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CJSOTF-AP

Commander's Guidance for CONOPS

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CONOPs FRAMEWORK

- Every action which requires a CJSOTF-AP element to depart a secured area is a tactical operation and requires a CONOP.
- All CONOPs require coordination with the owner of the battlespace.
- The level of detail, required coordination, and approval authority depend upon the complexity and sensitivity of the operation.

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Level 1 CONOPs

Require COMCJSOTF-AP approval:

- Any DA operations that do not involve ISF
- Operations involving TF 1.4a
- Operations involving entry into protected sites such as mosques and religious shrines (MNC-I approval)
- Operations to detain Iraqi political, ISF, or religious leaders (MNC-I approval)
- Operations requiring an exception to the CJSOTF-AP non-standard uniform policy

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Level 2 CONOPs

FOB or TG CDR Approval:

- Any Fastrope operations
- Operations in support of TF 1.4a ISG, ORA or other governmental organizations
- Operations involving non-ISF units i.e. Showani Special Forces
- Movement of detainees
- Fleeting targets not requiring MNC-I or higher approval

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Level 3 CONOPs

AOB or TU CDR Approval:

- **Patrolling**
- **Reconnaissance**
- **Tactical intelligence gathering (ASO)**
- **CST / ING Training**
- **Routine operations detailed in daily SITREPS**

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CONOP Submission Requirements

- Include the Level of the CONOP as the first item
- All Level 1 CONOPs must be submitted to COMCJSOTF-AP for approval NLT 6 hours prior to execution
- All Level 2 CONOPs must be submitted to COMCJSOTF-AP for visibility NLT 2 hours prior to execution
- Level 1 and 2 CONOPs can be submitted verbally to COMCJSOTF-AP when time does not permit a written CONOP within the required timeframe; the exception to time requirements is not a substitute for lack of prior planning and time management
- The naming convention for CJSOTF-AP CONOPs for FOB elements begins by identifying the unit followed by a sequential number system for their operations. For example, 515001 for ODA 1.4a first CONOP or TU Raider 002 for TU Raider's second CONOP.
- For CONOPs which involve multiple CJSOTF-AP units, the CONOPS should be consolidated by the controlling headquarters and submitted following the naming convention established by the supported unit and used for references in OPSUMs and SITREPs.

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CONOP REQUIREMENTS

NAMING CONVENTION (CONOP #)

LEVEL OF CONOP (I,II, or III)

1. TARGET DESCRIPTION:

- WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY
- SOURCE(S) VALIDITY
- PAY-OFF/TARGET VALUE

2. TASK ORGANIZATION

- UNILATERAL
- JOINT
- COMBINED

3. RESOURCES REQUIRED

- AIR
- ISR

4. CONCEPT OF OPERATION

- INCLUDE BATTLESPACE COORDINATION

5. IO PLAN

- CONSEQUENCE MANAGEMENT/ MINIMIZATION
- DRUMBEAT/EFFECTS

6. C2

- WHO'S IN CHARGE
- COMMO PLAN

7. RISK ASSESSMENT

- TO FORCE
- OPERATIONAL RISK
(POLITICAL SENSITIVITY)

REVIEWED BY APPROVING COMMANDER FOR:

- SOURCE AND PAYOFF
- RISK

APPROVED / DISAPPROVED

DISSEMINATED AS REQUIRED

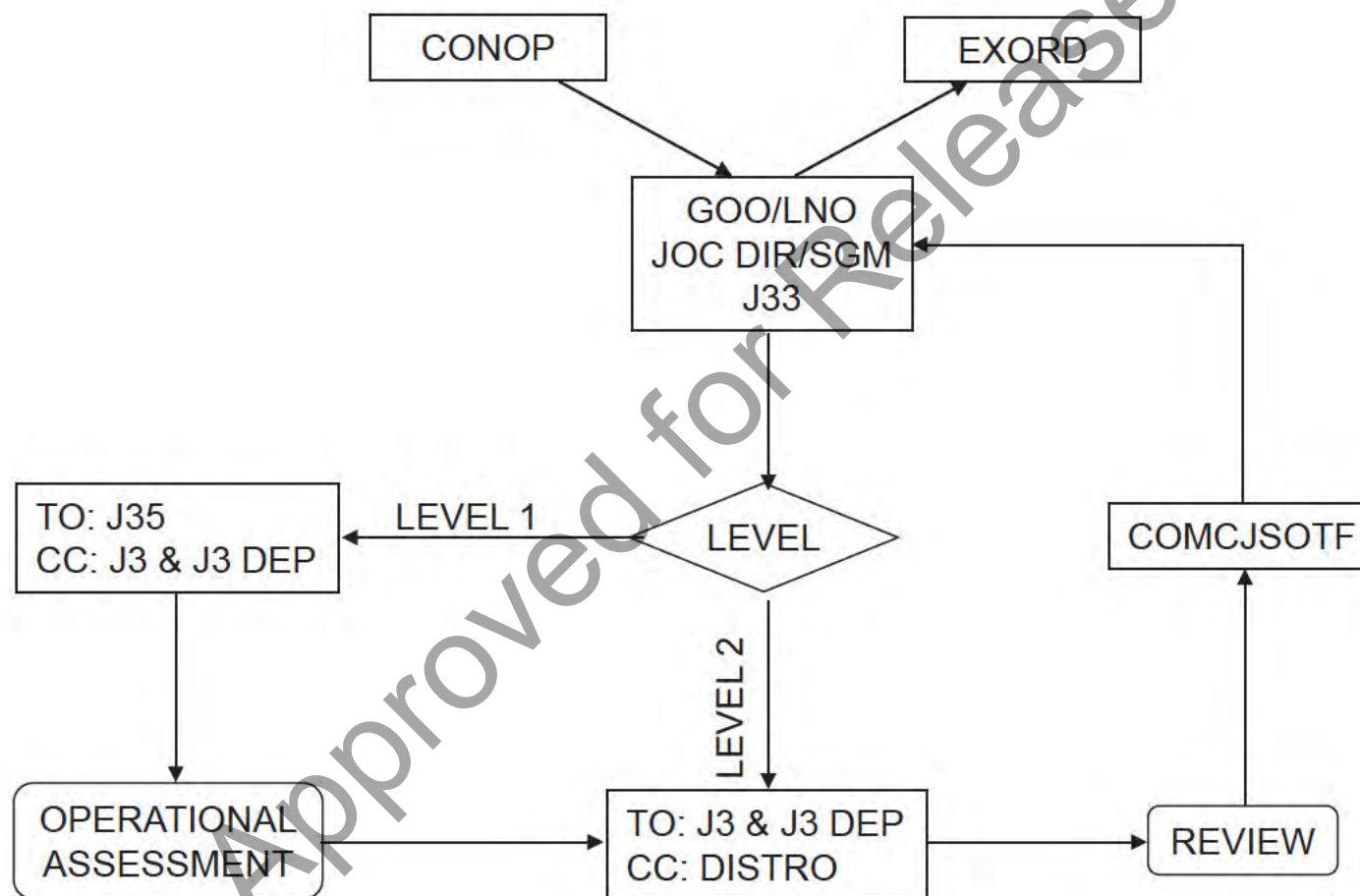
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CONOP PROCESSING



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OPSUM Submission Requirements

- Quicklook OPSUMs must be submitted to HQ, CJSOTF-AP NLT 4 hours after mission completion
- The Quicklook OPSUM may be submitted either verbally or in writing and should include a minimum of the 5 Ws, accountability / status of friendly forces, initial BDA, and initial SSE results
- A complete written OPSUM must be submitted to HQ, CJSOTF-AP NLT 12 hours after mission completion
- The naming convention for OPSUMs must be consistent with the naming of the associated CONOP

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SSE Submission Requirements

- Any videos or pictures for intel or IO exploitation must be submitted to CJSOTF-AP electronically within 48 hours; if electronic transmission is unavailable, items will be transported by the most expedient means available
- Any videos which meet MNC-I IO criteria or are reasonably expected to support the IO objectives should be sent to CJSOTF-AP immediately for screening and release to MNC-I

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