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# IRAQ SURVEY GROUP

## COMMAND BRIEF



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**Camp Slayer**  
Baghdad, Iraq  
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## MISSION

**Organize, direct and apply intelligence collection and analytical capabilities and expertise in Iraq to discover, take custody of, and exploit information and material of intelligence value on individuals and records within the following four areas:**

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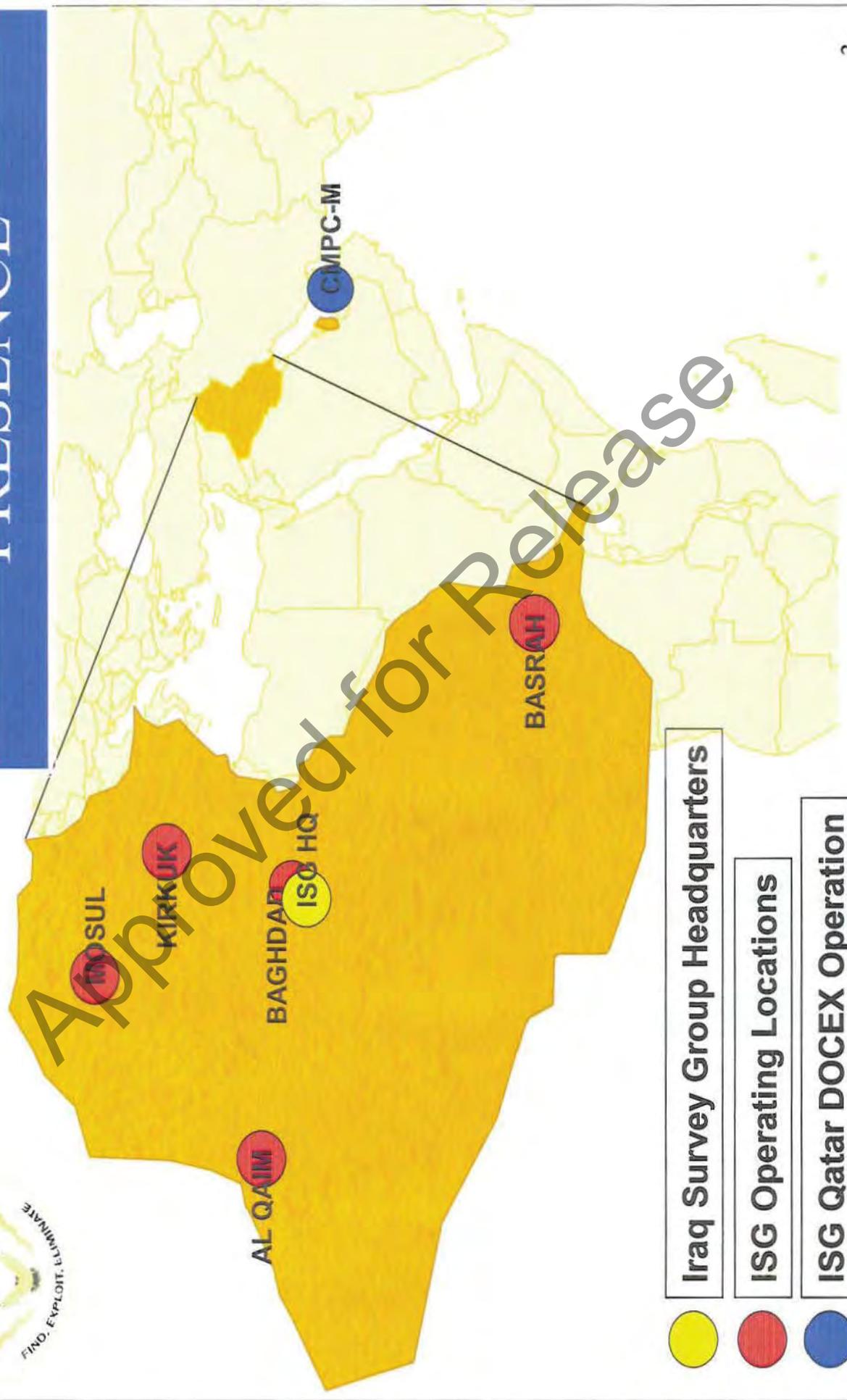


- **Weapons of Mass Destruction**
- **Counterterrorism**
- **Fate of US Navy CAPT Speicher**
- **Support Regime Crimes Liaison Office's effort with Iraqi Special Tribunal**

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# PRESENCE



- Iraq Survey Group Headquarters
- ISG Operating Locations
- ISG Qatar DOCEX Operation

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# ENVIRONMENT

- Country-wide
- Austere
- Non-permissive
- Transitional



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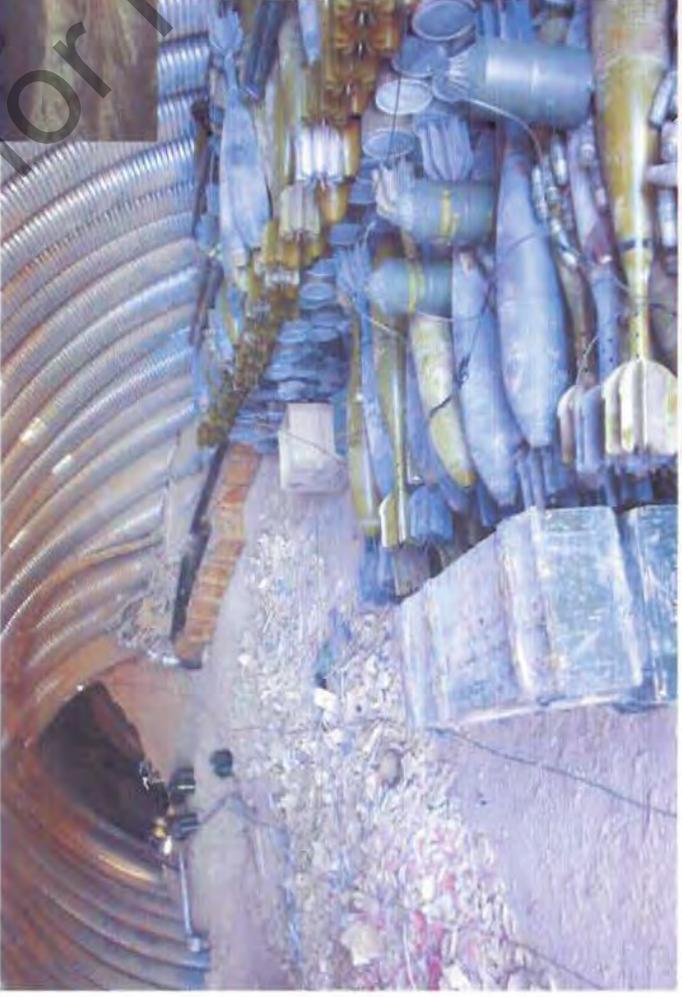
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# CHALLENGES



- Iraqi sovereignty
- On-going insurgency
- Personnel turn-over

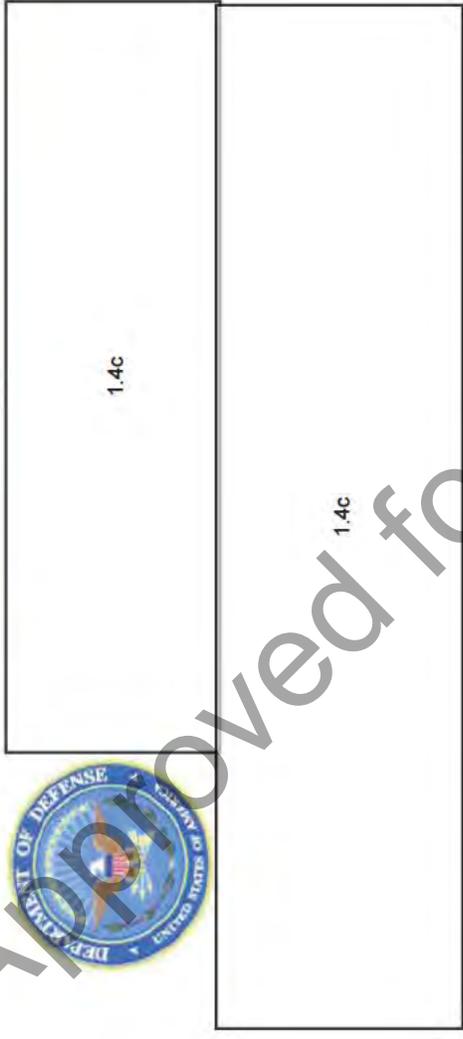


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# OPERATIONS



- Collaborative collection & analytical effort
- Multi-disciplinary
- Multi-national
- Multi-agency
- Operationally focused
- Reach back to capitals and organizations

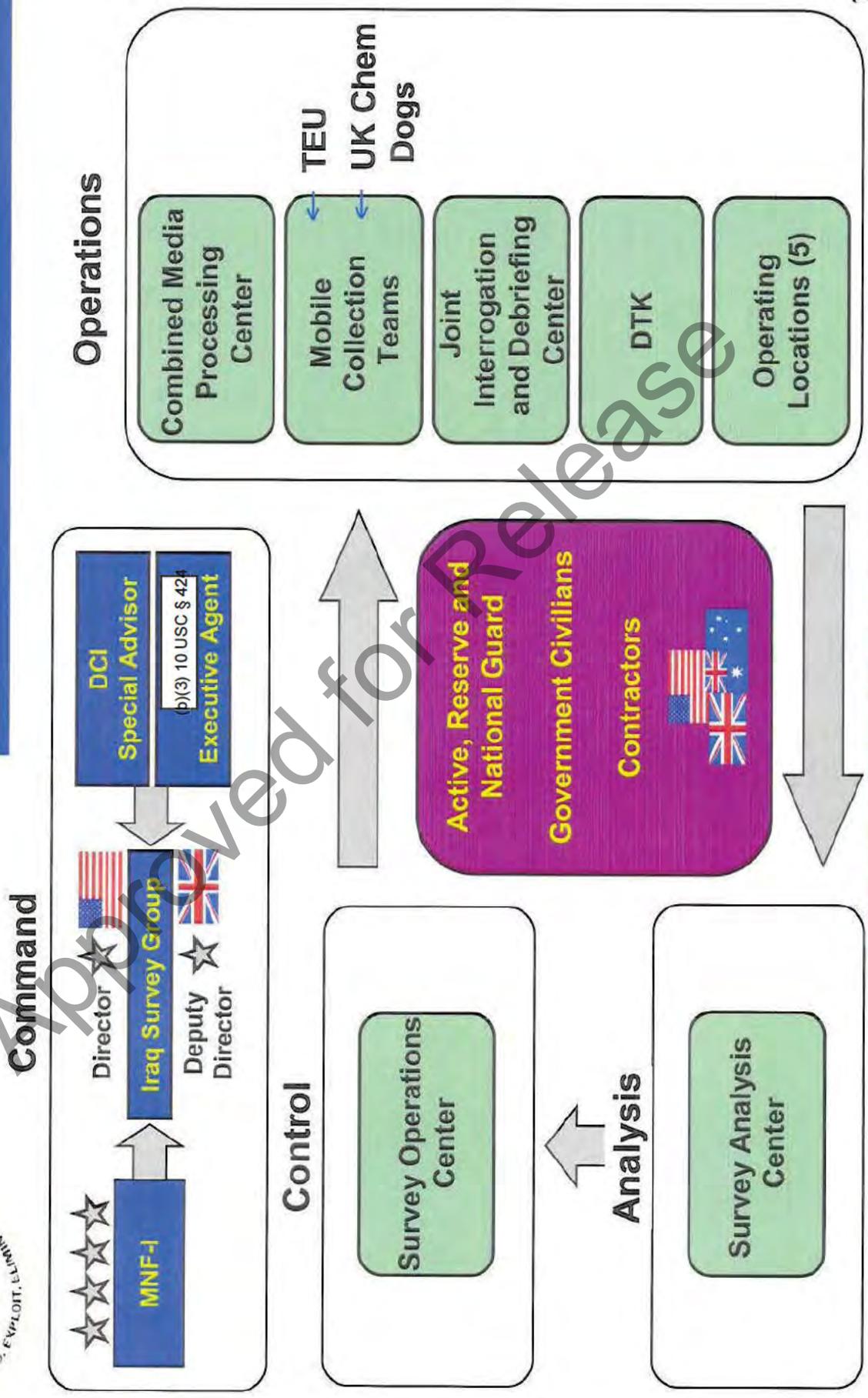


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# ORGANIZATION



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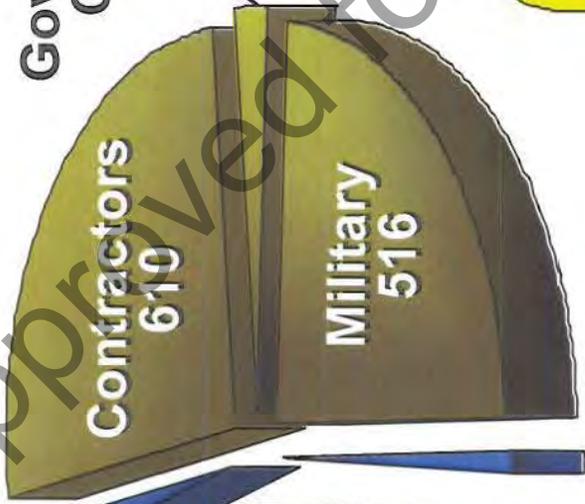
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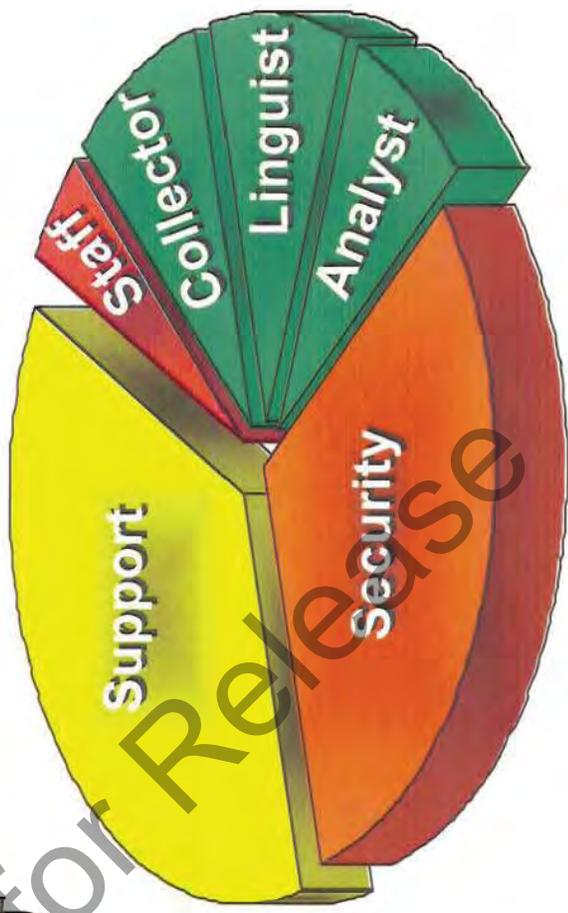
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## Iraq By Function



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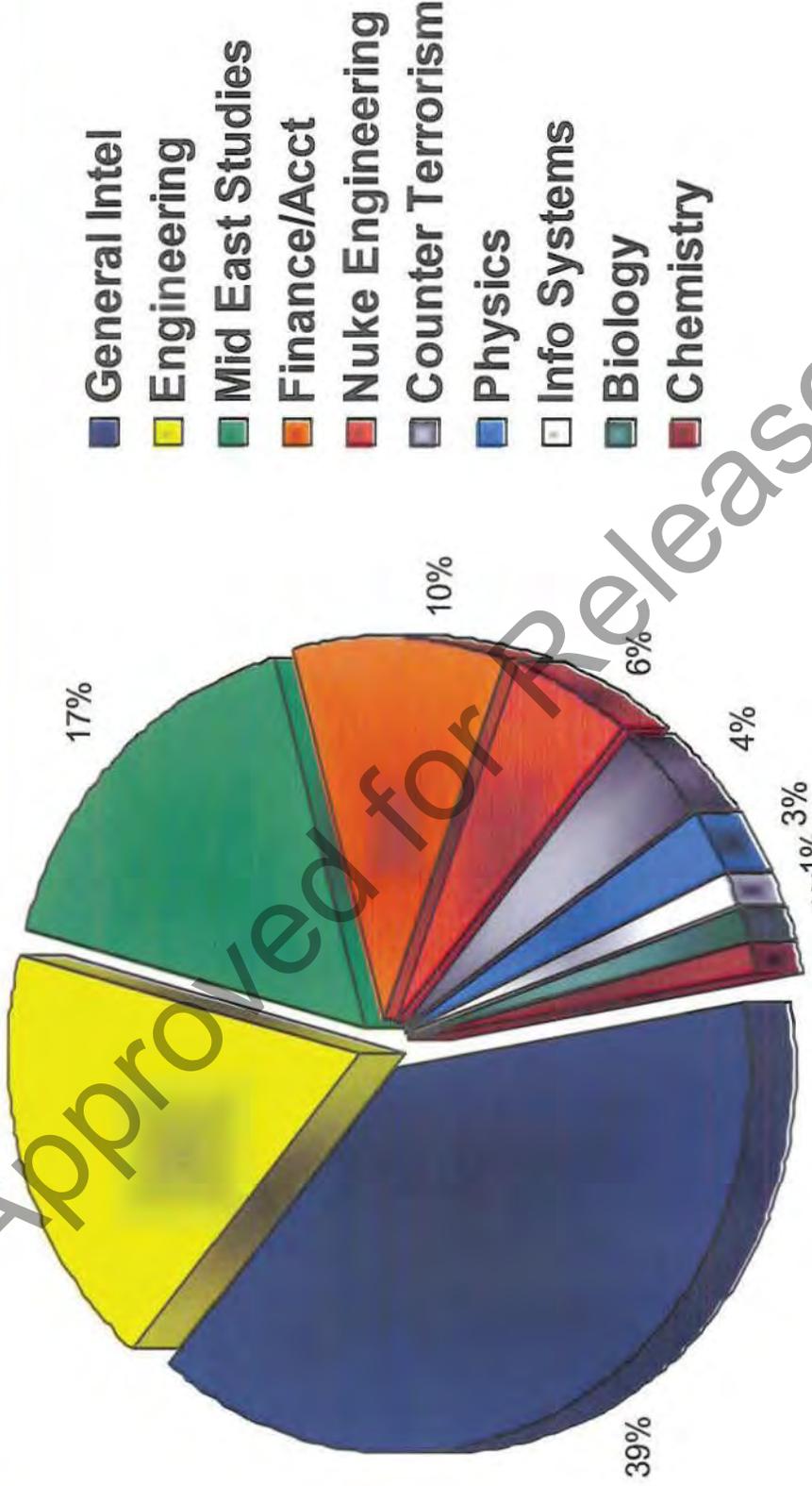
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# ANALYST SPECIALTIES



**Multi-disciplinary Team Drawn From Intel Community, Industry, And Academia**

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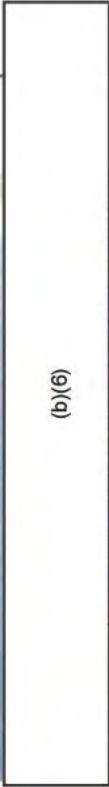
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# COLLECTION SPECIALTIES



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## Documents and Media



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- Integrated with National Technical Means

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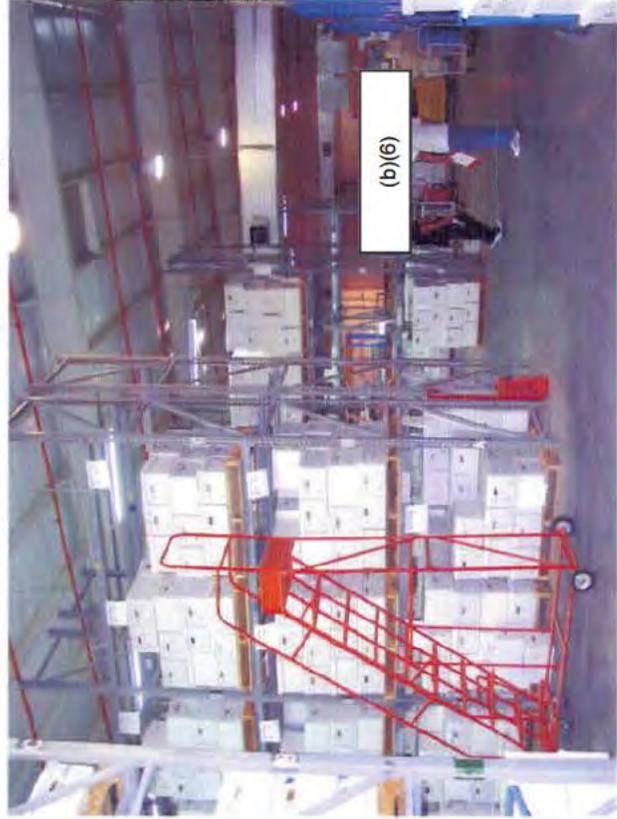
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# EXPLOITATION SPECIALTIES

- Documents (DOCEX)
  - Official and Personal records
- Media (MEDEX)
  - Hard drives, CDs, video



➤ Physical archive

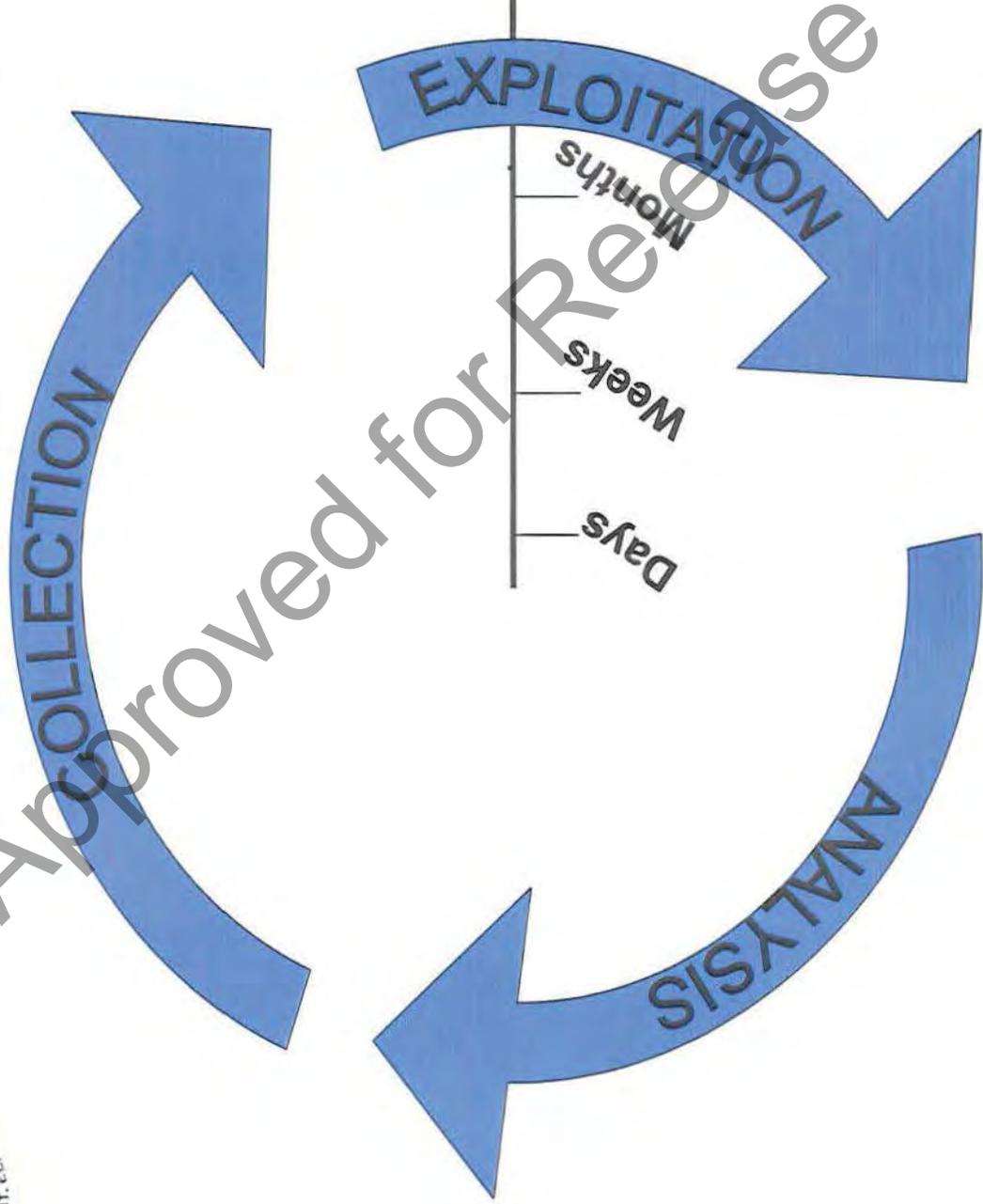


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# INTELLIGENCE CYCLE



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# CHEMICAL SOUK MISSION

## PLANNING

### Target Nomination Cued From Intelligence Obtained From JSOTF And Other ISG Operations

➤ Operational Planning Team included:

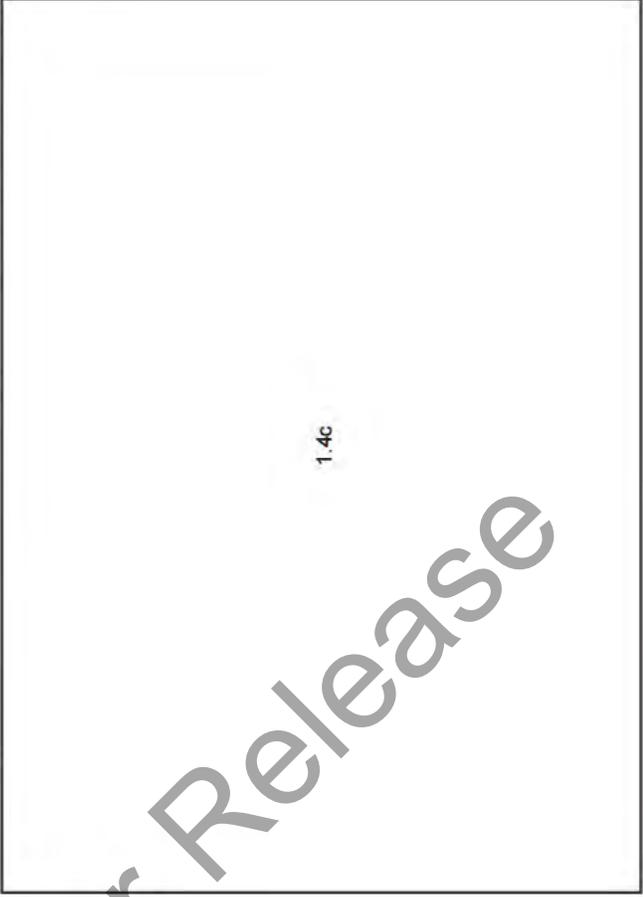
- Chemical/Biological Analysts
- Joint Interrogation and Debriefing
- DTK (CBW exploitation)
- Mobile Collection Team (MCT)
- 2/162, 1CD (security/escort)

➤ Surveillance conducted by [redacted] 1.4c

[redacted] 1.4c

➤ Plan briefed to ISG Director

➤ Mission rehearsed at MOUT site



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# CHEMICAL SOUK MISSION

## EXECUTION

### ISG Task Organized Teams With Supporting Unit Secured And Exploited Target Set

- 2/162, 1CD established outer cordon and escorted ISG mission package
- MCT established inner cordon, secured buildings, escorted analysts
- Analysts and collectors exploited 15 targets
  - Completed quick identification of suspect materials and personnel
  - Collected chemical samples and documents

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- maintained target coverage for duration of mission

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# CHEMICAL SOUK MISSION

## AFTER ACTION

### Same Day Collection And Exploitation



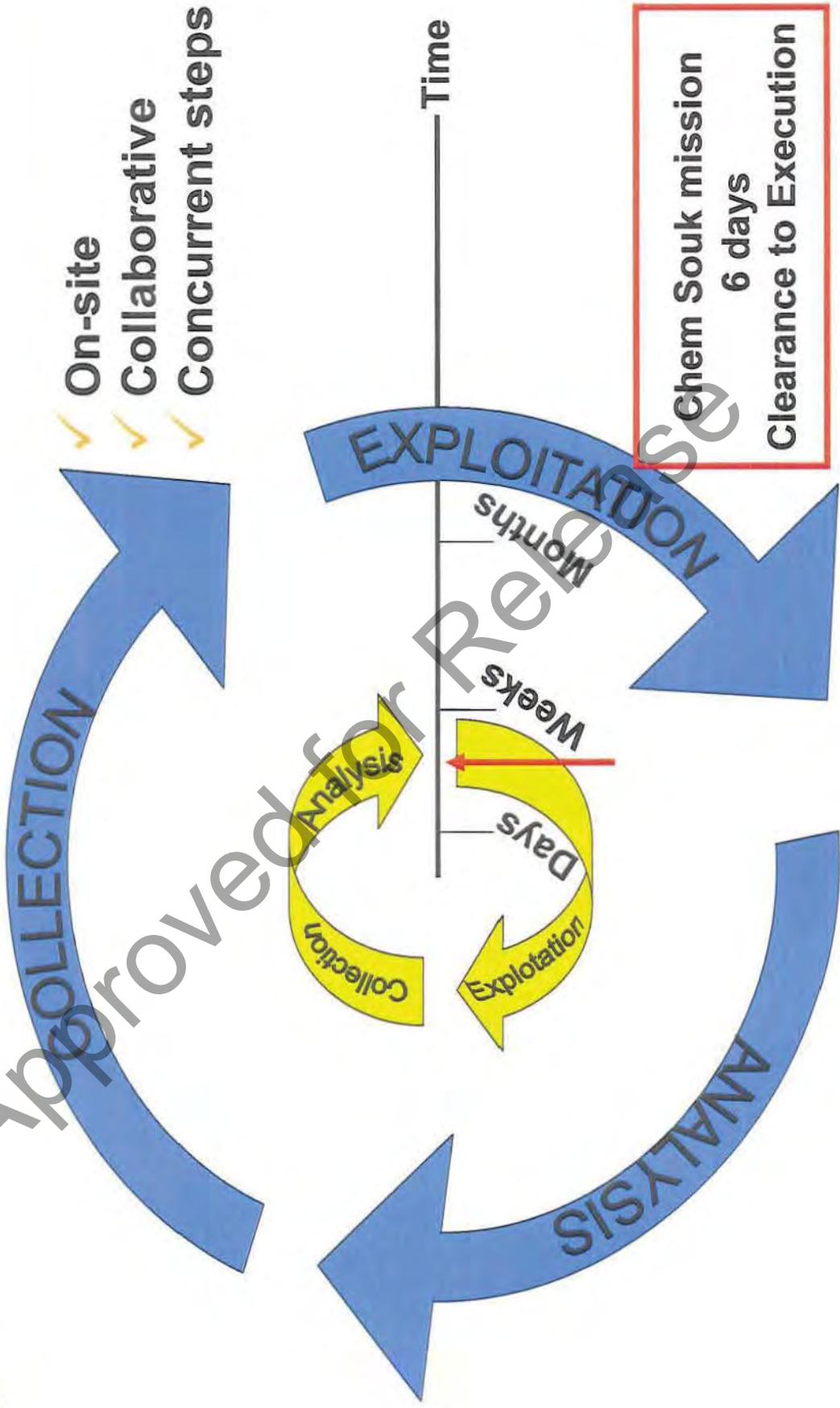
- Hotwash captured lessons learned
- Analysts documented initial findings
- DTK collected 8 samples
- JIDC debriefed detainees
- CMPC received 13 boxes of documents
- Specific Results:
  - ✓ Validated credibility of sources
  - ✓ Identified explosive precursors for removal
  - ✓ Identified two new potential sources
  - ✓ DOCEX revealed intel on insurgent targeting methods

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# ISG INTELLIGENCE CYCLE



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## SUPPORT TO MNF-I

### Operation VIGILANT RESOLVE

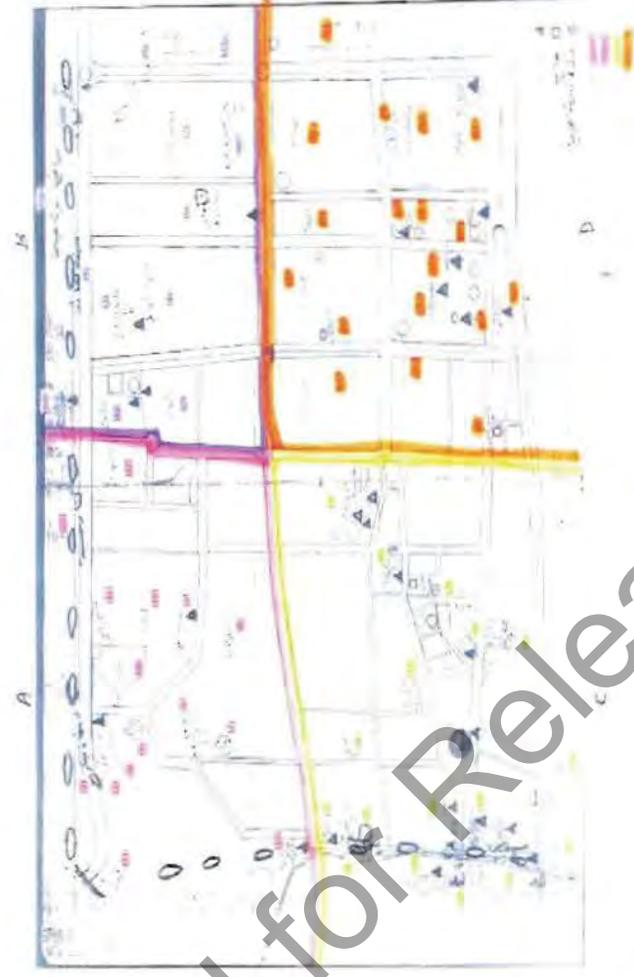
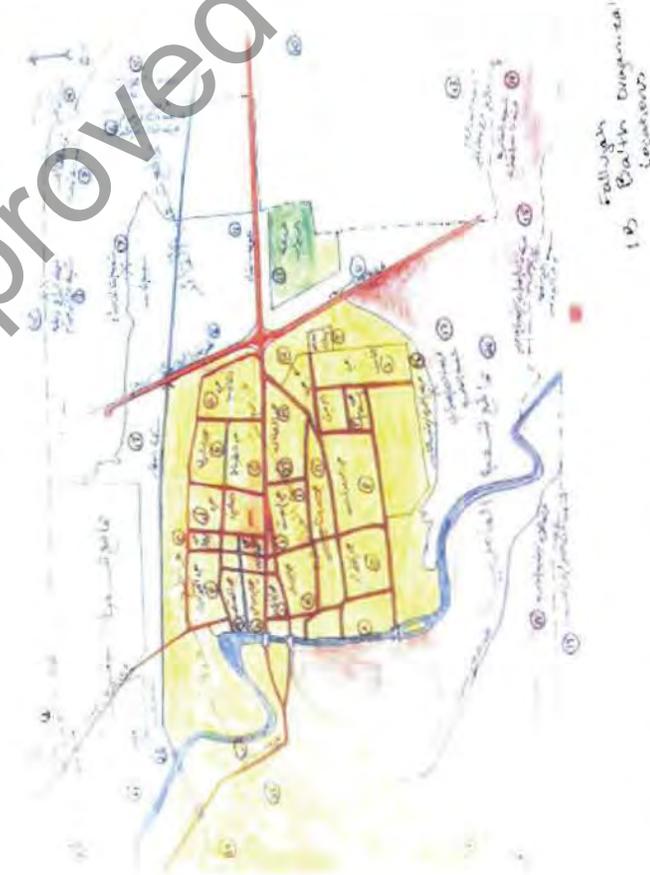
- 31 Mar 04 fighting erupts in Fallujah
- 06 Apr 04 Operation VIGILANT RESOLVE commences
- CENTCOM/J2 request for information to ISG
  - “...any data related to Fallujah?”
- ISG responds
  - Extensive DOCEX and 1.4c database search
  - Intensive linguist and analyst collaboration
  - Full document translations

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# SUPPORT TO MNF-I

## Maps Retrieved from CMPC Archive



- Used by 1MEF to counter insurgent forces
- Verified C2 nodes in mosques, schools, and protected facilities
- Supported target packages and operational planning



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## SUPPORT TO MNF-I

### Al-Abud Working Group

- **Identified nexus between regime scientists, insurgents, and terrorist elements working to acquire CBW capability**
  - **Conducted 7 raids with 6 different military organizations**
  - **Discovered a ricin lab**
  - **Detained over 50 individuals**
  - **Captured 3 chemical weapons makers**
  - **Identified and targeting Jaysh al-Muhammad**

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## SUPPORT TO MNF-I

### Counterterrorism Reporting Highlights

- ✓ ACF planning to attack Mosul City Hall 28 or 29 Jun intending to occupy the building and kill Americans
- ✓ Al Mahdi Army planning to attack Iraqi police stations in vicinity of Sadr City
- ✓ 4 1.4b, 1.4d with man-portable SAMs offering services to Al Sadr
- ✓ Names and addresses of insurgents planning RPG attack against Coalition forces on Route Irish
- ✓ Location of IED planted on street close to New Baghdad District
- Support MNCI, 1st CD, JSOTF, MARSOC, FOB 52, and TF 1.4a at targeting meetings

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## SCOPE OF EFFORT

- ✓ Executed 2,690 missions
- ✓ Published 4,925 reports
- ✓ Conducted 4,048 debriefings
  - 3,051 HVD
  - 997 other sources
- ✓ Scanned, and processed 36.6 million pages
- ✓ Imaged and processed 4,930 unique pieces of media



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# WMD RESULTS



- ✓ 1191 Potential WMD Related Sites Identified
- ✓ Conducted 1563 WMD related missions (As of 25 July 2004)
- ✓ Pre-1991 WMD munitions eliminated
- ✓ Compiling Comprehensive Report, due in Fall 2004

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## CT RESULTS



- ✓ Penetrated 4 transnational terrorist cells
- ✓ Disrupted 7 active insurgent cells
- ✓ 331 terrorists or insurgents detained or killed
- ✓ Eliminated 24 tons of explosives, precursors, and IED materials



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## Fallujah Chicken Farm



- **Insurgents attempted to produce nitrogen mustard and tabun at Fallujah chicken farm in Jan-Mar 2004**
  - **Improvised recipe produced toxic materials, not traditional nerve agents**
  - **Nitrogen mustard production failed**
  - **Binary mustard - reportedly successfully**
- **22 April 2004: Chicken Farm raided**
  - **Chemical weapon precursors, chemicals, glassware containing residues, and munitions were found - detonated before they could be exploited**



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# Rockets

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- **122mm sarin rockets**
  - **13 June – two 122mm rocket warheads**
    - one contained Sarin/ Cyclosarin**
    - one tested positive for G series agent**
  - **25 June - additional 16 rounds recovered**
    - Two preliminarily positive for G series agent**
  - **17 July - rockets flown to CONUS for additional testing**



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## Random Rounds

- Sulfur mustard IED round
  - 02 May: One 155mm artillery projectile
- Binary sarin IED round
  - 15 May: One 152mm artillery projectile
- Ten disabled mustard rounds
  - 15 May: 155mm artillery projectile
  - Likely disabled by Iraq during UNMOVIC inspections in early 2003
- CS mortar rounds
  - 03 June, 06 June, 13 July: Attacks using 120mm CS-filled mortars



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## Bottom Line

- **Broad steam of reporting indicates ACF attempts to acquire and/or produce toxic chemicals/agents**
  - **ACF have the capability to use cyanide**
  - **Still working on more sophisticated CW**
- **Iraq munitions from old program may still exist**
  - **Chemical rounds unmarked, look like regular rounds**
  - **Mixed in with conventional munitions**
  - **Most are highly degraded, would not be effective as CW (with the exception of binary rounds)**
  - **No large stockpiles have been discovered**
- **Syria and Iran highly unlikely to provide CW rounds to ACF**

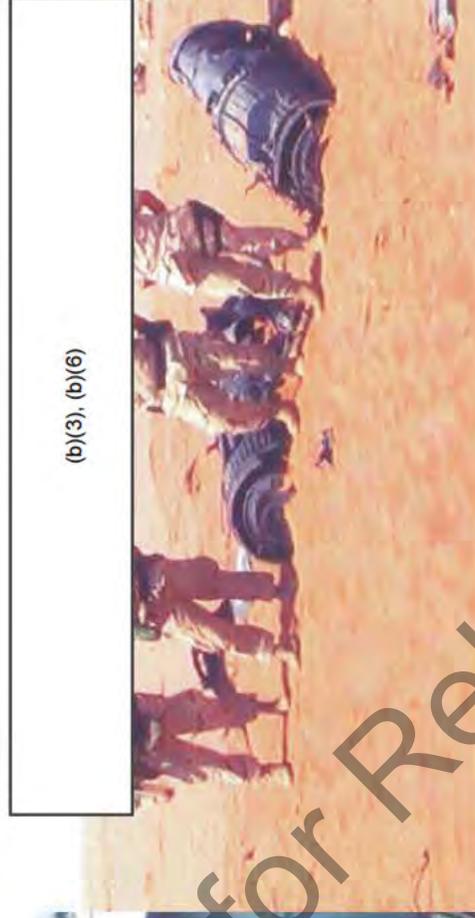
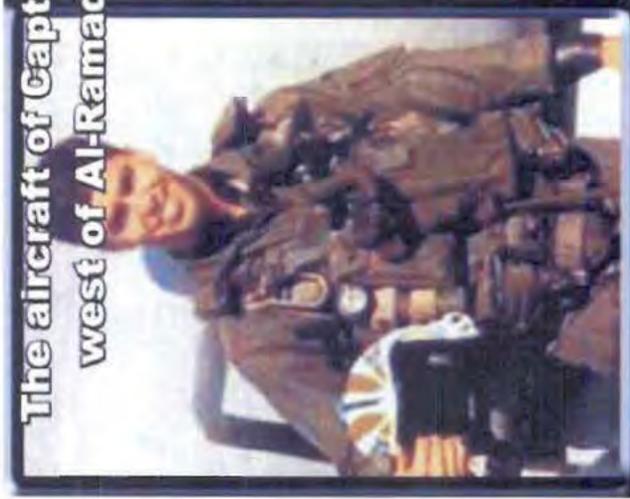
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# SPEICHER STATUS

The aircraft of Captain Speicher crashed west of Al-Ramadi in January 1991.



- ✓ Exhausted all in-country leads regarding fate of CAPT Speicher
- ✓ Team departed ISG May 04

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## FUTURE

- **Comprehensive report**
- **Follow-on questions**
- **ISG model demonstrates new level of Intel Community cooperation**
  - **Retain capabilities**
  - **Right-size staff**
  - **Integrate Interim Iraqi Government into WMD search**



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INFO MEMO

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24 July 2004

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR,

(b)(3) 10 USC § 424

FROM: Joseph J. McMenamin, BG, USMC, Director, Iraq Survey Group

SUBJECT: Iraq Survey Group (ISG) Counterterrorism Weekly Significant Actions (U)

1. ~~(S//REL)~~ Introduction: This is the weekly update of intelligence produced by the ISG resulting in actionable intelligence in support of counterterrorism (CT) and force protection (FP) operations in the Iraq Area of Operations.

2. ~~(S//REL)~~ Background: The ISG contributed to CT and FP operations through the efforts of its Joint Interrogation and Debriefing Center (JIDC), Detachment Baghdad (DET-B), Coalition Operating Base Mosul (COB-M), Joint Document Exploitation Cell Basrah (JDEC-B) and the Combined Media Processing Center (CMPC). DET-B produced five<sup>1</sup>, and JIDC produced four spot reports<sup>2</sup>. DET-B and COB-M collected information from recruited agents and developmental leads resulting in the publication of 15 IIRs related to CT or FP. [1.4c] personnel assigned to the ISG produced 76 CT geospatial-intelligence products. Additionally, the ISG CT team provided direct analytical support to the CT and FP collection efforts and provided direct support to CT and FP operations.

3. ~~(S//REL)~~ Key Points:

- ISG's elements produced the following Spot Reports:
  - [1.4c] (16 July 04): Location of an IED planted on a street close to New Baghdad District.
  - [1.4c] (16 July 04): Large amount of weapons, ammunition and three helicopter engines for sale to anti-Coalition forces are located in a warehouse near Suwayrah.
  - [1.4c] (16 July 04): The Jaysh al-Kather group plans attacks on Coalition forces near a mosque in Hillah.
  - [1.4c] (17 July 04): The Jaysh al-Kather group plans RPG and mortar attacks on U.S. convoys traveling on the expressways south of Baghdad in the vicinity of Hillah.
  - [1.4c] (17 July): A red Mercedes two-ton truck, currently in Mosul, is to be used as a VBIED in a suicide attack against MNF-I or Iraqi government locations. A Jordanian, with forged Iraqi identity documents, is the suspected driver.

<sup>1</sup> SPOT  
<sup>2</sup> SPOT

[1.4c]

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- [redacted] 1.4c (19 July 04): Twenty Arab fighters are going to be released back to the Mujahadin during their transfer from the Al-Qa'im police station to the Ar-Ramadi police station.
- [redacted] 1.4c (19 July 04): A group of Mujahadin fighters from the Al-Salmami tribe are planning attacks against three locations in the Husayba area of Al-Qa'im.
- [redacted] 1.4c (20 July 04): As of 18 July 2004, AIF of the Al-Hadrah Movement were planning a VBIED attack on the U.S. Ambassador in Baghdad, to occur during an indefinite period starting the morning of 20 July 2004.
- [redacted] 1.4c (21 July 04): Former Ba'ath party members and insurgent elements are planning assassination attempts on 30 July 2004.

- ISG/CT passed the above Spot Reports to MNF-I / MNC-I for targeting and exploitation.
- During the period 16 July 2004 to 22 July 2004, ISG/DH personnel assigned to DET-B and COB-M collected information from recruited agents and developmental leads resulting in the publication of 15 CT- and FP-related IIRs. They reported on:

- [redacted] 1.4b, 1.4c
- A militia member who transported weapons from Fallujah to Najaf in spring 2004.
- Weapons available to AIF in Baghdad.
- An Iraqi NGO called Al-Sada al-Ashraf or the Syndicate of Nobles Highborn
- Biographical information on a person possibly transporting weapons into Baghdad.
- The financial support groups for AIF in Baghdad.
- Baghdad-based insurgents attempting to procure weapons via Baiji due to shortages in the capital.
- A weapons dealer in As Sulaymaniyah, operating with direct authorization from the PUK.
- A possible AI leader for Europe, [redacted] (b)(6) [redacted] (b)(6) identified in Irbil.
- The location of anti-coalition groups in Baghdad.
- An update on Al-Qa'im insurgents and activities.
- On an [redacted] 1.4b, 1.4d intelligence officer who facilitates the passage of weapons from [redacted] 1.4b, 1.4d to the Mahdi Army.
- Biographic and location information on [redacted] (b)(6) [redacted] (b)(6)
- Iraqi Security Forces pay problems impacting security situation in Al-Qa'im.
- A document-forgery in Mosul who provides anti-multinational forces with all types of fake documents.

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- Maneuver units and the special operations community were informed of all actionable information by the most expeditious means.
  - [1.4c] personnel assigned to the ISG produced 76 imagery and geospatial products for the CT team. These products included projects for the Ar-Ramadi target set and locating a specific Baghdad cinema. Additionally, [1.4c] analysts located areas next to an embassy in the Al-Mansur district of Baghdad. They also produced an unclassified map from the locations of all known Embassies in this area. Force protection products continued to be generated as well.
4. ~~(S//REL)~~ Counterterrorism Team support to operations:
- In addition to supporting the overall ISG [1.4c] collection mission, the CT team provided the following support to operations from 16 to 22 July 04:
    - CT analysts participated in coordination meetings with JSOTF personnel. A number of pending target sets related to both the Al-Abud network and a SPOT report published by DET-B, targeting procedures, and targeting prioritization were covered.
    - Analysts traveled to DET-B to participate in Analyst/Case Officer exchange meetings with detachment personnel, conferring on both mission priorities and source requirements. Plans of attack on sources, staff directed requirements, and future target operations were developed.
    - The CT Targeting cell attended the 1<sup>st</sup> CD targeting meeting and lent direct analytical support to an exploitation mission suspected to have yielded chemical weapons. Subject matter experts' analysis reported negative on CW.
    - CT representatives attended the battle handover coordination meeting between FOB 51 and FOB 52, establishing working relationships between the CT team and adjacent tactical [1.4c] collection assets.
5. ~~(S//REL)~~ The Way Ahead: Planning is proceeding apace for post-WMD Report ISG/CT configuration and uninterrupted support to CT and FP operations. In the meantime, ISG/CT will continue to monitor leads and produce actionable intelligence from [1.4c] imagery, and DOCEX sources.

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Prepared by: [1.4c] ISG-Counterterrorism  
Released by: [(b)(6)] Chief, ISG-Counterterrorism Team

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