



REPLY TO
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The Honorable Robert R. Simmons
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-0702

Dear Representative Simmons:

Thank you for your letter to General Peter J. Schoomaker concerning the importance of open source and specifically the treatment of open source intelligence (OSINT) in FM 2.0, Intelligence.

We agree with you that OSINT should be considered an intelligence discipline. The Commanding General of TRADOC has recently asked the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and School (USAICS) to move forward on this issue.

USAICS will begin development of a special text manual to establish OSINT as an intelligence discipline, provide a doctrinal foundation for OSINT, and provide procedures for the conduct of OSINT activities. A special text manual can be developed relatively quickly, and is the medium often used to address emerging doctrinal issues. The next revision of FM 2.0 will incorporate OSINT as an intelligence discipline. USAICS will use the full doctrine development cycle to revise FM 2.0 to ensure the doctrine for OSINT is sound, and to address other doctrinal issues emerging as a result of the Army's operations in the war on terror.

We very much appreciate your support of the Army, and your attentiveness to ensuring our doctrine on open source intelligence is thorough and useful.

Sincerely,

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