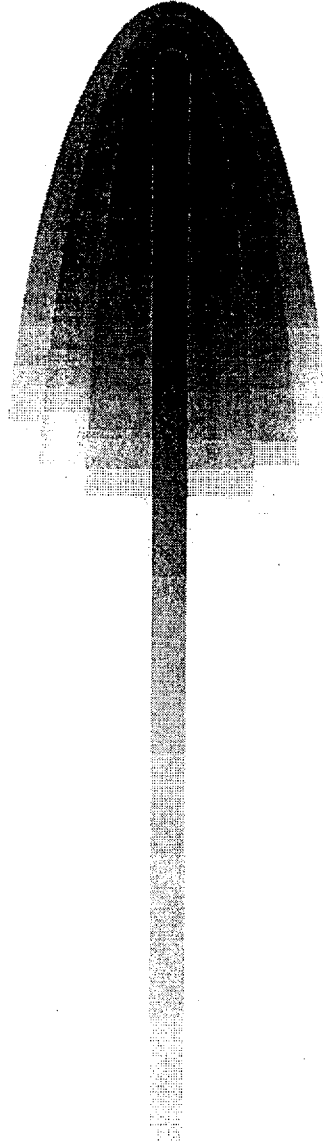
Organization



- **Complex networks**
 - *No central command or control*
- **Internal and external components**
 - *Links to the violent disgruntled within the United States*
- **Contract out functions where they lack capabilities**
 - *Counterintelligence, cyber security and coercion, political and psychological operations, violence*

Objectives and Methods

- Will seek broad-brushed disruption below the threshold of serious and concerted action
- Will focus on American vulnerabilities
 - *Racial, ethnic, or religious tension*
 - *Legal constraints*
 - *Underclass resentment*
 - *Weaknesses in national security organization, including grey areas between government and private sector*
 - *Reliance on information infrastructure*
 - *Alliance ties*
 - *Openness of the political system*



Strategic Issues

Organizations and Roles

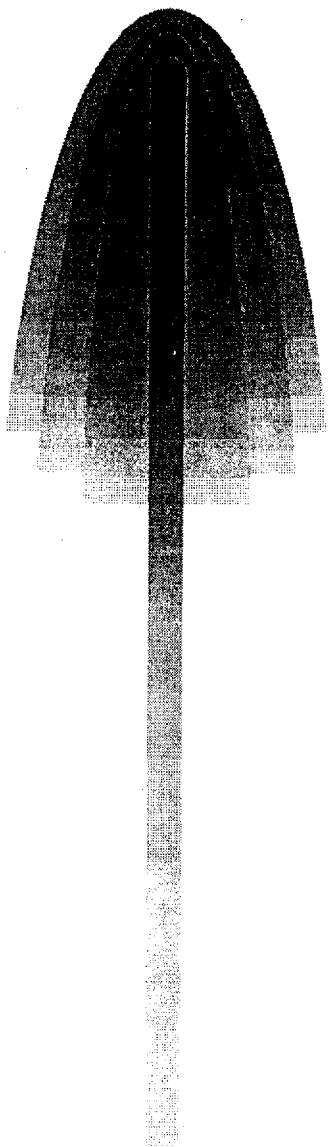


- Is the current national security organization flexible enough to deal with transnational enemies?
- What is the appropriate role of the government (cf. the private sector)?
- What is the appropriate role of the military (cf. law enforcement)?

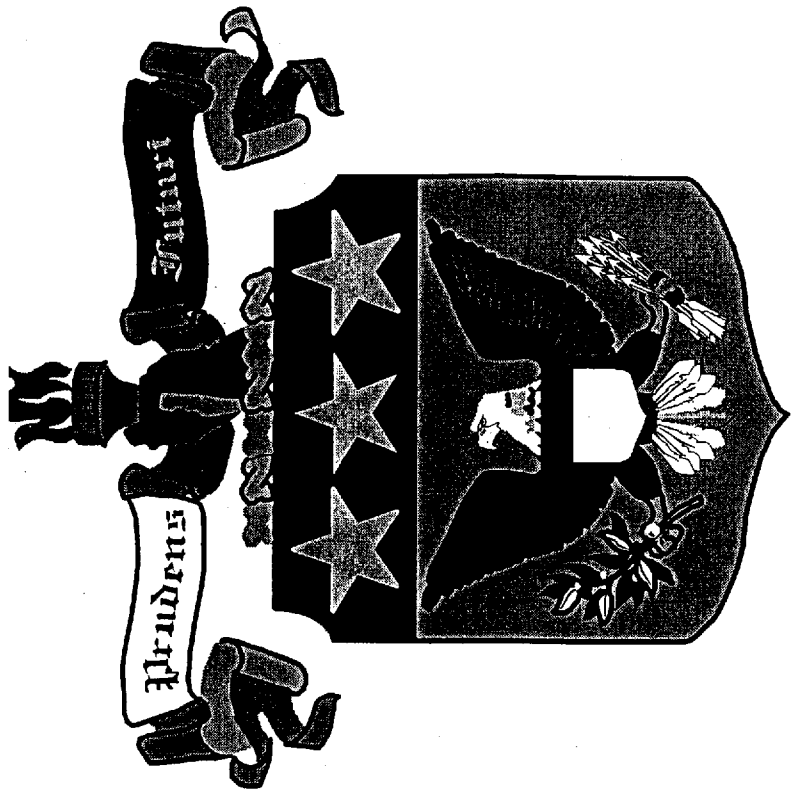
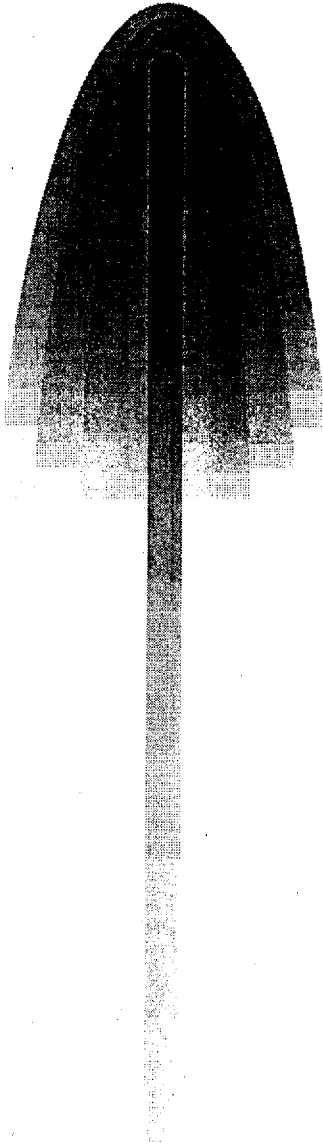
Concepts and Policies

- Do traditional concepts like deterrence, alliances, and centers of gravity apply?
- What new strategic concepts will be required?
- What should be the policy guidelines for the U.S. response?
 - *Should we respond on foreign soil?*
 - *Should we respond only in kind or seek to escalate as a means of deterrence?*

Threats without names



They're out there...



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