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PREFACE

1 **1. Scope**

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3 This publication builds upon the foundation of joint doctrine in Joint Publication 3-01, *Joint*
4 *Doctrine for Countering Air and Missile Threats*, and provides more detailed guidance on
5 defensive operations for countering air and missile threats. This publication provides doctrine for
6 the integration of defensive counterair (which includes operations for joint theater missile
7 defense) capabilities to support execution of the joint force commander's (JFC's) operation order
8 or campaign plan. It covers all defensive measures designed to detect, identify, intercept, and
9 destroy or negate adversary forces attempting to attack or penetrate the friendly air environment.
10 The focus is to protect against theater air and missile threats through an integrated and
11 coordinated mix of mutually supporting measures of passive defense, active defense, and
12 command, control, communications, computers and intelligence.

13 **2. Purpose**

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16 This publication has been prepared under the direction of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of
17 Staff. It sets forth doctrine to govern the joint activities and performance of the Armed Forces of
18 the United States in joint operations and provides the doctrinal basis for US military involvement
19 in multinational and interagency operations. It provides military guidance for the exercise of
20 authority by combatant commanders and other JFCs and prescribes doctrine for joint operations
21 and training. It provides military guidance for use by the Armed Forces in preparing their
22 appropriate plans. It is not the intent of this publication to restrict the authority of the JFC from
23 organizing the force and executing the mission in a manner the JFC deems most appropriate to
24 ensure unity of effort in the accomplishment of the overall mission.

25 **3. Application**

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28 a. Doctrine and guidance established in this publication apply to the commanders of
29 combatant commands, subunified commands, joint task forces, and subordinate components of
30 these commands. These principles and guidance also may apply when significant forces of one
31 Service are attached to forces of another Service or when significant forces of one Service support
32 forces of another Service.

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34 b. The guidance in this publication is authoritative; as such, this doctrine will be followed
35 except when, in the judgment of the commander, exceptional circumstances dictate otherwise. If
36 conflicts arise between the contents of this publication and the contents of Service publications,
37 this publication will take precedence for the activities of joint forces unless the Chairman of the
38 Joint Chiefs of Staff, normally in coordination with the other members of the Joint Chiefs of
39 Staff, has provided more current and specific guidance. Commanders of forces operating as part
40 of a multinational (alliance or coalition) military command should follow multinational doctrine

1 and procedures ratified by the United States. For doctrine and procedures not ratified by the
2 United States, commanders should evaluate and follow the multinational command's doctrine and
3 procedures, where applicable and consistent with US law, regulations, and doctrine.
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY COMMANDER'S OVERVIEW

- **Addresses the Threat and the Defensive Counterair (DCA) Operational Elements**
 - **Establishes DCA Responsibilities and Command Relationships**
 - **Addresses Command, Control, Communications, Computers, and Intelligence Systems and Multinational Considerations**
 - **Discusses Critical Factors of DCA Planning and Operations**
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Overview

The goal of defensive counterair (DCA) operations, in concert with offensive counterair (OCA) operations, is to provide a secure area from which joint forces can operate.

Defensive counterair (DCA) is inherently joint. Therefore, joint force components, supporting combatant commanders, and multinational force capabilities must be integrated toward the common objective of neutralizing or destroying the adversary's offensive air and missile capability. Unity of effort is enabled by centralized DCA planning. A distributed, collaborative command and control (C2) environment will ensure that the integrated air defense system is integrated into the joint force commander's (JFC's) overall concept of operations and campaign objectives. Decentralized execution by the joint force components, is carefully designed, deployed and supported as directed by the JFC. Efficient battle management and command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (C4ISR) processes and systems ensure unity of effort and a synchronized joint force capability.

As an integral part of counterair, joint theater missile defense operations and operations against tactical aircraft and missile threats must be thoroughly integrated.

In addition to passive and active defense, the joint theater missile defense incorporates planning and C2 actions to facilitate offensive counterair (OCA) attack operations. **Preemptive destruction of aircraft and missiles is more efficient and effective than engaging them in flight.**

The Threat

Adversaries will employ area denial strategies designed to prevent the buildup of US forces.

Every “**anti-access**” strategy today relies in some measure on the employment of advanced aircraft and/or missiles. These aircraft and missiles may be employed alone or in coordinated operations with other area denial capabilities. Targets may include

attacks on the infrastructure supporting US power projection capability (ports, airfields and communications networks), relevant political targets and direct assaults on military forces. In this environment the use of weapons of mass destruction cannot be ruled out.

Military aircraft and missiles can also be instruments of political coercion. Political targets include civilian population centers and government, cultural, and religious structures and locations. In addition, propaganda value exists in attacking US and multinational military forces, particularly in rear areas, to show the vulnerability of these forces.

Defensive Counterair Operational Elements

Passive air defense.

Passive air defense provides individual and collective protection for friendly forces and critical assets and is the responsibility of every commander in the joint force. Passive measures include: camouflage, concealment, and deception; hardening; reconstitution; nuclear, biological, and chemical protective equipment and sheltering facilities; redundancy; detection and warning systems; dispersal; and mobility.

Active air defense.

All DCA operations (e.g., aerial intercept, high value asset protection, surface-to-air missile engagements) must be under flexible C2. Conservation of resources and prevention of fratricide are essential to gain the most efficient use of limited DCA forces and extract the maximum benefit from available assets. Accurate and timely identification (ID) enhances engagement of adversary aircraft and missiles, conserves friendly resources, and reduces risk to friendly forces. Combat identification (CID) procedures and rules of engagement must allow rapid decisions that enable engagement of targets at the maximum effective range of US and multinational force weapons.

OCA and DCA operations are integrated via command, control, communications, computers, and intelligence.

C2 for DCA operations must use **existing joint and component C4ISR systems and resources efficiently** to link passive air defense and active air defense operations. C2 systems and processes provide threat warning, assigns weapon systems to targets and provides targeting data. **C2 systems must provide rapid communications among all assets, and fuse intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance data, warning systems, and weapon systems.**

Command and Control

Unity of effort, centralized planning, and decentralized execution are key considerations.

The joint force air component commander is the supported commander for counterair operations.

The joint force commander (JFC) designates the area air defense commander (AADC).

Unity of effort is necessary for effectiveness and efficiency. **Centralized planning** is essential for controlling and coordinating the efforts of the forces. **Decentralized execution** is essential because no one commander can control the detailed actions of a large number of units or individuals.

The JFC will normally designate a joint force air component commander (JFACC) to integrate the capabilities and C2 of joint air assets. The JFC will normally assign JFACC responsibilities to the component commander having the preponderance of air assets and capability to plan, task and control joint air operations. Since the responsibilities of a JFACC, area air defense commander (AADC) and airspace control authority (ACA) are interrelated, designating a JFACC normally negates the need for a separate AADC and ACA. If the JFC decides to assign an AADC or ACA apart from the JFACC based on the situation, close coordination between commanders is essential.

The JFC normally designates an AADC when conducting joint DCA operations. Normally, the AADC is the component commander with the preponderance of air defense capability and the command, control, communications, computers, and intelligence (C4I) to plan, coordinate, and execute integrated air and missile defense operations. The AADC and subordinate control centers and echelons will be granted the necessary command authority to deconflict and control engagements and to exercise battle management. Responsibilities of the AADC include (but are not limited to):

- (1) Develop and promulgate a JFC-approved integrated joint area air defense plan (AADP).
- (2) Develop and disseminate a plan for timely air and missile attack warning to components, forces, and civil authorities as required.
- (3) Develop ID and engagement procedures appropriate to the threat.
- (4) Enforce timely and accurate track reporting to enhance the integrated air picture.

(5) Establish sectors or regions as appropriate, and designate regional/sector air defense commanders as required to execute DCA operations and battle management.

(6) Appoint deputy AADCs as required to supervise complex functional component DCA plans and operations.

The JFC designates an airspace control authority.

The broad responsibilities of the ACA include coordinating, deconflicting and integrating the use of the airspace control area. The ACA develops policies and procedures for airspace control and coordination among units within the area of responsibility (AOR)/joint operations area (JOA). The airspace control system must be responsive to needs of the JFC and integrate the system of the host nation. The ACA develops the airspace control plan (ACP) and after JFC approval, promulgates it throughout the AOR/JOA. The ACP is implemented by the airspace control order (ACO) with which all components must comply. All component forces that affect joint air operations are subject to the ACO. However, centralized airspace direction does not include operational or tactical control over any DCA asset. The ACA responsibilities with regard to DCA operations include (but are not limited to):

(1) Link the ACP to the AADP when designating volumes of airspace.

(2) Develop airspace control measures that support and enhance DCA operations.

(3) Provide a flexible ACP that can easily adapt to changing DCA requirements and the tactical situation.

Planning Defensive Counterair Operations

The JFC develops his campaign focused on the adversary centers of gravity (COGs) and ensures that friendly COGs are protected.

The AADC uses assigned campaign plan tasks to develop the AADP. The AADC's amount of direct involvement depends on the time available, the personal preferences, and the experience and accessibility of the staff. The AADC uses the entire staff and component DCA staffs during planning to explore the full range of probable and likely adversary and friendly courses of action (COAs), and to analyze and compare his own capabilities with the adversary's.

Planning DCA operations involves integrating force capabilities and limitations against adversary vulnerabilities to achieve optimum results in an ever-changing tactical environment. The factors that must be taken into consideration for planning include objectives, force requirements, logistics, synchronization/timing, weapons availability, force availability, force size, and operational assessment.

Joint Intelligence Preparation of the Battlespace

Joint intelligence preparation of the battlespace helps commanders understand the adversary and select appropriate courses of action.

Joint intelligence preparation of the battlespace (JIPB) is the analytical process used by joint intelligence organizations to produce intelligence assessments, estimates, and other intelligence products to support the commander's (JFC's) decisionmaking process. It is a continuous process which enables JFC's and their staffs to visualize the full spectrum of adversary capabilities and potential COA across all dimensions of the battlespace.

The supporting intelligence preparation of the battlespace process is both continuous and cyclical.

Component intelligence preparation of the battlespace (IPB) focuses on the adversary's forces and operations necessary to accomplish the most likely and most dangerous COAs identified by JIPB. IPB is a four-step process — define the battlespace environment, describe the battlespace's effects, evaluate the adversary, determine adversary **potential** COAs.

Airspace Control and Engagement Zones

Basic considerations for planning airspace control are:

The primary DCA concerns with airspace control are to ensure that defensive operations are integrated with the overall airspace control plan (ACP) and that the ACP facilitates DCA and OCA synchronization.

- (1) **Support the Joint Force.** Airspace control is an integral piece of the joint air operations plan; priorities stem from the JFC's priorities.
- (2) **Interoperability.** Interoperability is essential to effective operations that can conserve DCA forces and munitions and to prevent fratricide.
- (3) **Mass and Timing.** DCA planning needs to include consideration of the aircraft traffic volume and timing to fully integrate DCA with OCA and other missions.
- (4) **Unity of Effort.** Liaison between joint force DCA elements integrates information flow and provides expertise to the designated combat zone ACAs.

(5) **Integrated Planning Cycles.** The airspace control planning cycle must be integrated with the AADP, the air tasking order and also support joint campaign and operation plans timing.

(6) **Degraded Operations.** The ACP must anticipate the results of attacks, and use of adversary electronic warfare efforts and communications degradation on system operations.

Identification

Identification authority is the authority to assign the identity of an unknown contact as friendly, hostile or neutral, if possible.

Identification is an essential and inseparable part of airspace control and air defense operations. Accurate and timely ID enhances engagement of adversary aircraft, conserves friendly resources, and reduces the risk of fratricide. CID is the accomplishment of the ID process with near real time exchange of information between all air control facilities, control units, and airspace users to meet the time and accuracy demands of combat operations. CID requires reliable voice and data nets, radars, ID friend or foe systems and selective ID features and established processes and procedures.

Area Air Defense Planning

With the support and input of Service and/or functional component commanders, the AADC develops the joint area air defense plan.

The AADP is the integration of active air defense design, passive defense measures and the C4I system to provide a comprehensive approach to defending against the threat. The plan should contain detailed weapons control and engagement procedures, be closely integrated with the ACP and facilitate a streamlined decision and coordination process. Planners must understand that they will routinely be required to modify the AADP due to the dynamic nature of joint operations. Ideally, as the operation progresses and the AADP is refined, the adversary's ability to conduct air and missile attacks will diminish, reducing the threat to the JFC's freedom of action. The AADP builds upon the DCA Estimate and should address command relationships, the adversary and friendly situation, the AADC's mission, the AADC's concept of operation, logistics, and command, control, communications, and computers requirements.

Active Air Defense Execution

The overall DCA effort must synchronize and integrate forces and capabilities from all components.

Active air defense operations include:

- (1) Area defense; uses a combination of weapon systems to defend a broad area.
- (2) Point defense; protects limited areas, normally in defense of vital elements of forces or installations.
- (3) Self-defense; allows friendly units to defend themselves and friendly units/assets in the vicinity against direct attack or threats of attack by using organic weapons and systems.

DCA operations should attempt to intercept intruding adversary aircraft and missiles as early as possible. Although DCA operations are reactive in nature, they should be conducted as far from the friendly operational area as feasible. To ensure defeat of adversary air and missile threats, the engagement process must continue through the approach to, entry into, and departure from the friendly operational area. The key to effective DCA is rapid implementation, proper execution, and timely adaptation of the AADP. The dynamic nature of war requires DCA commanders be prepared to modify the AADP as the situation requires; they should fight the adversary rather than the plan.

Passive Air Defense Execution

Passive air defense is necessary to complete the essential individual and collective protection for friendly forces, population centers, and critical assets.

By examining adversary munitions characteristics and quantities, and their targeting process, the likelihood and timing of an attack may be estimated and passive measures can be employed before, during, and after an attack. There are four principal measures for passive air defense.

- (1) **Tactical Warning.** Tactical detection and warning triggers some passive and enhances air and missile defense capabilities by decreasing weapon system reaction times. Component commanders are responsible for providing tactical warning to assigned forces and are supported by national and theater systems.
- (2) **Reduce Adversary Targeting Effectiveness.** The effectiveness of an air or missile attack, or airborne surveillance can be reduced through: command and

control warfare, mobility, deception, and operations security.

(3) **Reducing vulnerability** enables units to survive an adversary attack. Measures to reduce vulnerability include: hardening the force, redundancy, dispersal, nuclear, biological, and chemical defense, and civilian training.

(4) **Recovery and Reconstitution.** Following an air or missile attack, units should be restored to a desired level of combat effectiveness commensurate with mission requirements and available resources.

CONCLUSION

This publication provides doctrine for the integration of DCA (which includes operations for joint theater missile defense) capabilities to support execution of the JFC's operation order or campaign plan. It covers all defensive measures designed to detect, identify, intercept, and destroy or negate adversary forces attempting to attack or penetrate the friendly air environment. The focus is to protect against theater air and missile threats through an integrated and coordinated mix of mutually supporting measures of passive defense, active defense, and C4I.



Figure I-1 The Counterair Framework

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2 **3. Defensive Counterair**

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4 a. **The goal of DCA operations, in concert with OCA operations, is to provide a secure**
5 **area from which joint forces can operate.**

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7 b. DCA is all defensive measures designed to detect, identify, intercept, and destroy or
8 negate adversary air and missile forces attempting to surveil, attack or penetrate the friendly air
9 environment. DCA employs both active and passive defensive measures to protect US or
10 multinational forces (MNFs), assets, population centers, and interests.

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12 c. **DCA operations usually begin early in the conduct of joint operations.** The
13 immediate goal is to achieve a-the desired degree of air superiority at the time and place of the
14 JFC's choosing in order to allow freedom of action to execute the JFC's operation plan
15 (OPLAN) and protect the joint force. ~~Coupled with local superiority over friendly forces and~~
16 ~~assets, this should allow j~~Joint forces should then have the ability to perform their tasks without
17 prohibitive interference from adversary attacks. **Air superiority may not totally eliminate air**
18 **and missile opposition. However, some-Though the** degree of air superiority **required**
19 **depends on the JFC's concept of operations, it** must be achieved or the joint force will yield
20 **the initiative to the adversary.**

SECTION B. FOCUS OF DEFENSIVE COUNTERAIR

4. Threat

~~Adversary air and missile threats continue to grow in numbers and capabilities.~~ Noting the lessons of Desert Storm, adversaries will employ area denial strategies designed to prevent the buildup of US forces. Every “anti-access” strategy today relies in some measure on the employment of advanced aircraft and/or missiles. These aircraft and missiles may be employed alone or in coordinated operations with other area denial capabilities. Targets may include attacks on the infrastructure supporting US power projection capability (ports, airfields and communications networks), relevant political targets and direct assaults on military forces. In this environment, the use of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) cannot be ruled out. Since many ~~developing~~ nations are acquiring modern theater missiles (TMs), (CMs, theater ballistic missiles [TBM], and ASMs), **the number of countries with an offensive air capability will continue to increase.**

a. Other trends also complicate the counterair mission. ~~The detection capabilities, engagement ranges, mobility,~~ and lethality of adversary TM systems and fighter aircraft have significantly increased. ~~CMs-Cruise missiles~~ and unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) present are elusive targets ~~and will remain~~ difficult to detect, identify, and engage. ~~The proliferation and advances in technologies-technology,~~ coupled with ability to deliver weapons of mass destruction (WMD) make TMs and aircraft particularly difficult and dangerous threats.

b. Military aircraft and missiles can also be instruments of political coercion. Political targets include civilian population centers and government, cultural, and religious structures and locations. In addition, propaganda value exists in attacking US and multinational military forces, particularly in rear areas, ~~in order~~ to show the vulnerability ~~to attack~~ of these forces. Attacks on ~~contract troop transports, airlift aircraft and ships, tankers, etc.~~ at rear area “protected” airfields-terminals and major hubs are particularly effective ~~targets due to their vulnerability and visibility.~~

c. Assessment of the threat will influence initial DCA planning. **Initial attacks may employ TMs in conjunction with aircraft attacks** against a variety of targets; air defense artillery sites, command and control (C2) elements, communications nodes, air facilities, seaports, logistic centers, key civilian facilities such as power and water plants, nuclear delivery systems, storage sites, and industrial complexes.

5. Countering the Air and Missile Threat

DCA forces perform their portion of the integrated CA effort ~~in two phases:~~ protecting the force during early entry and achieving air superiority over friendly airspace. These operations consist of active and passive air defense measures linked ~~together with by~~ a joint command, control, communications, computers, and intelligence (C4I) systems infrastructure. The basic ~~defense criteria is~~ defensive objectives are normally to detect, identify, intercept, negate, and destroy the threat.

1 a. **Protecting the Force.** ~~During the phases of any operation, there likely will be~~
2 ~~insufficient DCA assets present to defend every JFC designated high value asset (HVA). Those~~
3 ~~assets must be prioritized— if the DCA cannot maintain a sufficient defense of the initial entry~~
4 ~~or follow-on force, the entire campaign may be jeopardized. During any operation, there may be~~
5 ~~insufficient DCA assets present to defend everything on the critical asset list (CAL), possibly~~
6 ~~even some of the JFC designated assets. If DCA cannot maintain sufficient defense of the initial~~
7 ~~entry or follow-on force, the entire campaign may be jeopardized. Therefore the CAL must be~~
8 ~~prioritized and available DCA assets applied to the highest priority assets. Those assets on the~~
9 ~~CAL covered by active air defense forces become the defended asset list (DAL). When~~
10 ~~applicable, the mobility of the DCA assets must be employed as a force multiplier.~~

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12 b. **DCA is inherently joint.** Therefore, joint force components, supporting combatant
13 commanders, and MNF capabilities must be integrated toward the common objective of
14 neutralizing or destroying the adversary's offensive air and missile capability. Unity of effort is
15 enabled by centralized DCA planning. A distributed, collaborative C2 environment will ensure
16 that the integrated air defense system (IADS) is integrated into the JFC's overall concept of
17 operations and campaign objectives. Decentralized execution by the joint force components, is
18 carefully designed, deployed and supported as directed by the JFC. Efficient battle management
19 and command, control, communications, computer, intelligence, surveillance, and
20 reconnaissance (C4ISR) processes and systems ensure unity of effort and a synchronized joint
21 force capability.

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23 c. **Air Superiority.** ~~As additional DCA forces arrive in theater, the DCA focus will shift~~
24 ~~from protecting critical assets to achieving air superiority.~~ The degree of air superiority required
25 depends on the overall situation, the JFC's concept of operations, and guidance. The degree of
26 air superiority attained may vary over time and geography. ~~Having Aair superiority may~~
27 ~~probably will~~ not totally eliminate air and missile opposition. ~~However, it limits but will limit~~
28 the adversary's ability to conduct air and missile attacks while ~~providing a more favorable~~
29 ~~environment for allowing~~ joint forces to perform their tasks without prohibitive interference.

30 31 **6. Operations**

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33 **DCA operations consist of active and passive air defense measures linked together**
34 **within a joint C4I infrastructure.** This joint C4I infrastructure must also be integrated with
35 other systems and processes in order to support prosecution of OCA targets, including time-
36 sensitive targets (TSTs) ~~by OCA~~, and provide timely warning of air and missile attack to the
37 force.

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39 a. **Active Air Defense.** All DCA operations (e.g., aerial intercept, high value asset [HVA]
40 protection, surface-to-air missile [SAM] engagements) must be under flexible C2. Conservation
41 of resources and prevention of fratricide are essential to gain the most efficient use of limited
42 DCA forces and extract the maximum benefit from available assets. Accurate and timely
43 identification (ID) enhances engagement of adversary aircraft and missiles, conserves friendly
44 resources, and reduces risk to friendly forces. ~~However, e~~Combat identification (CID)
45 procedures and rules of engagement (ROE) must allow rapid decisions that enable engagement
46 of targets at the maximum effective range of US and ~~allied~~ MNF weapons.

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2 b. **Passive Air Defense.** Passive air defense provides individual and collective protection
3 for friendly forces and ~~critical~~ assets and is the responsibility of every commander in the joint
4 force. ~~The area air defense commander (AADC) is responsible for timely warning of~~
5 ~~attack, which initiates some of the passive defense measures taken to minimize the effectiveness~~
6 ~~of attacking aircraft and missiles.~~ Passive measures include: camouflage, concealment, and
7 deception; hardening; reconstitution; nuclear, biological, and chemical (NBC) ~~defensive~~
8 protective equipment and sheltering facilities; redundancy; detection and warning systems;
9 dispersal; and mobility.

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11 c. C2 for DCA operations must use **existing joint and component C4I systems and**
12 **resources efficiently** to link passive air defense and active air defense operations. C2 systems
13 and processes provides threat warning, assign weapon systems to targets and provide targeting
14 data. **C2 systems must provide rapid communications among all assets, and fuse**
15 **intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) data, warning systems, and weapon**
16 **systems.**

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18 d. **Maritime Considerations.** Maritime forces operating in the littoral environment by
19 their very nature are maneuverable, providing great operational flexibility. However, their
20 increased proximity to land-based threats may require increased coordination ~~with joint land~~
21 ~~forces between components.~~ Interdiction, attack operations and DCA attrition of the threat
22 becomes more critical, and naval elements must coordinate closely with land forces in the
23 theater intelligence preparation of the battlespace (IPB), DCA, and IADS efforts. Naval vessels
24 and aircraft may find themselves engaging in an land-based over-land engagement zone, subject
25 to more restrictive procedures.

26 27 7. Integration

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29 The capability to synchronize and integrate joint efforts is an important requirement of
30 DCA. Components should leverage a mix of weapon systems to maximize DCA to counter the
31 threat. Limitations of some systems may be overcome by the advantages of others. **Integration**
32 **is a force multiplier** as the total capability of an integrated DCA operation is synergistic.

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34 a. All forces engaging air and missile threats are required to conduct operations in
35 accordance with (IAW) the JFC's priorities, plans, and procedures, airspace control authority
36 (ACA), and AADC priorities, plans and procedures the airspace control plan (ACP), and area air
37 defense plan (AADP).

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39 b. ROE must be established, disseminated, and understood. Commanders at all levels are
40 responsible for ~~ensuring compliance~~ establishing ROE for mission accomplishment that comply
41 with ROE of senior commanders and the standing rules of engagement (SROE). ~~The JFC is~~
42 ~~responsible for establishing and/or implementing the ROE may develop and submit for~~
43 ~~approval those supplement ROE required for mission success that require the use of force.~~
44 The JFC should request inputs and recommendations from the joint force air component
45 commander (JFACC), area air defense commander (AADC), and component commanders. All
46 US forces must become familiar with the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (CJCS) Standing

1 ~~Rules of Engagement (SROE). US forces serving under foreign control must have the ability to~~
2 ~~respond IAW the CJCS SROE which apply at all times. Additionally, theater specific ROE may~~
3 ~~exist. under the control of a MNF will follow ROE of the MNF unless otherwise directed by the~~
4 ~~President. US forces will be assigned and remain operational control (OPCON) to a foreign~~
5 ~~MNF commander only if the combatant commander or higher authority determine that the ROE~~
6 ~~for that MNF are consistent with US policy guidance on individual and unit self-defense as~~
7 ~~contained in Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Instruction (CJCSI) 3121.01A, *Standing Rules*~~
8 ~~*of Engagement for US Forces.*~~

9
10 c. **Identification.** ~~Since ballistic missiles have a distinct flight profile, ROE for this threat~~
11 ~~should allow for immediate engagement. The AADC and ACA establish procedures within the~~
12 ~~airspace control system to positively identify all airborne assets, reduce delays in operations, and~~
13 ~~prevent fratricide. To that end, the area air defense plan (AADP) must be thoroughly~~
14 ~~coordinated and disseminated to avoid DCA operational conflicts. The AADC will grant~~
15 ~~designated subordinates the necessary authority to deconflict ID and expedite tactical C2 of~~
16 ~~engagements. Designated subordinates are normally granted the necessary authority to deconflict~~
17 ~~ID and expedite tactical control (TACON) of engagements. The procedures are established~~
18 ~~within the airspace control system to positively identify or classify all airborne assets, reduce~~
19 ~~delays in operations, and prevent fratricide. The AADP and ACP must be thoroughly~~
20 ~~coordinated and disseminated to avoid operational conflicts. Since ballistic missiles have a~~
21 ~~distinct flight profile, ROE for this threat should allow for immediate engagement.~~

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23 d. **Asset Protection.** Some resources or capabilities are important enough that their loss
24 could seriously impact warfighting capabilities, or have significant political implications.
25 Protection of these HVA should be incorporated into the AADP. HVA's may be airborne or
26 surface.

27
28 (1) Examples of High Value Airborne Assets (HVAA) include Airborne Warning and
29 Control System (AWACS), Rivet Joint (RJ), Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System
30 (JSTARS), and Compass Call. HVAA protection should be provided by the best joint asset
31 based on a combination of capability and availability.

32
33 (2) **High Value Surface Assets.** These are surface assets (e.g., ports, logistic bases,
34 cities, assembly areas, carriers battle groups, amphibious groups) that are of high importance to
35 friendly forces **and at risk from air and missile attack.**

36
37 (3) **Critical and Defended Asset Lists.** Component commanders, the JFC staff, and
38 political interests involved provide asset nominations ~~for this list. The nominations which~~ are
39 consolidated and maintained on the critical asset list ~~(CAL)~~, and prioritized to produce the JFC's
40 priorities for ~~air and missile defense DCA~~. The prioritized list is matched against available
41 defensive assets. Those entities that have defensive weapons systems assigned for protection
42 make up the DAL. The remaining nominations are constantly reevaluated for inclusion in the
43 DAL. Component commanders are responsible for ensuring that sufficient DCA assets are
44 assigned to protect critical assets specified by the JFC.

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1 e. **Plans.** Centrally planned operations, and fully coordinated ~~identification-ID~~ and
2 engagement procedures are vital for avoiding duplication of effort and fratricide. ~~The ACA is~~
3 ~~responsible for coordinating joint use of the theater airspace. The ACA will publish an airspace~~
4 ~~control plan (ACP) which will be implemented by the airspace control order (ACO). The ACP~~
5 ~~as stated before,~~ is inextricably linked to the AADP ~~published by the AADC.~~ The intent is to
6 maximize combat effectiveness of the joint force while minimizing the restrictions and adverse
7 impact on component forces and multinational partners. To accomplish this, ~~DCA operation's~~
8 ~~the~~ primary task is a plan to defeat adversary air and missile attacks. The secondary task is to do
9 the centralized joint theater missile defense (JTMD)/DCA planning to maximize the
10 synchronization of OCA and DCA. See the following Ssection of this chapter.

11 12 SECTION C. SYNCHRONIZATION AND INTEGRATION OF OFFENSIVE AND 13 DEFENSIVE COUNTERAIR

14 15 8. General

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17 OCA and DCA are mutually supporting operations, which provide the freedom from attack,
18 freedom to maneuver and the freedom to attack necessary for success in air, land, sea or space
19 operations. Close coordination between ~~joint commanders JFCs~~ and early ~~campaign~~ planning
20 are required to integrate both operations.

21 22 *The Relationship Between Offense and Defense*

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24 **Joint operations normally will include elements of both offense and defense.**
25 During initial entry operations, entry forces may be required to defend while
26 force buildup occurs. Even in sustained offensive operations, selected elements of
27 the joint force may need to pause, defend, resupply, or reconstitute, while other forces
28 continue the attack. Further, force protection includes certain defensive
29 measures throughout the campaign. Forces at all levels within the joint force must
30 possess the mental agility to rapidly transition between offense and defense and
31 vice versa.

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33 Joint Publication (JP) 3-0, *Doctrine for Joint Operations*

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35 a. ~~Before CA, JTMD (previously covered in JP 3-01.5, Doctrine for Joint Theater Missile~~
36 ~~Defense) was the significant air doctrine that closely synchronized the attack with the defense.~~
37 ~~While JTMD is an integral part of CA, detailed missile defense planning to counter this specific~~
38 ~~threat is often necessary to properly synchronize and integrate the two efforts and their~~
39 ~~operational elements. The overall CA tenets of centralized planning and decentralized execution~~
40 ~~of OCA/DCA operations continue to remain key. As an integral part of CA, JTMD~~
41 ~~operations and operations against tactical aircraft and missile threats must be thoroughly~~
42 ~~integrated. The different characteristics of aircraft and cruise and ballistic missiles may require~~
43 ~~intelligence preparation and planning efforts focused on a specific threat. Threat specific~~
44 ~~planning should then be integrated within the overall counterair effort to deconflict missions and~~
45 ~~synchronize operations.~~

46
47 (1) In addition to passive and active defense, JTMD incorporates planning and C2
48 actions to facilitate OCA attack operations. **Preemptive destruction of ~~TM's especially~~**

1 | ~~provides greater force protection than engaging them in flight.~~ aircraft and missiles is
2 | more efficient and effective than engaging them in flight. While these attacks are
3 | accomplished via offensive air or ~~land~~-surface force fires and maneuver, **the purpose is**
4 | **defensive force protection** and these attacks must be planned and synchronized with the
5 | overall DCA scheme to maximize the effectiveness of resources.

6 |
7 | (2) Considerations for integrating and synchronizing OCA and DCA:
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9 | (a) A single commander with an adequate C2 system is responsible for ~~planning~~
10 | ~~and executing the conduct of~~ both OCA and DCA operations. If properly organized and
11 | established this C2 system should be able to seamlessly flow assets from one mission to the
12 | other based upon the mission, phase and changing daily requirements to support the JFC and his
13 | scheme of maneuver and fires.

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15 | (b) OCA and DCA ~~operations each~~ should maximize the strengths and minimize
16 | vulnerabilities of ~~each type of the other~~ operation.

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18 | (c) The relationship between OCA and DCA is situation dependent. Under some
19 | circumstances OCA operations may ~~be~~-predominate, under others, particularly military
20 | operations other than war (MOOTW), DCA may be used exclusively.

21 |
22 | b. Synchronization, integration and unity of effort between OCA and DCA operations are
23 | facilitated by the use of many of the same sensors, weapons, and C2 systems. Timely exchange
24 | of information, in addition to situational awareness, interoperability among C2 and intelligence
25 | nodes, and decision support tools facilitate seamless connectivity between commanders and
26 | components.

27 |
28 | c. Interoperable systems facilitate centralized planning and decentralized execution.
29 | Architecture is a critical element in OCA/DCA synchronization and integration. C4I systems
30 | meld communications, sensors, automation, and intelligence with decision makers, operators,
31 | and weapons throughout the battlespace. They enable the joint force to simultaneously detect
32 | adversary aircraft, and TMs ~~and air defense targets~~; to warn friendly forces; and to rapidly react
33 | to neutralize or destroy the threat.

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35 | ***Precision Engagement** is the ability of joint forces to locate, surveil, discern, and*
36 | *track objectives or targets; select, organize, and use the correct systems; generate*
37 | *desired effects; assess results; and reengage with decisive speed and overwhelming*
38 | *operational tempo as required, throughout the full range of military operations.*

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40 | **Joint Vision 2020**
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The following vignette is an example of synchronized and integrated offensive counterair (OCA)/defensive counterair (DCA) mission execution.

Upon a theater ballistic missile (TBM) launch, in-theater sensors and other national assets detect the launch and begin tracking the adversary missile. These systems provide near real time ballistic missile warning, trajectory, launch point and impact point data to command and control (C2) nodes through the joint ~~theater-tactical~~ ground station, and the Global Command and Control System (GCCS) ~~and Global Broadcast System~~. After launch, US Space Command provides ~~primary~~-TBM warning. Missile warning ~~infra-red~~ infrared data is processed by the theater event system which is composed of three separate, similar, and complementary ground processing elements which disseminate data over C2 nodes to tactical users and also via prearranged voice networks. Simultaneously, C2 systems alert friendly forces in the predicted TBM impact zone. Friendly forces execute active and passive air defense measures to counter the threat. A Patriot battery, which has also been exchanging tracking surveillance data with an Aegis missile cruiser through the command, control, communications, computer, intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance network, via ~~tactical-digital-information-link (TADIL)~~ tactical data links, tracks the threat and launches a hit to kill the missile on the incoming TBM when it's within range. Simultaneously, joint force intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) systems are cued through GCCS to acquire the adversary launch site. These systems then pass on fire-control targeting data to a designated weapons system, which is employed to destroy the mobile launcher. This seamless process should be executed in less than 10 minutes from the TBM launch. A similar scenario could apply to a package of adversary strike aircraft preparing to take off from an adversary airfield (detected by ISR assets). An OCA strike against the airfield and aircraft before they take off is the preferred method. Simultaneously, DCA forces are alerted of a potential air strike, so friendly forces can initiate active and emphasize passive air defense measures.

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1 | d. The JFC may apportion component DCA ~~assets-effort~~ to the AADC for missions and
2 | also determines the most appropriate command authority over forces made available. Typically,
3 | air and naval forces provide air assets under the AADC's TACON. Land forces and other
4 | surface active air defense units are normally provided in direct support. DCA forces that are
5 | organic to subordinate formations, such as Army Corps air defense brigades, are responsible to
6 | their parent unit for their missions but conduct tactical operations IAW ~~with~~ the AADP and
7 | ACP.

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9 | e. The JFC should establish a theater air and missile warning architecture to share warnings
10 | with joint force components and civilian agencies.

12 | 2. Joint Force Air Component Commander

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14 | ~~a. The JFACC is the supported commander for the theater/JOA counterair effort. The~~
15 | ~~functions and responsibilities of the JFACC, AADC and ACA must be integrated to ensure~~
16 | ~~that OCA and DCA operations and airspace control are synchronized. The~~
17 | ~~responsibilities of the JFACC, AADC and ACA are interrelated and are normally assigned~~
18 | ~~to one individual, but they may be assigned to two or more individuals when the situation~~
19 | ~~dietates. Based upon the situation, if the JFC decides not to assign these duties to one~~
20 | ~~individual, then close coordination between the two all three positions is essential. The JFC~~
21 | ~~will normally designate a JFACC to provide centralized control and unity of effort/command for~~
22 | ~~joint air operations. Since the responsibilities of a JFACC, AADC and ACA are interrelated,~~
23 | ~~designating a JFACC normally negates the need for a separate AADC and ACA. If the JFC~~
24 | ~~decides to assign an AADC or ACA apart from the JFACC based on the situation, close~~
25 | ~~coordination between commanders is essential.~~

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27 | ~~b. DCA issues are usually recommended to the JFC by the JFACC in consultation~~
28 | ~~with the AADC and appropriate component DCA representatives. The JFACC is the~~
29 | ~~supported commander for CA operations. DCA issues, as part of the overall CA effort, are~~
30 | ~~adjudicated by the JFC through the JFACC after consultation with appropriate component DCA~~
31 | ~~representatives and/or an AADC if different from the JFACC. If a JFACC is not designated,~~
32 | ~~DCA issues are adjudicated by the JFC through the AADC after consultation with appropriate~~
33 | ~~component DCA representatives. Areas addressed include, but are not limited to:~~

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- 35 | (1) Developing theater-level DCA plans and orders.
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- 37 | (2) Establishing DCA command relationships.
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- 39 | (3) Establishing operational areas and engagement zones.
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- 41 | (4) Establishing levels of ~~Identification-ID~~ Authority.
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43 | (5) Conducting joint IPB (JIPB) (including target nomination for OCA) ~~which that~~
44 | supports the theater DCA operation.

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1 (6) Ensuring support assets, such as spaced-based missile warning systems, are fully
2 coordinated to support DCA operations.

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4 Note: If the JFC has not designated a JFACC but has designated an AADC, the AADC should
5 make DCA recommendations to the JFC after consultation with appropriate DCA
6 representatives.

7 8 **3. Area Air Defense Commander**

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10 a. The AADC must have the C4I capability to plan, coordinate, and execute integrated air
11 and missile defense operations and real time battle management. Successful operations require
12 comprehensive integration of all available component DCA ~~air and missile defense system~~
13 systems, appropriate passive defense measures and centralized ~~antimissile defense (AMD)-DCA~~
14 planning. The AADC and ~~his~~-subordinate control centers and echelons **will be granted the**
15 **necessary command authority to deconflict and control engagements and to exercise battle**
16 **management.**

17
18 b. Responsibilities of the AADC include, but are not limited to:

19
20 (1) Develop and promulgate a JFC approved integrated joint AADP.

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22 (2) In consultation with the ~~O~~perations ~~D~~irectorate of a joint staff (J-3), ~~I~~ntelligence
23 ~~D~~irectorate of a joint staff (J-2), and ~~C~~ommand, ~~C~~ontrol, ~~C~~ommunications, and ~~C~~omputer
24 ~~S~~ystems ~~D~~irectorate of a joint staff develop and disseminate a plan for timely air and missile
25 attack warning to ~~S~~ervice-components, forces, and civil authorities as required.

26
27 (3) Develop ~~identification ID~~ and engagement procedures appropriate to the threat.

28
29 (4) Enforce timely and accurate track reporting to enhance the integrated air picture.

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31 (5) Establish sectors or regions as appropriate, and designate ~~a~~-regional/sector air
32 defense commanders (RADCs/SADCs) as required to execute DCA operations and battle
33 management.

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35 (6) Appoint ~~functional D~~deputy AADC's (DAADCs) as required to supervise complex
36 ~~functional~~ component ~~AMD-DCA~~ plans and operations.

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38 c. A DAADC supervises ~~or directs~~ complex DCA operations within the Service ~~or~~
39 ~~functional~~ components and advises the AADC on proper employment of Service assets. ~~For this~~
40 ~~purpose DAADCs do not have joint command authority, but serve as DAADCs normally serve~~
41 ~~as their components' DCA advisors to their component commander and the AADC on the~~
42 ~~proper employment of assets.~~ For example, ~~when Army Forces (ARFOR) have both Corps and~~
43 ~~echelon above corps (EAC) air defense units in theater,~~ the Commander, Army Air and Missile
44 Defense Command (AAMDC) is commonly designated as a DAADC to integrate ground
45 missile support to both the Army forces (ARFOR) and the AADC. Similarly, other Service

1 | components should be prepared to be assigned ~~as~~ a DAADC when the nature of the operation is
2 | complex and the need exists.

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4 | Note: The ~~B~~attlefield ~~C~~oordination ~~D~~etachment (BCD), normally deployed from the Army
5 | to the Air Force air operations center, is only a liaison element. Although the BCD has an air
6 | defense section, responsibility to integrate the ARFOR air and missile defenses resides with the
7 | senior Air Defense Artillery commander.

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9 | d. **RADC/SADC.** During complex ~~air and missile defense DCA~~ operations or operations
10 | conducted in a large theater of operations, the AADC may delegate specific functions to a
11 | RADC/SADC. These can include execution of the DCA operations within an assigned region or
12 | sector IAW the JFC ~~operational~~ concept of operations and guidance from the AADC. The
13 | AADC may also delegate certain planning functions to a RADC/SADC concerning the
14 | deployment of air and surface DCA assets. ~~In certain instances the JFC and AADC may~~
15 | ~~establish a formal command or support relationship between a RADC/SADC and its assigned~~
16 | ~~assets and the commander of a joint or operational area.~~ In all cases, the AADC should establish
17 | clear guidance concerning the responsibilities and authorities of the RADC/SADC ~~with respect~~
18 | ~~to the JFACC, ACA, AADC, DAADC (if assigned) or other operational commanders.~~

19 | 20 | **4. Airspace Control Authority**

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22 | a. ~~The JFC normally designates an ACA who has overall responsibility for establishing and~~
23 | ~~operating the airspace control system.~~ The ACA develops policies and procedures for airspace
24 | control that are incorporated into an ACP and promulgated throughout the area of responsibility
25 | (AOR) or JOA. The ACP is implemented by the airspace control order (ACO) with which all
26 | ~~Service~~ components must comply. All ~~Service~~ component forces that affect joint air operations
27 | are subject to the ACO. However, centralized airspace direction does not include operational or
28 | tactical control over any DCA asset.

29 |
30 | b. The ACA responsibilities with regard to DCA operations include, but are not limited to:

31 |
32 | (1) Link the ACP to the AADP when designating volumes of airspace.

33 |
34 | (2) Develop airspace control measures (ACMs) that support and enhance DCA
35 | operations.

36 |
37 | (3) Provide a flexible ACP that can easily adapt to changing DCA requirements and
38 | the tactical situation.

5. Service Component Commanders

a. Component commanders are responsible for establishing decentralized controls and executing DCA IAW the ~~theater~~AOR/JOA-wide AADP. Within their area of operations (AO), land, naval, and amphibious force commanders are responsible for synchronizing the priority, timing and effects of CA fires with surface maneuver. This is best accomplished through the DAADC (when designated) or the senior DCA commander for the Service component forces. In addition, component commanders will provide tactical warning to assigned forces.

b. **Army.** The Commander, AAMDC is the Service operational lead for DCA. The Commander, AAMDC deploys in support of the ARFOR, or if designated, the joint force land component commander to ensure the Army's theater air and missile defense operations are internally coordinated and properly integrated with joint and multinational forces.

c. **Navy.** IAW the ~~C~~composite ~~W~~warfare ~~C~~commander doctrine, air defense of maritime HVAs is the responsibility of the air defense commander (ADC) normally deployed on an Aegis cruiser. When directed, an ADC may function as the Navy component DAADC, a SADC, RADC or be the ~~joint force~~-AADC, particularly during early ~~forced~~-forcible entry operations.

d. **Marine Corps.** The Marine Corps employs its forces as a Marine air-ground task force (MAGTF). MAGTF anti-air warfare (AAW) assets vary according to the size of the force, but AAW is normally the responsibility of the aviation combat element.

e. **Air Force.** ~~All Air Force centralized planning and monitoring is accomplished within the air operations center. Decentralized battle management of DCA is executed by subordinate control and reporting centers (CRC) which are also usually designated as a RADC/SADC. The CRC also monitors/directs implementation of airspace controls, weapon controls, identification functions and is the theater air ground system (TAGS) focal point for Air Force and Army TADIL operations. All Air Force centralized control of air operations is accomplished by the aerospace operations center. Decentralized execution of DCA tasks is accomplished through the subordinate elements of the theater air control system (TACS). The control and reporting center (CRC) may be designated as a RADC/SADC and also monitors/directs implementation of airspace and weapons control procedures and ID.~~

f. In general, Service components should:

(1) ~~Recommend~~Provide input on the best use of Service DCA forces ~~to the JFACC/AADC.~~

(2) Accomplish assigned DCA missions and functions.

(3) Develop subordinate DCA plans and procedures as required.

(4) Conduct necessary exercises and training.

(5) Make available DCA capabilities over that required for component missions ~~available to the AADC~~ for JOA-wide support.

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2 **SECTION B. COMMAND AND CONTROL REQUIREMENTS AND RESOURCES**

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4 **6. Requirements**

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6 a. Effective DCA operations require reliable C2 capabilities that integrate air-, surface-, and
7 space-based assets. C2 systems must enable cooperation and integration between components.
8 (The collection of interoperable systems that enables this integration between components is
9 collectively referred to as the C4I Family of Systems.) DCA commanders exercise effective C2
10 through a comprehensive C4I system.

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12 b. DCA C2 nodes should be interoperable and capable of rapidly sharing information,
13 facilitating coordination between components, and ultimately portraying a joint force common
14 operational picture.

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16 c. Close coordination among component commanders and the JFC is necessary to
17 effectively execute DCA operations and to ensure a synergistic unity of effort. Many DCA
18 actions will require rapid reactions and timely coordination between components. Ultimately,
19 DCA component operations must be synchronized and integrated ~~theater~~AOR/JOA-wide to
20 achieve the required degree of force protection.

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22 d. The DCA operation requires the timely collection, analysis, production, and
23 dissemination of reliable and accurate intelligence. Intelligence should be tailored to support
24 real time operations as well as deliberate planning.

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26 **7. Resources**

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28 Component organizations provide much of the DCA-related C2 functions to the joint force.

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30 a. The focal point for tasking and exercising Air Force DCA control is the TACS. The
31 joint air aerospace operations center (JAOC) is the senior element of the TACS. When the Air
32 Force forces commander is designated the JFACC, the AOC becomes the joint air operations
33 center (JAOC), the focal point for planning and execution monitoring of joint air operations.
34 Subordinate elements of the TACS include AWACS, CRC, air support operations center, wing
35 operations center, tactical air control party, airborne battlefield command and control center, and
36 JSTARS. TACS monitors ongoing missions, links with other Air Force TACS elements and
37 TACS elements of other components to provide near real time (NRT) indications, warning, and
38 situation intelligence to designated users, and helps to formulate objectives, avenues of approach
39 and attack and courses of action (COAs).

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41 b. The ARFOR provides the AADC with air defense artillery (ADA) assets, which support
42 DCA operations. Drawing from its own planners and analysts, as well as those of the Army
43 Corps and from other components, the Commander, AAMDC provides the Army perspective for
44 DCA planning and IPB. The Army Corps ~~fire support elements and the~~ organic air defense
45 brigade play an integral role in planning and executing Army DCA operations. Through the
46 BCD, the Corps' requirements and assets are made known to the JAOC.

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2 c. ~~Navy Tactical Air Control System is the principal air control system afloat. The senior~~
3 ~~Navy air control agency is the tactical air control center (TACC) and the subordinate elements~~
4 ~~are the E-2 Hawkeye and the Aegis cruiser. The Navy ADC is responsible for coordinating air~~
5 ~~and missile defense and airspace management within the assigned AO. The Navy forces~~
6 ~~provides the AADC with SAM capability hosted onboard surface ships and both early warning~~
7 ~~and tactical aircraft. The Navy ADC is normally located on board an AEGIS cruiser and is~~
8 ~~responsible for coordinating air and missile defense and airspace management within the~~
9 ~~assigned AO. In normal operations, DCA execution is accomplished by subordinate elements,~~
10 ~~including the E-2 Hawkeye, AEGIS, and other ships with necessary personnel and C4ISR.~~
11 ~~During amphibious operations, a Marine tactical air command center (TACC) may be~~
12 ~~responsible for coordinating and deconflicting Marine Corps air assets and airspace.~~ The ADC
13 will often function as a RADC or SADC for maritime areas.

14
15 d. **Marines.** MAGTF air operations, including AAW operations, are also planned and
16 directed from the Marine TACC. Air defense battle management is conducted at the tactical air
17 operations center (TAOC), which has overall airspace control and airspace management
18 responsibility, ~~and~~ conducts real time surveillance and exercises control and battle management
19 over all AAW forces. The TAOC can support the functions of SADC/RADC, and when
20 performing that function, the SADC will act as the planning and coordination interface between
21 the TAOC and the Marine TACC and senior DCA agencies.

22 23 SECTION C. MULTINATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

24 25 8. General

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27 DCA operations within alliances, coalitions, or other international arrangements must
28 consider those **areas peculiar to multinational operations. For example, force capabilities**
29 **and disparities, information and equipment security levels, and procedural and**
30 **organizational differences** may influence the ability to achieve combined unity of effort.
31 Specific considerations that will affect the integration of DCA include language barriers
32 (including differing use of common terms), compatibility of C4I systems, information security
33 issues, shared codes, and ~~developing compatible tactics~~ dissimilar doctrine and tactics,
34 techniques, and procedures (TTP).

35 36 9. Responsibilities

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38 Some areas need~~ing~~ emphasis to ensure **unity of effort** with other national forces.

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40 a. **Differences in doctrine, training, equipment, and organization** should be identified.

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42 b. **The multinational force commander (MNFC) is responsible to both national and**
43 **foreign leaders** and must be prepared to negotiate when planning and developing ROE,
44 defended assets and assigning DCA responsibilities.

1 c. When assigning tasks to elements of the force, the AADC must maximize the
2 effectiveness of the nations' contributions towards reaching the desired end state. ~~He~~The
3 AADC should also attempt assigning tasks in a manner that ensures that all nations can make
4 meaningful contributions.

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6 **10. Organizational Considerations**

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8 a. Individual national forces are not uniformly capable of defending against adversary air
9 and missile threats. They may require DCA assets from another theater or nation.

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11 b. Aims and goals of the various nations may be affected by factors shown in Figure II-1.

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13 c. Multinational operations are usually undertaken within a coalition (an ad hoc
14 arrangement between two or more nations for common action) or alliance (the result of formal
15 agreements, i.e., treaties).

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17 d. Each nation normally establishes a national center or cell to ensure effective control of its
18 forces. National intelligence systems should be integrated to ensure responsiveness to
19 operational needs and **issues related to releasability of intelligence information and products**
20 to multinational partners must be resolved early.

21
22 e. Some nations are particularly sensitive to certain force protection measures (use of flares,
23 security patrols by national forces other than their own, arming of force protection personnel,
24 limiting access of airfield support personnel to aircraft, etc.) These issues must be coordinated
25 ahead of time, if possible, and agreements must be continually updated as situations warrant.

26 **11. Operations**

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28 a. **The President retains command authority over US forces** but it is sometimes prudent
29 or advantageous (for reasons such as maximizing military effectiveness and ensuring unity of
30 effort) to place appropriate US forces under the ~~OPCON~~control of a foreign commander to



Figure II-1. Factors Affecting the Military Capabilities of Nations

1 achieve specified military objectives. DCA may be one of these.

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3 ~~• In general, a foreign commander's authority over US forces, which will change~~
4 ~~depending on the nature and goals of the mission, must be clearly defined; however, within the~~
5 ~~limits of this authority (however defined), a foreign commander cannot change the mission or~~
6 ~~deploy US forces outside the AOR agreed to by the President. Also, a foreign commander~~
7 ~~cannot separate units, redistribute organic supplies (except IAW multinational agreements),~~
8 ~~administer discipline, promote US personnel, or change US forces internal structures unless~~
9 ~~agreed to by the National Command Authorities (NCA).~~

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11 ~~• These above considerations apply to foreign forces placed under the OPCON of~~
12 ~~US MNFCs. Nations do not relinquish their national interests by participating in multinational~~
13 ~~operations.~~

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15 ~~• For matters perceived as illegal under US or international law, or outside the~~
16 ~~mandate of the mission to which the United States has agreed, US commanders will first attempt~~
17 ~~resolution with the appropriate foreign commanders. If issues remain unresolved, the US~~
18 ~~commanders will refer the matters to higher US authorities.~~

19
20 b. The MNFC will ensure memorandums of agreement and/or status-of-forces agreements
21 articulate collateral support requirements (e.g., security and logistics) for DCA forces assigned to
22 protect allied and coalition forces.

23
24 c. Consideration should be given to assisting HN or allied civil authorities in establishing
25 passive air defense measures for the civilian population and HN assets consistent with the
26 overall mission. Civil Military Operations Centers are often used by MNFCs to achieve
27 significant influence over HN activities through a process of communication, consensus,
28 cooperation, and coordination.

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30 *Refer to Joint Publication (JP) 3-16, Joint Doctrine for Multinational Operations, for more*
31 *details on organizing alliance and coalition command structures and **H**headquarters.*

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33 *"Let him who desires peace, prepare for war."*

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35 **Vegetius, 4th century Roman strategist**

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1 (5) Weapons Availability. Targets may be vulnerable to attack, but impervious to
2 certain weapons or electronic combat systems. Planners must have a detailed understanding of
3 weapons and systems capabilities.

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5 (6) Force Availability. Careful planning is required to maximize the arrival and quick
6 integration of forces, DCA as well as information warfare.

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8 (7) Force Size. Determining the size and composition of forces selected to attack
9 specific targets is based on the probability of damage/disruption, range, threat, weather, weapon
10 system reliability, and desired level of destruction.

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12 (8) Operational Assessment. A comprehensive, continuous operational assessment is
13 an essential part of planning. The AADC's staff evaluates the results of operations to help refine
14 the scope of the ISR effort; assist in determination and ID of operation phase points; and needs
15 to consider more than the classic force application indicators (such as battle damage assessment).
16 Assessing the human element is also essential.

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18 d. DCA Estimate. The DCA estimate evaluates how factors in each field of interest will
19 influence the potential COAs, provides information regarding their supportability, recommends
20 DCA priorities, and forms a basis for the AADP. See Appendix A, "Area Air Defense Plan
21 Format," for the Estimate's format.

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23 (1) The estimate provides the basis for planning future operations and fighting current
24 operations.

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26 (2) The AADC develops the DCA estimate in concert with the JFC's staff.

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28 e. Mission Analysis. The mission statement is the AADC's expression of what DCA
29 forces must accomplish and why. During mission analysis, the AADC translates specified and
30 implied tasks into missions for their subordinates. Intent of the JFC, the current situation,
31 resources available and the desired end state contribute to the mission statement. Clarity of the
32 mission and understanding by subordinates is vital to success.

33 **SECTION A. INTELLIGENCE PREPARATION OF THE BATTLESPACE**

34 **2. General**

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36 ~~JIPB is the analytical process used by joint intelligence organizations. It produces~~
37 ~~intelligence assessments, estimates, and other intelligence products to support of the JFC's~~
38 ~~decisionmaking process and determines the adversary's probable intent and most likely COAs~~
39 ~~for countering the overall friendly joint mission. JIPB is the analytical process used by joint~~
40 ~~intelligence organizations to produce intelligence assessments, estimates, and other intelligence~~
41 ~~products to support the commander's (JFC's) decisionmaking process. It is a continuous process~~
42 ~~which enables JFC's and their staffs to visualize the full spectrum of adversary capabilities and~~
43 ~~potential COAs across all dimensions of the battlespace.~~
44 JIPB is the analytical process used by joint intelligence organizations. It produces
45 intelligence assessments, estimates, and other intelligence products to support of the JFC's
46 decisionmaking process and determines the adversary's probable intent and most likely COAs

47 **3. Differences Between JIPB and IPB**

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2 a. JIPB and IPB products **generally** differ in terms of their relative purpose, focus, and
3 level of detail. The purpose of JIPB is to support the JFC, whereas IPB is specifically designed
4 to support the individual air, ground, maritime or space operations of the component commands.
5 JIPB's focus is on providing predictive intelligence designed to help the JFC discern an
6 adversary's probable intent and most likely COA. IPB concentrates on the capabilities and
7 vulnerabilities of the adversary's individual force components of interest.

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9 b. JIPB also seeks to analyze the effects of non-geographic dimensions of the battlespace
10 (e.g., cyberspace, human thought, electromagnetic spectrum) on joint operations.

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12 *JP 2-01.3, Joint Intelligence Preparation of the Battlespace, contains a detailed discussion of the*
13 *JIPB process.*

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15 **4. IPB and Operations Planning**

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17 a. IPB assists the DCA planner in visualizing the battlespace, assessing adversary air and
18 missile capabilities and will, identifying the adversary's probable attack locations, and
19 discerning the adversary's probable intent. IPB is not simply enumeration of adversary air and
20 missile systems, but must describe how the adversary air and missile forces operate.

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22 b. At the operational level, DCA IPB fuses JIPB and component IPB processes and
23 products. Component IPB focuses on the adversary's forces and operations necessary to
24 accomplish the most likely and most dangerous COAs identified by JIPB. Certain factors of
25 operation planning are particularly important when conducting the IPB process and failure to
26 properly consider an adversary's most likely and most dangerous COAs can have serious
27 consequences. This is a focal point of OCA/DCA integration and procedures must be developed
28 to rapidly share data between OCA and DCA forces.

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30 c. ~~**The Land Dimension.** Analysis of surface's physical geography concentrates on~~
31 ~~manmade and natural terrain features (e.g., transportation systems, built up areas and large~~
32 ~~bodies of water and mountain ranges). The basic approach in analyzing the land dimension is to~~
33 ~~consider observation and fields of fire, cover and concealment, obstacles, key terrain, and~~
34 ~~avenues of approach. **While not generally critical to DCA air operations, surface**~~
35 ~~**characteristics may affect an adversary's COA when employing air and missile forces and**~~
36 ~~**supporting infrastructure.** The land dimension requires an analysis of surface physical~~
37 ~~geography that concentrates on manmade and natural terrain features (e.g., transportation~~
38 ~~systems, built up areas and large bodies of water and mountain ranges). The basic approach in~~
39 ~~analyzing the land dimension is to consider observation and fields of fire, cover and~~
40 ~~concealment, obstacles, key terrain, and avenues of approach. While not generally critical to~~
41 ~~DCA air operations, surface characteristics may affect an adversary's COA when employing air~~
42 ~~and missile forces and supporting infrastructure.~~

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44 d. ~~**The Maritime Dimension.** The maritime dimension encompasses the sea and littoral~~
45 ~~areas which have the potential to influence naval operations. Long-range shore-based weapons~~
46 ~~systems can be employed from a considerable distance inland. When combined with other~~

1 maritime area denial weapons such as mines, submarines, or new SAMs capable of engaging
2 aviation (including stealth) at long range, they may impact the ability or rapidity at which naval
3 forces can gain and sustain access and deny friendly forces the use of fixed facilities like ports
4 and airfields. The geography of the coastal areas should be examined to determine potential
5 areas for the deployment of maritime surveillance and targeting systems as well as weapons.
6 Littoral areas may contain vulnerable geographic areas such as straits or land choke points that
7 restrict tactical maneuver or affect weapon and sensor effectiveness. Other key aspects can
8 include coastal road networks, islands, or highpoints with visual access to maritime operating
9 areas, natural harbors and anchorages; ports, airfields, naval bases; and sea lines of
10 communications. The maritime dimension encompasses the oceans, seas, bays, estuaries,
11 islands, coastal areas, and the airspace above these, including the littorals. Littoral avenues of
12 approach may impact the ability or rapidity with which naval forces can gain and sustain access
13 or entirely deny friendly forces the use of fixed facilities like ports and airfields. The geography
14 of the coastal areas should be examined to determine potential areas for the deployment of
15 maritime surveillance and targeting systems as well as weapons. Littoral areas also may contain
16 vulnerable geographic areas such as straits or land points that restrict sea maneuver or affect
17 naval weapon and sensor effectiveness. Other key aspects can include coastal road networks,
18 islands, or highpoints that dominate maritime operating areas, natural harbors and anchorages;
19 ports, airfields, naval bases; tides and sea lines of communications.
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21 e. **The Air Dimension.** ~~Air weapons have the unique characteristic of being able to~~
22 ~~approach from almost any azimuth and a variety of altitudes with great rapidity, little warning,~~
23 ~~and from potentially great distances into the heart of an adversary's territory. However, the air~~
24 ~~dimension is influenced by surface characteristics. Terrain masking, weather and other~~
25 ~~conditions of the land and maritime environments should be considered when analyzing the air~~
26 ~~dimension of the battlespace, as well as the time of flight constraints on airfields, missile sites,~~
27 ~~aircraft carriers, cruise missile submarines, and hardened launch silos. The air dimension has the~~
28 ~~unique characteristic of permitting approach from almost any azimuth and altitude, with great~~
29 ~~rapidity, little warning, and from potentially great distances into the heart of an adversary's~~
30 ~~territory. It is influenced by surface characteristics such as terrain masking, weather, and time of~~
31 ~~flight constraints.~~
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33 f. **The Space Dimension.** ~~Space capabilities afford a wide array of options that can be~~
34 ~~used and leveraged. Manmade and natural terrain may not be as much an impediment to space~~
35 ~~forces, however, weather and other space environmental conditions (e.g., space debris and~~
36 ~~radiation hazards) may impede their effectiveness. In addition, given an asset's specific orbit,~~
37 ~~certain capabilities, for example, monitoring, tracking, may only be interrupted during certain~~
38 ~~periods. Analysts must be aware of space based capabilities, their advantages and limitations~~
39 ~~and how they may contribute to the IPB planning. DCA planners must not omit adversary space~~
40 ~~assets from their joint targeting recommendations to their OCA counterparts. The space~~
41 ~~dimension offers unique capabilities, such as access to deep or denied areas, as well as~~
42 ~~minimizing the impact of terrain masking. It is also non-provocative and often the first asset~~
43 ~~available for information. Some space assets are limited by terrestrial weather, as well as being~~
44 ~~subject to space environmental hazards such as radiation and intermittent solar storms.~~
45 ~~Constellation size and orbit also can limit the ability for continuous coverage. Analysts must be~~

1 aware of space-based capabilities, their advantages and limitations, and how they may contribute
2 to the IPB planning.

3 4 **5. The IPB Process**

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6 a. ~~Effective execution of DCA operations will require analysis of both potential launch~~
7 ~~areas and those areas of the battlespace occupied by friendly forces and critical defended assets~~
8 ~~designated by the JFC. Analysts should also consider threats that use non-physical dimensions~~
9 ~~to affect this space, for example, computer network attack, since these may originate outside the~~
10 ~~designated theater or JOA. However, the area of interest shouldn't be too large, in order to focus~~
11 ~~analytical and intelligence collection efforts. All IPB follows a sequential four-step process.~~

12
13 (1) **Define the Battlespace Environment.** Succeeding steps will concentrate on this
14 space since the dimensions will be larger than the physical boundaries of the JOA.
15 Consideration should be given to:

16
17 (a) Critical areas likely to be targeted by adversary aircraft and TMs, including
18 forces and build up areas.

19
20 (b) Forward operating locations, {(launch, hide, and related sites, ammunition
21 storage sites and associated command, control, communications, and computers ([C4]))}.

22
23 (c) Forward operating areas for anti-access or area denial capabilities such as
24 IADS or coastal defense CMs that could be employed in support of adversary air and missile
25 operations.

26
27 (d) Infrastructure. Garrisons, key manufacturing and transportation facilities, ~~host~~
28 ~~nation~~-HN governmental site.

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30 (e) Key population centers.

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32 (f) Operational and potentially operational aerial and sea ports of debarkation.

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34 (g) Evaluate the range of adversary air capability and associated flight profiles.

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36 (h) Airheads and beachheads.

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38 (i) Threat ranges and flight profiles.

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40 (2) **Describe the Battlespace.** The second step evaluates the effects of the
41 environment on both adversary and friendly military operations to determine capabilities and
42 broad COAs of both forces. Since the battlespace is not homogeneous, some areas may require
43 greater analysis depending on the relative geographical complexity of the region. Planners
44 should:
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1 (a) Based upon range, pair adversary air threats with potential friendly targets.
2 Determine missile trajectories and air avenues of approach for aircraft/UAVs/CMs.

3
4 (b) Identify areas for standoff attacks, submarine-launched ~~eruse missile~~ CM and
5 ~~carrier wing attacks operations~~.

6
7 (c) Determine ~~optimal times on target periods of vulnerability~~ based on weather,
8 adversary attack cycles, light data, and friendly force deficiencies that cannot be concealed.

9
10 (d) Determine terrain effects on friendly defensive capabilities.

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12 (e) Develop overlays and matrices that depict the military effects of geography
13 and weather, demographics, and the electromagnetic and cyberspace environments.

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15 (3) **Evaluate the Adversary.** Adversary capabilities are identified in terms of broad
16 COAs and supporting operations that may influence the accomplishment of the defensive
17 mission. Avoid evaluating adversary capabilities based on US joint doctrine.

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19 (a) Assess adversary air threat inventory, ~~and launch~~ locations, capabilities, flight
20 operations and targeting ~~tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTP)~~ to include raid or salvo size
21 and interval.

22
23 (b) Consider demonstrated capabilities, levels of training and readiness status, and
24 ~~C43~~ arrangements.

25
26 (c) Likelihood for use of WMD.

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28 (d) Evaluate the threat not only to defended assets, but also to DCA systems and
29 procedures.

30
31 (e) Examine the adversary's artillery, long-range air defenses, unconventional
32 warfare forces and electronic warfare (EW) assets.

33
34 (f) Determine the adversary's requirements for and possession of air, missile and
35 OCA support infrastructure.

36
37 (g) Assess the quantity and proximity of specific ordnance to their associated
38 weapons or platforms.

39
40 (h) Assess threats that use non-physical dimensions (e.g., computer network
41 attack).

42 (4) **Determine adversary ~~potential~~ most likely and most dangerous COAs.** To
43 help the DCA commander attain battlespace knowledge, DCA planners must postulate the
44 adversary's probable intent and future strategy. Considerations include:
45

1 (a) Determine likely timing of air and missile strikes, or airborne operations, both
2 from land and maritime forces.

3
4 (b) Match targets and objectives with air corridors and avenues of approach.

5
6 ~~•• Determine potential man-portable air defense system or other airfield attack~~
7 ~~threats in rear areas.~~

8
9 (c) Determine probable indications and warning criteria.

10
11 (d) Estimate adversary flight profiles, (weapons spacing, delay between salvos)
12 and expected DCA effects on probable adversary COA (branches and sequels.)

13
14 b. During the cyclic IPB process, analysts must continuously evaluate specific threat
15 weapon capabilities and observed changes in the adversary's operational profile or operations
16 tempo. Every echelon is responsible for conducting IPB analysis.

17
18 c. The end product of the IPB process is battlespace knowledge that directly influences
19 friendly COAs, designation of defended assets, ROE and ID criteria, and specific provisions
20 outlined in the AADP and ACP. Information the DCA planner should expect to derive from this
21 process would be:

22
23 (1) Adversary Aircraft operating bases.

24
25 (2) Theater missiles and their operating locations; target sets, to include launch
26 platforms and infrastructure: C2 nodes, missile stocks, forward operating locations/bases, trans-
27 load sites, logistic sites and key transportation chokepoints.

28
29 (3) Signal operating instructions, vulnerabilities, redundancies, capabilities, locations,
30 and order of battle of adversary IADS, communication links, and C4I systems and facilities.

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32 (4) SAMs, antiaircraft artillery, and early warning/ground control intercept sites and
33 facilities.

34
35 (5) Signals intelligence and EW assets.

36
37 (6) Climate and terrain within the JOA and their effects on friendly and adversary
38 operations.

39
40 (7) Strengths and vulnerabilities of adversary offensive air and missile systems.

41
42 (8) Changes of the adversary's indirect and direct threat emitters, including wartime
43 reserve modes and reprogramming of target sensing weapon systems.

44
45 (9) Location, status of all key nodes and targets that affect the adversary's ability to
46 sustain air operations, and disposition of WMD storage facilities.

SECTION B. AIRSPACE CONTROL AND ENGAGEMENT ZONES

6. Planning

a. JP 3-52, *Doctrine for Joint Airspace Control in the Combat Zone*, is the primary governing publication for the ACA. The ACA will promulgate unified operations and on airspace requirements and processes and addresses use of the airspace via the ACP, which is implemented by ACOs. The primary DCA concerns with airspace control are to ensure that defensive operations are integrated with the overall ACP and that the ACP facilitates DCA and OCA synchronization.

b. Basic considerations for planning airspace control are shown in Figure III-1.

(1) **Support the Joint Force.** Airspace control ~~facilitates~~ is an integral piece of the joint air operations plan, and operations priorities stem from the JFC's priorities.

(2) **Interoperability.** Interoperability is essential to effective operations that can conserve DCA forces and munitions and to prevent fratricide.

(3) **Mass and Timing.** DCA planning needs to include consideration of the aircraft traffic volume and timing to fully integrate DCA with OCA and other missions.

(4) **Unity of Effort.** Liaison between joint force DCA elements integrates information flow and provides expertise to the designated combat zone airspace control authorities.

(5) **Integrated Planning Cycles.** The airspace control planning cycle must be integrated with the AADP, the air tasking order (ATO), and also support joint campaign and operation plans timing.

(6) **Degraded Operations.** The ACP must anticipate the results of attacks and use of adversary EW efforts and communications degradation on system operations. Effective plans span the spectrum from little to full degradation and consider the effects of adverse weather and

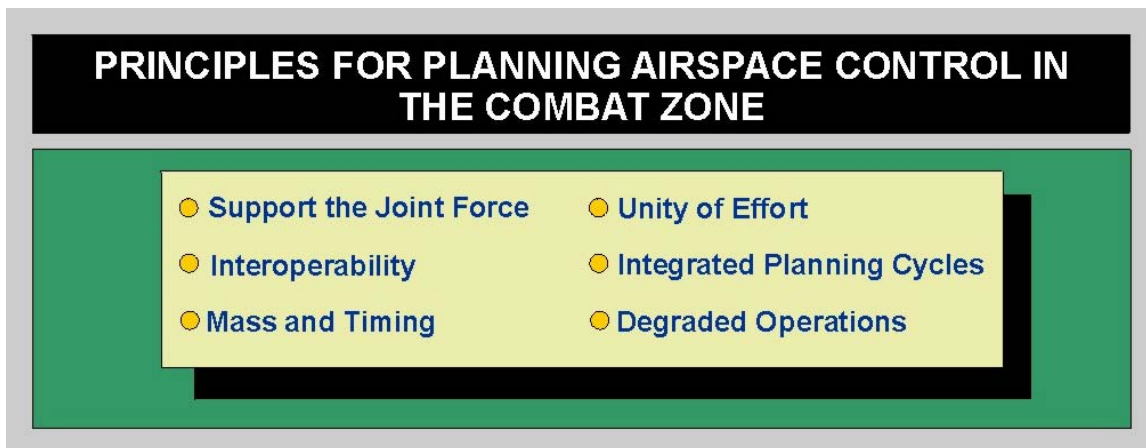


Figure III-1. Principles for Planning Airspace Control in the Combat Zone

1 night operations.

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3 **7. Weapon Engagement Zones**
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5 a. JP 1-02, *Department of Defense Dictionary of Military and Associated Terms*, defines a
6 weapon engagement zone (WEZ): “In air defense, airspace of defined dimensions within which
7 the responsibility for engagement of air threats normally rests with a particular weapon system.”
8 WEZs must be created ~~for~~ to enable each weapon system in the joint force. Types of WEZs
9 include:

10
11 (1) Missile Engagement Zone (MEZ)
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13 (a) High-altitude missile engagement zone (HIMEZ) — that airspace of defined
14 dimensions within which the responsibility for engagement of air threats normally rests with
15 ~~high-altitude-surface-to-air-missiles~~ SAMs.
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17 (b) Low-altitude missile engagement zone ~~{(LOMEZ)}~~ — that airspace of defined
18 dimensions within which the responsibility for engagement of air threats normally rests with
19 ~~low-to-medium-altitude-surface-to-air-missiles~~ SAMs.
20

21 (c) Short-ranged air defense engagement zone (SHORADEZ) — that airspace of
22 defined dimensions within which the responsibility for engagement of air threats normally rests
23 with short-range air defense weapons. **It may be established within a low- or high-altitude**
24 **~~missile engagement zone~~ LOMEZ OR HIMEZ.**
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26 (2) Fighter engagement zone (FEZ) — that airspace of defined dimensions within
27 which the responsibility for engagement of air threats normally rests with fighter aircraft.
28

29 (3) Joint engagement zone (JEZ) — that airspace of defined dimensions within which
30 multiple air defense systems (~~surface-to-air-missiles~~ SAMs and aircraft) are simultaneously
31 employed to engage air threats. When the JFC has a high level of confidence in the common
32 tactical picture, a JEZ may be appropriate.
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34 b. Proper sequencing in the establishment of engagement zones is crucial to an effective
35 IADS and DCA operation. MEZs established for surface force defense are based on specific
36 boundaries and weapon system capabilities. Fighters and ground-based echelons above Corps
37 (EAC) SAM units and Navy SAM capable ships (which provide theater level support) are
38 normally given larger WEZ to perform an area defense mission and to accommodate their
39 longer-ranged weapon system capabilities. Generally WEZ are established in this order:
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41 (1) WEZ for surface force defense are established as necessary.

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43 (2) Establish HIMEZ to protect DAL assets IAW the AADP.

44
45 (3) ~~Establish the FEZ to support combat air patrol (CAP) operations after the surface~~
46 ~~MEZ are established. If combat losses result in SAM force MEZ gaps, consider covering with a~~

1 ~~CAP if defense is still required.~~ Establish FEZs that provide complementary coverage to the
2 MEZs to support combat air patrol (CAP) operations. Placement of Cap should provide
3 coverage beyond the range of the MEZ to achieve defense in depth. The FEZ normally extends
4 above the coordinating altitude to the upper limit of either the assigned DCA or primary threat
5 aircrafts' operating envelope. Where a MEZ and FEZ overlap horizontally, they may be
6 separated vertically.

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8 *See JP 3-52, Doctrine for Joint Airspace Control in the Combat Zone.*
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10 (4) In consultation with the Service components, establish SHORADEZ or other
11 special engagement zones for special operations or Service concerns.
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13 ~~c. A JEZ is airspace of a defined dimension within which multiple air defense systems~~
14 ~~(surface to air missiles and aircraft) are simultaneously employed to engage air threats. A JEZ~~
15 ~~takes advantage of the complementing strengths of SAM forces and fighters. When the JFC has~~
16 ~~a high level of confidence in the common tactical picture, a JEZ may be appropriate.~~ Whenever
17 possible, the AADC should implement JEZ operations in order to maximize active air defense
18 weapon system(s) efficiency and effectiveness, provide defense in depth, and enable non line of
19 sight engagements. A zone of this nature should be employed when one or more of the following
20 factors exist:
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22 (1) The adversary's employment of low altitude ~~cruise missiles~~ CMs dictates the need
23 to ensure the ability to engage with all available forces through the zone.
24

25 (2) There are significantly more assets that require defense than there are assets with
26 which to defend them.
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28 (3) The operational characteristics of friendly aircraft and surface-based missile system
29 and the nature of the operation do not lend themselves to MEZ/FEZ operations.
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31 (4) The AADC and subordinate commanders are confident that reliable and effective
32 situation awareness exists and CID procedures are in place to reduce or eliminate fratricide.
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34 d. A surface-to-air MEZ should generally follow the following criteria:
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36 (1) MEZ boundaries.
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38 (a) Organic SAM units should have MEZ that cover their parent unit's AO.
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40 (b) Direct support units' MEZ should fully encompass all nearby defended assets.
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42 (2) Be large enough to allow early engagement of threat platforms before they reach
43 firing range. ASM launchers should be killed before they can launch standoff munitions, UAVs
44 before they reach on board detector range of friendly targets, and ~~cruise missiles~~ CMs must have
45 multiple engagement opportunities for an effective defense.
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(3) Specify what targets can be engaged within and which weapons can be used.

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 2 e. **Maritime Considerations.** Maritime battle groups are not static; they usually are a
 3 “moving MEZ” with separate AO²s for air operations. In a littoral environment, an amphibious
 4 operations area may encompass a portion of the land AO and function as a MEZ. In this case,
 5 AEGIS combatants may be restricted by geography when defending selected coastal assets.
 6 Linking Patriot and other land-based SAM systems with Navy generated search and fire control
 7 data can result in improved ability to defend littoral areas of the theater.

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 9 **8. ACP Criteria**

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 11 Since every operational area has unique aspects dictated by the threat, terrain, national
 12 objectives, and foreign national issues, every ACP will also vary. While the ACP will address
 13 all air operations and all missions, ~~component commanders~~ JFCs must ensure the following
 14 issues are addressed as a minimum:

15
 16 a. Description and procedures for establishment and activation of an engagement zone.

17
 18 b. ~~Describe battle management/C4I capability of the joint force, r~~Responsibilities and
 19 ~~duties of the coverage areas for SADC, RADC, ACA, RADC/SADC, component air and missile~~
 20 defense forces, and C2 nodes.

21
 22 c. ~~Describe relationships between the ACA, AADC, and supporting elements.~~Identify
 23 coordinating authorities for controlled airspace.

24
 25 d. Describe interface procedures between different air control agencies or systems,
 26 including theater air-ground system, host-nation or component air traffic control (ATC), the
 27 international civil aviation organization, and other national tactical systems.

28
 29 e. Develop positive and procedural ACM and CID procedures.

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 31 f. Outline and explain links between ACP and AADP.

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 33 **9. Other Considerations**

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 35 a. Operations along the edges of WEZs, sectors or other defined areas of airspace can
 36 present commanders with extensive coordination challenges. Adversary aircraft may cross into
 37 adjacent sectors during engagement, may fly friendly corridors or attack targets in one sector or
 38 WEZ from an adjacent area. The following are some considerations that may facilitate
 39 coordination:

40
 41 (1) Establish procedures to coordinate flight operations between sectors and regions
 42 that grant permissions to enter and depart airspace and to coordinate combat zone control
 43 activities with regular flight-area ATC services.

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 45 (2) Designate buffer zones in which one DCA sector can authorize engagement in an
 46 adjacent area.

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2 (3) Establish friendly air corridors outside the ranges of friendly visual ~~identification~~
3 ID_SAM forces when possible to reduce the risk of fratricide. Visually aimed surface weapons
4 often have no capability to readily identify airspace boundaries or control measures in their
5 portion of the battlespace. The ACA and AADC must collectively plan to address the issue.

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7 (4) If combat losses result in SAM force MEZ gaps, consider covering with a CAP if
8 defense is still required.

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11 *Modern warfare is three dimensional. In joint operations, the airspace of a theater is*
12 *as important a dimension as the terrain. Airspace is used for various purposes,*
13 *including reconnaissance and surveillance, maneuver, delivery of fires, transportation,*
14 *and C2. Effective control and use of airspace directly influence the outcome of*
15 *campaigns, major operations, engagements, and battles. Commanders must consider*
16 *airspace and its use in all of their operational planning. Commanders must also*
17 *anticipate the enemy will contest use of the airspace and must protect their forces from*
18 *enemy observation and attack. In addition to providing force protection, air defense*
19 *operations contribute to gaining and maintaining control of the air environment, and*
20 *they help win the information war.*

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22 **Standard Text 100-3, US Army Command and General Staff College**

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25 b. Operations during forcible entry or in undeveloped theaters may be initially small in
26 scale or lack complexity. C2 under these circumstances should be simplified to facilitate the
27 joint forces ability to respond to a given threat. The ~~original~~ ACP must be continuously assessed
28 ~~with through~~ feedback from ~~DCA~~ commanders to ensure it is adequately ~~supporting~~ supports the
29 AADP DCA requirements. ~~The ACA and AADC must be prepared to improve or modify t~~The
30 initial architectures may need to be modified based on the situation and/or additional assets
31 arriving into the operational area. ~~The JFC/AADC must~~ evaluate the adversary threat being
32 ~~in the theater/JOA and~~ **ensure that the proper resources are on hand and/or allocated**
33 **to meet the threat.** Units supporting the AADP should be sequenced in the force deployment
34 schedules so that a capability can be established in consonance with the overall JFC priorities
35 ~~and risk assessment.~~

36 37 38 39 SECTION C. RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

40 41 10. General

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43 ROE are directives issued by a competent military authority which delineate the
44 circumstances and limitations under which United States forces will initiate and/or continue
45 combat engagement with other forces encountered. Baseline ROE are found in CJCSI
46 3121.01A, *Standing Rules of Engagement for US Forces*. **For DCA to be effective, ROE must**
47 **be established, disseminated, and understood.** US forces serving under foreign control must
48 have the ability to respond IAW the CJCS SROE as a minimum.

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 2 a. SROE, approved by the NCA (President and Secretary of Defense) are the fundamental
 3 default ROE for US forces during military attacks against the United States and all military
 4 operations, contingencies, terrorist attacks, or prolonged conflicts, ~~outside the territorial~~
 5 ~~jurisdiction of the United States~~ or during peace operations and remain in effect until rescinded.
 6 ~~The SROE may be augmented by supplemental ROE.~~ The SROE is the approved baseline ROE
 7 and is applicable unless supplemented/amended by approved theater specific ROE or
 8 supplemental ROE submitted by JFC and approved by the President or Secretary of Defense.
 9 They are applicable at all times unless superseded, in whole or in part, by supplemental ROE
 10 promulgated by the JFC. The purpose of the SROE is to implement and enable the inherent
 11 right of self-defense and provide guidance for the application of force for mission
 12 accomplishment.

13
 14 b. Combatant commanders may augment the SROE. The JFC and commanders at every
 15 echelon are responsible for establishing and implementing the ROE for mission accomplishment
 16 that comply with ROE of senior commanders and the SROE. The JFC should request inputs and
 17 recommendations from the AADC, ACA and component commanders. For DCA to be effective,
 18 ROE must be established, disseminated and understood. The components and supporting
 19 commanders are responsible for ensuring compliance.

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 21 c. In multinational operations, nations may have specific ROE that cannot be changed or
 22 overruled by alliance or coalition chains of command. These national procedures must be
 23 identified, published and understood by all other nations and command echelons within the
 24 MNF. During MOOTW, publicly disseminating portions of the ROE may serve to preclude
 25 hostile actions by an adversary, if the ROE state that a local commander can take offensive
 26 action against a threat of hostile action.

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 28 **11. Criteria**

29
 30 a. **Obligation and Responsibility for Defense.** ~~For individual US, units there is an~~
 31 ~~inherent individual and unit right for self defense that is never denied or limited.~~ Every
 32 commander has the inherent authority and obligation to use all necessary means available and to
 33 take all appropriate actions in self-defense of the commander's unit and other US forces in the
 34 vicinity. The commanders of all US forces must ensure that the ROE as established do not place
 35 constraints on a unit's ability to defend itself. Two elements that ensure adequate flexibility in
 36 ROE are **hostility criteria** and **scale of force**.

37
 38 b. Hostility criteria provide DCA forces with guidelines to judge whether a potential
 39 attacker exhibits hostile intent, clarifying whether an engagement is appropriate and/or is
 40 authorized. Prior to hostilities, scale of force may tailor the response, based on the size and
 41 duration of the threat, and consistent with the type of threat. Graduated escalation of force is
 42 usually appropriate in ambiguous situations before resorting to deadly force. **A graduated set**
 43 **of criteria is intended to provide a selection of responses from which to choose;** it is not a
 44 checklist to take offensive actions. Commanders must ensure that subordinates do not feel
 45 constrained to progress sequentially through the graduated responses.

1 c. **Functional Rules.** Commanders should also develop functional rules as to how ROE
2 are to be tactically implemented. Some examples are **Arming Orders**, which specify
3 circumstances under which commanders will permit loading or arming of munitions and
4 **Bborder Ccrossing Aauthority (BCA)**. Prior to a declaration of war, adversary national
5 borders are sovereign, and cannot be violated without specific authorization. Permission to
6 violate borders may be pre-delegated to the JFC after hostilities or under specific conditions or
7 restrictions to enable force protection. BCA also applies to aerial reconnaissance. Space
8 platforms are not restricted; the United States adheres to a policy of freedom of navigation in
9 space.

10
11 *See JP 3-14, Joint Doctrine for Space Operations, for space information.*

12
13 d. **Synchronization with the ACP and AADP.** The ROE are an integral part of the
14 AADP and the ACP. Planners and commanders must ensure that the AADP contains specific
15 TTP that implement the ROE. It is an important point to ensure the ACP, AADP and the ROE
16 are consistent with regard to aircraft in international air corridors. These corridors are usable by
17 civilian aircraft operated by an adversary until the international governing body closes a route
18 and a notice to airmen is issued. Commanders must ensure the proper response is made when
19 penetrations of the friendly airspace occur under the auspices of international air flight.

20 21 **12. Planning**

22
23 a. Centrally planned engagement procedures minimize duplication of effort and fratricide.
24 The ROE are an integral part of the operations planning process and the J-3 is responsible for its
25 integration. Permissive ROE allow use of beyond visual range weapons to engage hostile targets
26 as early as possible. An example of permissive ROE would entail instructions directing the joint
27 force to immediately engage any incoming ballistic missiles. Additionally, JFCs may elect to
28 include CMs and ASMs for accelerated engagement as the situation warrants. The normal
29 method of engagement against TBMs is decentralized.

30
31 b. **Staffing.** After commanders and staffs have input their recommendations, the draft ROE
32 must be coordinated with the Staff Judge Advocate for compliance with US and international
33 law and Public Affairs offices. Commanders and planners must also maintain close coordination
34 with these two offices—the public affairs office (PAO) to ensure that the ROE are disseminated
35 and understood by all forces and the PAO is aware of any IO considerations.

36
37 c. Local foreign commanders may lack the authority to speak on behalf of their nation in
38 the ROE development process. Complete consensus or standardization of ROE should be
39 sought, but obtaining concurrence for ROE from other national authorities is a time consuming
40 process. Multinational ROE should be kept simple so that national policies can be more readily
41 adapted.

42
43 d. US forces participating in MNF operations will follow the ROE established by the
44 ~~MNFC unless otherwise directed by the NCA if authorized by the Secretary of Defense.~~
45 ~~Generally, US forces will operate under a MNFC's ROE only if the combatant commander or~~
46 ~~higher authority determine that the MNFC's ROE are consistent with US policy guidance on~~

1 ~~self defense as contained in the SROE~~US forces will be under the control of a MNF only if the
 2 Secretary of Defense determines that the ROE for that MNF are consistent with the policy
 3 guidance on unit self-defense and with the rules of individual self-defense contained in CJCSI
 4 3121.01A, *Standing Rules of Engagement for US Forces*. If the MNFC has not issued ROE, US
 5 forces will operate under the US SROE.

6
 7 **SECTION D. IDENTIFICATION**

8
 9 **13. General**

10
 11 a. ID authority is the authority to assign the identity of an unknown contact as friendly,
 12 hostile or neutral, if possible. This authority is inherent in C2, and can be delegated to
 13 subordinate commanders.

14
 15 b. ~~Identification~~ID is an essential and inseparable part of airspace control and air defense
 16 operations. Accurate and timely ID enhances engagement of adversary aircraft, conserves
 17 friendly resources, and reduces the risk of fratricide. CID is the accomplishment of the ID
 18 process with ~~near real time~~NRT exchange of information between all air control facilities,
 19 control units, and airspace users to meet the time and accuracy demands of combat operations.
 20 CID requires reliable voice and data nets, radars, ~~identification~~ID friend or foe systems and
 21 selective ID features and established processes and procedures. To that end, ~~plans promulgated~~
 22 ~~by the JFACC, AADC, ACA and JFC must be coordinated to ensure no conflicts arise~~CID
 23 criteria contained in all plans must be coordinated to ensure no conflicts arise during DCA
 24 operations. Since ballistic missiles have a distinct flight profile, procedures for this threat should
 25 allow for immediate engagement.

26
 27 **14. Types of ID**

28
 29 a. Positive ID measures are high-confidence ID measures derived from visual observation,
 30 and/or electronic ID systems. In the case of TBMs, ID can be determined from an analysis of
 31 the trajectory as determined by space and surface-based assets. Positive ID is preferred because
 32 it results from ~~technical~~actions which that provide the most rapid, reliable, and transferable
 33 means of ~~identification~~ID.

34
 35 b. Procedural ID measures are another ~~identification~~ID method that relies on a
 36 combination of previously agreed upon ACM. It separates airspace users by geography, altitude,
 37 heading time and/or maneuver. Procedural ID can be advantageous for some missions and
 38 scenarios. ~~A form of procedural ID is passive ID, which is used by the US Army Patriot missile~~
 39 ~~system. Theater criteria used in passive ID must also be reviewed, since some data items, such~~
 40 ~~as radar observation of point of origin, may be subject to error.~~The AADP normally includes a
 41 matrix that can be used to establish a procedural ID. By following the criteria in the matrix, an
 42 assessment of the identity for the unknown object can be made. Based upon ROE and weapons
 43 control status (WCS) if not determined to be friendly that object may or may not be able to be
 44 engaged.

45
 46 **~~c. Formation~~EXAMPLE OF PROCEDURAL IDENTIFICATION**

1
2 **Formation tracking is the use of a single datalink air track (with a strength**
3 **field indicating the number or estimated number of aerial vehicles comprising**
4 **the formation) to represent a formation of two or more aerial vehicles. To**
5 **qualify for formation tracking, the aircraft in the formation must maintain a**
6 **theater-specified (though variable) spatial relationship with each other (e.g.,**
7 **horizontal range, altitude separation, speed and course differentials). Air**
8 **surveillance systems selectively employ formation tracking when displaying**
9 **air tracks. Formation tracks are displayed to the operators and transmitted to**
10 **other air surveillance and air defense systems via joint tactical datalink.**
11 **Formation tracking reduces operator workload, allows older command and**
12 **control systems to handle larger surveillance responsibilities and reduces**
13 **the number of transmitted tracks required to represent the entire air picture.**

14
15 **Formation assessment (FA) is a procedural identification (ID) method used to**
16 **apply the ID (friend or hostile) of one air track represented on the joint**
17 **datalink to other aerial vehicles exhibiting a theater-specified spatial**
18 **relationship (horizontal range, altitude separation, speed and course) to the**
19 **datalink track. The purpose of FA is to provide timely and accurate ID to**
20 **engagement platforms (ground-based air defense, as well as airborne**
21 **counterair assets) to support engagement of hostiles and fratricide**
22 **prevention. The use of FA presumes that a formation track has been**
23 **established and that a combat identification has been placed upon the**
24 **formation track by competent ID authority. Also, FA must use the same**
25 **spatial relationship criteria to apply the formation track's ID to the local (or**
26 **non-datalink tracks) as the surveillance system used to create the formation**
27 **track. Failure to employ the same theater-specified criteria for formation**
28 **tracking and FA could result in the application of friend protection to hostile**
29 **aircraft, or engagement of friendly aircraft by friendly weapons platforms.**

30
31 ~~d. CID is the accomplishment of the ID process with near real time exchange of~~
32 ~~information between all air control facilities, control units, and airspace users to meet the time~~
33 ~~and accuracy demands of combat operations. CID requires reliable voice and data nets, radars,~~
34 ~~identification friend or foe systems and selective ID features and established processes and~~
35 ~~procedures.~~

36 37 **15. Multinational Considerations**

38
39 Special considerations must be paid to establishing a workable CID system during
40 multinational operations. Differing electronic systems, firing doctrine and training will present
41 the AADC with a complex mix of units with dissimilar capabilities. A fully integrated CID
42 system must be set up in advance and training conducted as soon and as much as possible to
43 facilitate proper operations. Positive ID means should be stressed in this situation and every
44 effort made to devise a system to enable a positive ID of each nations' aircraft once airborne.

45 46 **~~SECTION E. HIGH VALUE ASSET PROTECTION~~**

47 48 **~~16. Purpose~~**

1
2 — HVA protection is the defense of national assets, which are so important that the loss of
3 even one could seriously impact US warfighting capabilities. Furthermore, the political
4 ramifications of destroying one of these assets could provide the adversary with a tremendous
5 propaganda victory.

6
7 **17. High Value Airborne Assets**

8
9 — HVAA include AWACS, RJ, JSTARS, tankers and Compass Call aircraft. Depending on
10 the defensive situation, other special mission aircraft and ABCCC may be considered HVAA.

11
12 **18. Planning HVAA Protection**

13
14 a. Active HVAA protection is normally performed by fighter aircraft in a CAP in
15 conjunction with a C2 platform but may also be provided by afloat surface to air missiles.
16 Allocating adequate fighter defense assets and proper OCA operations against adversary threats
17 are the primary defenses for HVAA.

18
19 b. Passive HVAA can be achieved by proper positioning of HVAA stations or orbits
20 beyond adversary interceptor range or deep in friendly SAM envelopes.

21
22 **19. Surface HVA**

23
24 a. Maritime HVA are aircraft carriers, maritime pre-positioning ships, combat logistics
25 force ships, and amphibious ships conducting amphibious assaults and landings. Other surface
26 HVA will be designated by the JFC based upon their importance to his campaign plan, effect of
27 their loss and capability of replacement. Maritime forces may be able to effectively operate out
28 of the threat envelope. Their inherent mobility and ability to project power ashore from beyond
29 the visual and radar horizon can provide a natural defense against shore based sensors and
30 weapons while maintaining the offensive capability of naval forces.

31
32 b. The protection of units and ports of debarkation (PODs) from air and missile attack is
33 normally the primary focus of organic and joint anti-air warfare/air defense assets supporting
34 land forces. Joint early entry forces should deploy with sufficient capabilities to preserve their
35 freedom of action and protect personnel and equipment from potential or likely air and missile
36 threats. The protection of assets designated on the DAL can be accomplished by the
37 combination of air, land or sea-based forces appropriate to the operational environment and
38 threat. Joint forces should deploy with sufficient DCA capability to gain access and support
39 freedom of maneuver within the battlespace. This can be accomplished through either Service
40 organic capability or the integrated DCA efforts of the joint force. The competing requirements
41 of HVA protection and the DAL must balance relative risk and mission priorities to ensure that
42 the DCA operations are consistent with the intent and operational goals of the JFC. If there are
43 lift or other constraints, the JFC must ultimately balance the risks and competing priorities and
44 decide how robust the initial entry DCA force will be.

45
46 **20. Planning the DAL**

1
2 a. The DAL should be developed with input from all components of the joint force. The first
3 step is for each component to submit their critical assets they believe require theater level asset
4 protection. Critical operational area assets (Figure III-2) are placed on the combatant
5 commander's CAL. Examples include PODs, main forces or strike bases, geopolitical centers
6 whose attack would influence the political course of the conflict, and logistic formations, bases
7 or chokepoints. Once consolidated, the list is prioritized based on JFC guidance and by assigned
8 missions, then assessed using the factors of criticality, vulnerability, recuperability and threat.
9 The prioritized list is used to place theater level defensive assets against HVA based upon JFC
10 priorities by phase.

11
12 b. Each defended asset should be prioritized as requiring active air defense or will institute
13 appropriate passive measures if that is all that is available or if that will suffice. After the initial
14 active air defense allocation, commanders should consider clustering to conserve air and missile
15 defense forces and reassess if passive measures alone have improved an asset's posture. Once
16 the AADC staffs, along with component representatives, have completed the defense design,
17 those assets receiving theater level asset protection make up the DAL. This list is reviewed
18 constantly for changes required by the progress of the operation.

19
20 e. **Levels of Engagement Effectiveness.** There are five levels of operational engagement
21 effectiveness. The JFC normally establishes the required level of engagement effectiveness for
22 each defended asset based on mission, adversary, terrain, troops, time and civilians. After the
23 level of engagement effectiveness is established, then the defense design and firing doctrine
24 parameters are developed. The JFC specifies which critical assets on the DAL will receive no
25 dedicated theater DCA (Level 0) through a very high level (Level 4) for HVA.

26
27 • **Level 0 (None)** — is defined as the commander's decision to accept maximum
28 risk where active defense forces provide no tiers of TBM protection.

29
30 • **Level 1 (Low)** — is for commanders that wish to provide some level of protection
31 throughout their defended areas. One tier of TBM protection will be used.

32
33 • **Level 2 (Medium)** — is the normal level of defense used to provide specific
34 military assets some level of protection using a single tier of protection operating alone. While a
35 single tier operating alone normally provides Level 2, it may use two tiers operating together in
36 an integrated defense.

37
38 • **Level 3 (High)** — is defined as the appropriate level of defense for assets that
39 require a more robust level of protection than Level 2. Level 3 normally uses two tiers but may
40 use one tier operating alone. This may also include areas where coordination between upper and
41 lower tiers is used to defend a common asset.

42
43 • **Level 4 (Very High)** — is defined as the maximum defense for high priority assets
44 such as population centers, ports, airfields, and other assets. This level normally requires two
45 tiers operating together in an integrated defense. This may include areas where coordination
46 between upper and lower tiers is used to defend a common asset.

SECTION F. AREA AIR DEFENSE PLAN

21. General

~~—With the support and input of Service component and/or functional component commanders, the AADC develops, integrates, and distributes a JFC approved joint AADP. The plan should contain detailed weapons control and engagement procedures and be closely integrated with the ACP. Proper DCA **planning considers active and passive air and missile defenses linked to OCA by a joint C4I infrastructure.** The AADC is responsible for integrating the capabilities of different components to construct a C4I architecture that will enable real time battle management. Because of their time sensitive nature, defensive operations require a streamlined decision and coordination process and robust, redundant C4I.~~

See Appendix A, “Area Air Defense Plan Format,” this publication, for an AADP format.

22. Planning Considerations

~~—Executing DCA Operations depends upon effective and redundant command and control planning. RADC/SADC should be designated as required and configured into an IADS architecture. The IADS must integrate Marine Corps and Air Force ground based C2 nodes, airborne C2 platforms and the roles of surface force air defense fire direction centers. As a minimum, certain requirements should be promulgated.~~

- ~~a. Required data links between centers and forces~~
- ~~b. Designate primary and secondary control centers for all active air defense forces~~
- ~~e. Align control centers with operational forces whenever possible; (e.g., the Marine TAOC should control all airspace over Marine forces in the littoral area).~~
- ~~d. Establish subordination among control centers if required to integrate DCA operations~~
- ~~e. Appoint DAADC’s if required to advise on matters regarding operations, capabilities and to ensure integration of assets within components into the AADP.~~
- ~~f. Establish an intelligence and warning architecture; ensure remote units and separate forces are addressed.~~
- ~~g. Delegate necessary authorities and establish conditions for automatic permissions, transfers of function or other means to ensure the continuous responsiveness of theater DCA.~~

SECTION E. ASSET PROTECTION PLANNING PRINCIPLES

16. General

The JFC and staff will normally develop a prioritized critical asset list (see Figure III-2). This list identifies what should be defended. Components will provide input and submit their prioritized critical assets requiring theater level protection that must support tasks/missions assigned by the JFC. Usually the number of assets requiring some level of defense will be greater than the resources available to defend them, therefore prioritizing all entries is essential. Due to the dynamic nature of joint operations, priorities will change over the course of the operation or campaign. Procedures should be established that permit timely updates to priorities. The completed list is forwarded to AADC who will allocate available active air and missile defense forces to defend the prioritized assets listed. The product of this effort is the DAL. The DAL is a list of those critical assets that receive theater level asset protection. Each defended asset on the DAL should be prioritized as requiring active air defense or appropriate passive measures if that is all that is available. After initial active defense allocation, commanders should consider clustering to conserve DCA forces and assess if passive measures alone satisfy an assets' required defensive posture. If passive measures alone are insufficient to defend an asset on the DAL, the issue should be resolved by the JFC. Once completed, the DAL is approved by the JFC.

17. Critical Asset List Development Principles

a. All assets are prioritized based on the factors of criticality, vulnerability, recoverability and the threat.

(1) **Criticality.** The degree to which an asset is essential to mission accomplishment. It is determined by assessing the impact that damage or destruction to the asset will have on the operation's success. Damage to an asset may **prevent, significantly delay, or have no impact on success.**

(2) **Vulnerability.** The degree an asset is susceptible to surveillance, attack or damage. The following factors should be considered when assessing vulnerability:

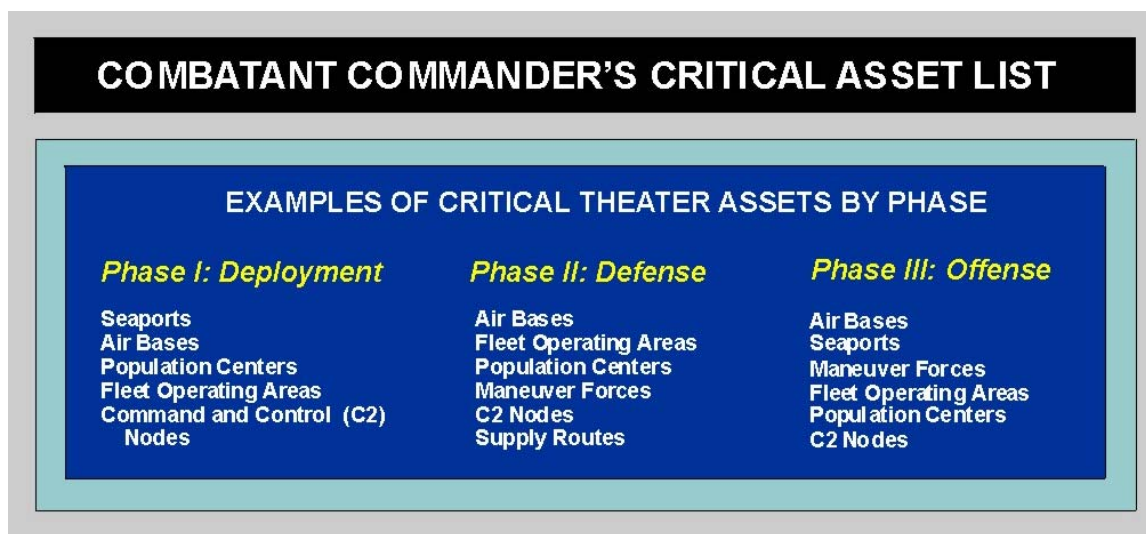


Figure III-2. Combatant Commander's Critical Asset List

1 (a) Survivability and cover (hardening).

2
3 (b) Camouflage and concealment.

4
5 (c) Mobility and dispersion.

6
7 (d) Ability to adequately defend itself from air/missile threats.

8
9 (3) Recoverability. The degree and ability to recover/reconstitute from inflicted
10 damage in terms of time, equipment, and manpower and to continue the mission. Commanders
11 should consider the time to replace personnel, equipment, or entire units, as well as whether
12 other forces can perform the same mission.

13
14 (4) Threat. Assess the probability an asset will be targeted for surveillance or attack
15 by a credible/capable adversary. A thorough JPIB oriented specifically on adversary air and
16 missile threats is key to an accurate threat assessment. Examples include targeting information
17 provided by intelligence estimates, past adversary surveillance and attack methods, and threat
18 doctrine.

19
20 b. High Value Assets. High value assets are classified as friendly **critical assets requiring**
21 protection. They may be any asset (i.e., forces, facilities, etc.) the friendly commander requires
22 for the successful completion of the mission. They are categorized as follows:

23
24 (1) High Value Geopolitical Assets are assets that are so important that the loss of
25 even one could seriously impact the JFC's warfight. In addition, the political ramifications of
26 destroying one of these assets could provide the adversary with a tremendous propaganda
27 victory.

28
29 (2) High Value Airborne Assets.

30
31 (a) Include AWACS, RJ, JSTARS, and tankers and Compass Call aircraft.
32 Depending on the defensive situation, other special mission aircraft may also be considered.

33
34 (b) Active protection is normally performed by fighter aircraft, but may also be
35 provided by land- and/or sea-based SAM systems.

36
37 (c) Passive protection includes positioning high value airborne asset stations or
38 orbits beyond adversary interceptor range or within friendly SAM envelopes.

39
40 (3) High Value Surface Assets.

41
42 (a) Maritime assets including aircraft carriers, maritime pre-positioning ships,
43 combat logistics force ships, and amphibious ships conducting amphibious assaults and landings.

44
45 (b) Active protection is normally provided by maritime Anti-Air Warfare capable
46 systems.

1
2 (c) Passive protection is accomplished by operating out of the adversary's
3 weapons envelope.

4
5 (d) Land assets include air and surface ports of debarkation, early entry forces,
6 and operations centers.

7
8 (e) Active protection is normally provided by organic Air Defense Artillery
9 systems.

10
11 (f) Passive protection is accomplished by cover and concealment, dispersal and
12 operating out of the adversary's weapons envelopes.

13 14 **18. Defended Asset List Development Considerations**

15
16 a. **Levels of Protection.** A level of protection is an aggregated probability that an asset
17 will not suffer mission critical damage from an air or missile attack. It encompasses all joint
18 force capabilities used to defeat the air and missile threat. Levels of protection are assigned to
19 each entry on the CAL list based upon the outcome of the CVRT analysis.

20
21 (1) Level 1. Provides a near-perfect protection to assigned asset. Primary driver for
22 resource positioning, planned methods of fire/integration of fires and initialization of DCA
23 systems in order to obtain the highest feasible probability of protection against specific threats.

24
25 (2) Level 2. Provides the highest protection achievable while maintaining near-perfect
26 protection for highest ranked assets.

27
28 (3) Level 3. Provides the highest protection achievable while maintaining directed
29 level for higher ranked assets.

30
31 b. **Levels of Engagement Effectiveness.** There are five levels of operational engagement
32 effectiveness. The AADC normally establishes the required level for each defended asset on the
33 DAL based on mission, enemy, terrain and weather, troops and support available – time
34 available and the JFC directed levels of protection. After a level is established, the defense
35 design and firing parameters are developed. Levels of engagement effectiveness 0-4 are
36 employed using tiers or methods of coverage with some employing multiple tiers and a variety
37 of active and passive measures. Tiers are commonly categorized as upper and lower.

38
39 (1) **Level 0 (None)** — defined as the commander's decision to accept maximum risk
40 where active defense forces provide no tiers of protection.

41
42 (2) **Level 1 (Low)** — for commander's that wish to provide some level of protection
43 throughout their defended areas. One tier of protection will be used.

44

1 (3) Level 2 (Medium) — the normal level of defense used to provide specific military
2 assets using a single tier of protection. While a single tier operating alone normally provides
3 Level 2, it may employ two integrated tiers of defense.

4
5 (4) Level 3 (High) — defined as the appropriate level of defense for assets that require
6 a more robust level of protection than Level 2. Level 3 normally employs two tiers but may use
7 one tier operating independently. This may also include areas where coordination between
8 upper and lower tiers is used to defend a common asset.

9
10 (5) Level 4 (Very High) — defined as the maximum defense for high priority assets.
11 This level normally requires two tiers operating together in an integrated defense. This may
12 include areas where coordination between upper and lower tiers is used to defend a common
13 asset.

14
15 **SECTION F. AREA AIR DEFENSE PLANNING**

16
17 **19. General**

18
19 With the support and input of Service and/or functional component commanders, the
20 AADC develops joint AADP (see Appendix A, “Area Air Defense Plan Format”). **The AADP**
21 **is the integration of active air defense design, passive defense measures and the C4I system**
22 **to provide a comprehensive approach to defending against the threat.** The plan should
23 contain detailed weapons control and engagement procedures, be closely integrated with the
24 ACP and facilitate a streamlined decision and coordination process. Planners must understand
25 that they will routinely be required to modify the AADP due to the dynamic nature of joint
26 operations. Ideally, as the operation progresses and the AADP is refined, the adversary’s ability
27 to conduct air and missile attacks will diminish, reducing the threat to the JFC’s freedom of
28 action. The AADP builds upon the DCA Estimate (see Appendix B, “Defensive Counterair
29 Estimate Format,” for format) and should address command relationships, the adversary and
30 friendly situation, the AADC’s mission, the AADC’s concept of operation, logistics, and C4
31 requirements.

20. Active Defense Design

Depending on the complexity of the threat, integrating and synchronizing all air and missile defenses will be a critical consideration in the active defense design. Defense against ballistic missiles, CMs, and aircraft each have unique requirements for active defenses. The DCA planner begins developing COAs by assigning active defense systems to each asset until the appropriate level of engagement effectiveness is achieved. Planners must anticipate that there will not be enough resources to defend all assets and developing multiple COAs with varying design schemes facilitates a staff's ability to recommend the best solution. Options may use a combination of weapon systems employing **area defenses** designed to protect multiple assets or **point defenses** using active defense capabilities to protect specific assets. In addition some elements may be chosen to employ organic DCA forces to defend themselves against direct attack. The following tasks should be considered when planning active defenses:

a. Determine Surveillance Coverage Areas. Defended airspace must be under continuous surveillance to facilitate early warning. The DCA planner should use a combination of air-, surface-, and space-based detection assets provided by the components to achieve this requirement. Adequate early warning of air and missile attacks provides the reaction time necessary for friendly forces to seek shelter or take appropriate action. **Early warning of hostile air and missile attacks is vital for a layered defense.**

b. Develop the Active Defense Fire Plan. The objective is to provide the required level of protection specified in the CAL. Defense resources involve applying six employment guidelines:

(1) Mutual Support. Weapons are positioned so that the fires of one weapons can engage targets within the dead zone of the adjacent weapons systems. For gun systems, this dead zone is usually small. For missile systems, the dead zone may be large and mutual support is a critical element. Mutual support can also cover non-operational units or units at lower states of readiness.

(2) Overlapping Fires. Weapons are positioned so that their engagement envelopes overlap. Because of the many altitudes from which the adversary can attack or conduct surveillance operations, defense planners must apply mutual supporting and overlapping fires vertically and horizontally.

(3) Balanced Fires. Weapons are positioned to deliver an equal volume of fires in all directions. This may be necessary when air defense is used in an area where the terrain does not canalize the adversary, or when the avenue of approach is unpredictable.

(4) Weighted Coverage. Weapons are positioned to concentrate fires toward the most likely threat direction of attack. Based on the tactical situation, a commander may risk leaving one direction of attack unprotected or lightly protected to weight coverage in another direction.

1 (5) Early Engagement. Sensors and weapons are positioned to maximize early
2 warning and to engage and destroy aircraft and missiles before they acquire and fire on, or
3 damage the defended asset.

4
5 (6) Defense in Depth. Sensors and weapons are positioned to deliver an increasing
6 volume of fire as an adversary air or missile threat approached the protected asset. Defense in
7 depth reduces the probability that “leakers” will reach the defended asset or force.

8
9 c. Establish a MEZ. Proper sequencing in the establishment of engagement zones is
10 crucial to effective IADS and DCA operations. MEZs established for surface force defense are
11 based on specific boundaries and weapons system capabilities. A surface-to-air MEZ should
12 generally follow the following criteria:

13
14 (1) Ensure that organized SAM units’ MEZs encompass the parent units’ AO.

15
16 (2) Encompass all defended assets within the range of employed weapon systems
17 within a direct support units’ MEZ.

18
19 (3) Size the MEZ to support engaging threat platforms before they can engage friendly
20 assets. ASM launchers should be destroyed before they can launch standoff munitions, UAVs
21 before they reach on board detector range of friendly targets. Multiple engagement opportunities
22 against threat CMs is essential for an effective defense.

23
24 (4) Specify the weapons that engage a given target.

25
26 (5) Establish SHORADEZs or other special engagement zones for special operations
27 or Service component concerns. Consult with respective component liaison officers.

28
29 (6) Consider the fact that maritime battle groups are not “static” and they usually
30 employ a “moving MEZ” with separate AO’s for air operations. In a littoral environment,
31 amphibious operations may encompass a portion of the land AO and function as a MEZ. In this
32 case, maritime combatants may be restricted by geography when defending selected coastal
33 assets. Linking land-based SAM systems with Navy generated search and fire control data can
34 result in improved ability to defend the littoral areas of the theater.

35
36 d. Determine Surface C2 Coverage and Fire Control. DCA operations depend upon
37 effective and redundant C2 planning. The IADS must integrate Marine Corps and Air Force
38 ground-based C2 nodes, airborne C2 platforms and the roles of surface force air defense fire
39 detection centers. As a minimum, the following is required:

40
41 (1) Designate RADC/SADCs as required and configure into the IADS architecture.

42
43 (2) Specify required data links between C2 nodes and forces.

44
45 (3) Designate primary and secondary control centers for all active air defense forces.

1 (4) Align control centers with operational forces whenever possible; (e.g., the Marine
2 Corps TAOC should control all airspace over Marine Corps forces in the littoral area).

3
4 (5) Establish primary and alternate control centers.

5
6 (6) Establish an intelligence and warning architecture; ensure remote units and
7 separate forces are addressed.

8
9 (7) Delegate necessary authorities and establish conditions for automatic permissions,
10 transfers of function or other means to ensure defenses remain responsive.

11
12 (8) Determine level of control. This describes the air defense echelon at which
13 positive management of the air battle is being conducted. It can be the AADC, RADC, SADC,
14 ADA brigade fire direction center (FDC), battalion FDC, or the individual fire unit. The element
15 possessing positive management has engagement authority. This may be a different level for
16 fixed-wing aircraft, rotary-wing aircraft, UAVs and theater missiles, and the levels of control
17 may change over the course of an operation. Engagement authority is delegated to the lowest
18 level in short-range air defense (SHORAD) fire units. High-to-medium altitude air defense
19 (HIMAD) fire units normally have engagement authority for theater missile engagements.
20 Engagement authority for aircraft is normally at SADC or higher.

21
22 (9) Determine modes of control. The two modes of control are either centralized or
23 decentralized control. The mode of control selected will depend upon the capabilities of the C4I
24 systems being employed, and both the friendly and adversary air situations. Centralized control
25 is when a higher echelon authorizes target engagements to fire units. Permission to engage each
26 track must be requested by the fire unit from that higher echelon. Centralized control is used to
27 minimize the likelihood of engaging friendly aircraft while permitting engagements of hostile
28 aircraft and missiles only when specific orders are issued to initiate the engagement. Normally,
29 centralized control is used for HIMAD aircraft engagements. Decentralized control is the
30 normal wartime mode of control for air and missile defense. A higher echelon monitors unit
31 actions, making direct target assignments on a management by exception basis to units only
32 when necessary to ensure proper fire distribution, to prevent engagement of friendly air
33 platforms, and to prevent simultaneous engagements of hostile air targets. Decentralized control
34 is used to increase the likelihood that a hostile aircraft or missile will be engaged as soon as it
35 comes within range of a given weapon. Normally, SHORAD engagements are decentralized.

36
37 (10) Specify trigger events, when they should be changed, and who has the authority to
38 change them.

39
40 e. **Establish Combat Air Patrols Stations.** The normal method of deploying fighters is
41 the CAP. Fighter aircraft normally perform CAPs during DCA operations. CAP stations
42 usually contain two to four fighter aircraft armed for air-to-air engagements. The following
43 considerations apply when planning a CAP:

44
45 (1) Assign barrier CAPs for the defense of a broad area protecting multiple assets.
46

1 (2) Assign a CAP to defend a specific asset (e.g., high value surface asset).

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3 (3) Assign CAPs special missions, as appropriate. For example, a barrier CAP may be
4 tasked to inspect or “sanitize” returning strike packages to ensure adversary aircraft do not
5 shadow friendly aircraft back to base.

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7 (4) Consider Navy CAPs as not only defending carrier and amphibious groups but also
8 as collateral defense of land-based assets positioning them over land during littoral operations.

9
10 (5) Consider employing a CAP if defense is still required and combat losses result in
11 SAM force MEZ gaps.

12
13 f. Establish a FEZ. Establish a FEZ to support CAP operations after the surface MEZ are
14 established:

15
16 (1) The FEZ normally extends above the coordinating altitude to the upper limit of
17 either the assigned DCA or primary threat aircrafts’ operating envelope.

18
19 (2) Where a MEZ and FEZ overlap horizontally, they may be separated vertically.

20
21 (3) Fighters are normally given a larger WEZ to perform an area defense mission and
22 to accommodate their longer-ranged weapons system capabilities.

23
24 g. Position Airborne C2 Stations.

25
26 (1) Station assets within ranges to perform their C2 function but where threats are
27 minimal and assets cannot be easily engaged and destroyed.

28
29 (2) Plan to dedicate protection to airborne C2 systems.

30
31 h. Determine Airborne C2 Coverage and Fire Control. When planning coverage and
32 fire control, consider the following:

33
34 (1) DCA fighter aircraft are normally under positive control of a C2 agency. Fighters
35 may conduct intercepts autonomously when authorized.

36
37 (2) When the availability of resources or the environmental depth of the resources
38 precludes positive tactical control, C2 agencies may provide broadcast information of target
39 data.

40
41 (3) US fighter aircraft usually operate with enhanced fire control radar and beyond
42 visual range weapons that allow multiple targets to be engaged at once.

43 (4) Fighters are normally in communication with a C2 agency that vectors them
44 toward airborne targets. The C2 agency also provides a link between the JAOC combat
45 operations division and the airborne fighters. This communication link provides a flexible and
46 reactive C2 arrangement.

1
2 (5) Airborne C2 agencies have the capability to retask fighters to meet protection
3 requirements.

4
5 i. **Establish a JEZ.** A JEZ should be employed when one or more of the following factors
6 exist:

7
8 (1) The adversary's employment of low altitude CMs dictates the need to ensure the
9 ability to engage with all available forces throughout the zone.

10
11 (2) There are significantly more assets that require defense than there are forces to
12 defend them.

13
14 (3) The operational characteristics of friendly aircraft and surface-based missile
15 systems and the nature of the operation do not lend themselves to establishing a MEZ/FEZ.

16
17 (4) The AADC and subordinate commanders are confident that there is sufficient
18 situational awareness and established CID procedures to reduce the possibility of fratricide.

19 20 **21. Passive Defense Measures**

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22 Those assets not assigned adequate active defense assets must rely on passive defense
23 measures for protection. By examining adversary munitions characteristics and quantities, and
24 their targeting process, the likelihood and timing of an attack may be estimated. There are four
25 principal considerations when planning passive air defense measures. These measures include:

26
27 a. **Tactical Warning Means and Procedures.** Rapid detection of attacks and timely
28 warning to all affected units buys time to prepare and react. Tactical warning methods and
29 procedures must be established, rehearsed, and thoroughly disseminated to all units.
30 Information networks and other tactical assets must be dependable and overlap each other.

31
32 b. **Reduction of Adversary Targeting Effectiveness.** Adversary targeting effectiveness
33 may be reduced by employing the following measures:

34
35 (1) **Command and Control Warfare (C2W).** C2W in support of DCA disrupts,
36 destroys and degrades and adversary's ability to command and control offensive air and missile
37 forces. Primary counterair responsibilities for C2W planning will usually be the responsibility
38 of the OCA planner. However, close coordination between OCA and DCA efforts ensures the
39 integration and synchronization of overall friendly efforts.

40
41 (2) **Mobility.** Friendly unit mobility limits exposure to adversary reconnaissance and
42 attacks which reduces vulnerability and increases the survivability of systems. For DCA
43 purposes, unit/asset mobility should reduce the adversary's ability to effectively target and attack
44 friendly assets with aircraft and missiles.

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1 **(3) Operations Security (OPSEC).** The reduction of electromagnetic, acoustic and
2 light signatures and the use of patrols and local unit security are examples of measures to reduce
3 an adversary's use of sensors to effectively target friendly units/assets. These measures also
4 reduce the accuracy of adversary weapons, and the likelihood of attacks or raids on a given unit.
5 Other examples of OPSEC include camouflage and concealment measures. Deception activities
6 (decoys and alternate/supplementary positions) can influence or deny adversary decision makers
7 accurate information on friendly defenses.

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9 See JP 3-54, Joint Doctrine for Operations Security, for specific guidance on OPSEC and JP
10 3-58, Joint Doctrine for Military Deception, for more information.

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12 **c. Reducing Vulnerability.** There are four means for reducing vulnerability:

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14 (1) Hardening reduces the effect of attacks by increasing an assets ability to absorb
15 damage and survive a direct attack. Careful positioning, field fortifications, and other methods
16 exploiting cover can enhance protection of critical assets.

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18 (2) Redundancy is the duplication of critical capabilities so that damage to one asset
19 does not affect operations overall. Of primary concern are "soft" targets such as C2 nodes and
20 sensors, and fixed sites such as airfields and ground stations for airborne sensors.

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22 (3) Dispersal reduces target vulnerability by decreasing concentration and making a
23 target more difficult to destroy. Combined with mobility and deception, dispersal increases
24 adversary uncertainty as to whether a particular location is occupied and, if so, whether it will be
25 occupied when the attack is executed.

26
27 (4) NBC defense consists of employing detection and NBC reconnaissance to avoid
28 contamination and individual and collective protection and decontamination capabilities.
29 Effective NBC defensive measure ensure a unit can survive and operate in an NBC environment.

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31 See JP 3-11, Joint Doctrine for Operations in Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical (NBC)
32 Environment.

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34 **d. Recover and Reconstitution.** Following and air or missile attack, units should be
35 restored to a desired level of combat effectiveness commensurate with mission requirements and
36 available resources. Resources should be made available to restore capabilities IAW JFC
37 established priorities. NBC aspects of recovery and reconstitution will require special emphasis
38 on decontamination and proper handling of NBC casualties.

SECTION G. ENABLING CAPABILITIES**22. Special Operations**

~~Special operations have become an integral part of a theater campaign across the range of military operations and should be considered when planning DCA operations. To ensure proper identification and reduce the potential for fratricide, SOF liaisons must ensure proper procedures are in place for cross-border airborne operations. SOF direct action missions (deep reconnaissance and post strike assessments) can provide information that aids in the timing of DCA activities. Integrated into offensive operations to destroy or disrupt air and missile bases, logistic or C2 sites, SOF can assist OCA forces, which in turn reduces adversary offensive capability against friendly DCA activities. Special operations are an integral part of a theater campaign across the range of military operations and should be considered when planning DCA operations. Missions conducted by SOF, such as special reconnaissance, direct action, and unconventional warfare, can aid both DCA and OCA operations by providing information or by destroying or disrupting air and missile bases, logistic sites, and C2 facilities. To ensure proper ID and reduce the potential for fratricide, SOF liaisons must ensure proper procedures are in place for cross-border airborne operations.~~

For more information refer to JP 3-05, Doctrine for Joint Special Operations.

23. Information Operations

DCA operations are most effective when they are conducted from a position of information superiority. Active and passive air defense operations can benefit from the defensive aspects of IO. Denying the adversary knowledge of friendly status, capabilities and locations is integral to effective DCA operations and is achieved via the full range of defensive measures, such as OPSEC, deception, and electronic security. Offensive IO should be employed to affect the adversary's decisionmaking process including choice of targets, ability to coordinate attacks or sequence of air and missile operations. IO offensive EW measures may be used in direct support of DCA operations to degrade and disrupt in-bound adversary airborne platforms; other means may be psychological operations, attack and destruction of C2 nodes, special IO and potentially computer network attack.

For more information refer to JP 3-13, Joint Doctrine for Information Operations.

24. Space Operations

Due to the theater-wide support capabilities they bring, space operations must be considered when planning DCA operations and establishing a battle management C4I architecture. The use of space capabilities has proven to be a force multiplier when integrated into joint operations. Space can provide assured theater-wide voice and data communications and global positioning and navigation assistance with CID. Satellites and their associated ground stations provide early warning of aircraft and missile launches impact point predictions, launch point determinations and related intelligence. All of this is integral to establishing an integrated air and missile defense system.

1 *For more information, refer to JP 3-14, Joint Doctrine for Space Operations.*

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3 **25. Intelligence Support**

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5 The intelligence function is carried out by a geographically dispersed network of national
6 and Service organizations, staffs and systems. Properly interconnected they form a disciplined
7 and responsive information gathering, processing and dissemination structure. The joint staff
8 will have a joint intelligence center (JIC) or joint intelligence support element (JISE) and is often
9 supported by a national intelligence support team (NIST). These supporting elements track the
10 adversary to detect, and identify threats and then provide warning and cueing.

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12 *For more information, see JP 2-01, Joint Intelligence Support to Military Operations.*

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CHAPTER IV
DEFENSIVE COUNTERAIR EXECUTION

“Being ready is not what matters. What matters is winning after you get there.”

Lieutenant General Victor H. Krulak, USMC

SECTION A. ACTIVE AIR DEFENSE

1. General

Active air defense operations include the following:

- a. Area defense; uses a combination of weapon systems to defend a broad area.
- b. Point defense; protects limited areas, normally in defense of vital elements of forces or installations.
- c. Self-defense; allows friendly units to defend themselves and friendly units/assets in the vicinity against direct attack or threats of attack by using organic weapons and systems. The right of self-defense is inherent in all ROE and weapons controls.

~~d. HVA protection defends national assets, which are so important that the loss of even one could seriously impact US warfighting capabilities.~~

2. Resources

a. The integration of active air defense systems provides efficient control and exchange of ~~real-time~~ information to all defensive forces and resources. Assets used in conducting active air defense may include fixed- and rotary-wing aircraft, surface-to-air weapons, and battle management C4I systems, netted into an IADS via a redundant and flexible C2 architecture constructed with interoperable data links, voice command circuits, and ~~a redundant and flexible C2 architecture common displays~~. Since DCA is by nature reactive, the ~~initial momentum first action~~ belongs to the adversary and the IADS must be flexible enough to respond to the most challenging threats.

b. Surface forces ~~will generally~~ possess ~~a large portion of the~~ following surface-to-air missile SAM systems:

(1) Army Corps air defense brigades normally are configured with 2-4 missile battalions, either HIMAD or SHORAD. In addition, EAC brigades with HIMAD will normally be made available to the AADC for theater air defense, usually under C2 of the AAMDC.

(2) Varying in size with the size and type of the ~~amphibious expeditionary~~ force, Marine ~~air defense units forces~~ are equipped with extensive air defense command and control facilities including long range 3-dimensional radars and SHORAD weapons.

ROYAL AIR FORCE FIGHTER COMMAND, BATTLE OF BRITAIN 1940

Fighter Command was the apex of a command and control network which unified the different elements of fighter aircraft, radar and ground defences into a complex system of defence which gave it a formidable striking power and effective operational flexibility. Bentley Priory was the heart of this system and it received information on incoming hostile aircraft, relayed on secure landlines from the radar stations, to its Filter Room. Once the direction of the plots was established, the relevant Group Operations Room was alerted, where the Group commander would decide which of his sectors would intercept.

SOURCE: British Imperial War Museum Internet Exhibit

(3) ~~Carrier groups usually have 3 or more Aegis capable ships. Surface forces also possess automatic weapons (machine guns and light cannon) suitable for use in an anti-aircraft role, such as Phalanx, the Navy's point defense system. Naval SAM capability is resident in a wide variety of ships. AEGIS cruisers and destroyers will provide area (HIMAD) and point (SHORAD) air and missile defense. All surface ships are provided with self-defense capability (guns and/or missiles). Normally area defense capable ships will deploy as part of an Carrier Battle Group (CVBG). Some of these multi-purpose ships will normally be made available in direct support to the AADC for theater air defense usually under the OPGON/TACON of the appropriate Navy commander.~~

c. **US Interceptor Aircraft.** The Air Force and Navy possess fixed-wing aircraft with a primary DCA mission. Other joint force fixed-wing fighter aircraft may also be used in an active defense role.

d. Other aircraft that are critical to DCA include the airborne early warning and control platforms, such as the E-3A ~~AWACS~~, ~~Sentry~~ and E-2 Hawkeye, ~~EP-3 Aries II~~, and the ~~ABCCC~~.

e. When operating with allied or coalition forces, proper coordination is essential to familiarize all active defense forces with member nations' aircraft. This is especially critical if non-US forces are using the ~~same~~ aircraft as similar to the adversary.

3. Execution

The overall DCA effort ~~should~~ must synchronize and integrate forces and capabilities from all components. DCA operations should attempt to intercept intruding adversary aircraft and missiles as early as possible. Although DCA operations are reactive in nature, they should be conducted as far from the friendly operational area as feasible. To ensure ~~attrition~~ defeat of adversary air and missile threats, the engagement process must continue through the approach to, entry into, and departure from the friendly operational area. The key to effective DCA is rapid implementation, proper execution, and timely adaptation of the AADP. The dynamic nature of war requires DCA ~~operators~~ commanders be prepared to modify the AADP as the situation requires; they should fight the adversary rather than the plan. This ~~process~~ flexibility is

1 accomplished through tactical C2 (commonly referred to as battle management), ~~the C2~~
2 ~~function used to monitor~~ ing operations and ~~execute~~ executing based on the JFACC's the
3 ~~JFC's/AADC's~~ intent.

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5 a. **Battle management** entails visualizing where, when, and with which forces to apply
6 component DCA capabilities against specific threats. Successful battle management supports
7 synchronization and integration of active and passive air defense efforts with other air operations
8 ensuring unity of effort and reducing the expenditure of resources and the risks of fratricide. For
9 subordinate commanders and controllers, effective battle management requires an ability to
10 visualize the current situation, make rapid decisions, and match the appropriate capability to the
11 threat. This requires managing available resources against the current and potential adversary
12 action, directing the correct response in a timely manner and then controlling or monitoring the
13 execution.

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15 b. Battle Management Organization. Complex DCA operations require a robust and
16 flexible command structure. Such a command structure is generally established by the
17 designation of one or more RADCs responsible to the AADC for DCA operations within a
18 specific geographic area. The command structure may be further refined by the assignment of
19 one or more SADCs responsible to the RADC for DCA operations within an assigned sector
20 (embedded within a region). These RADCs and SADCs have joint responsibility to
21 oversee/direct the DCA assets of all components systems within their region or sector as
22 appropriate.

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24 c. All surface forces conduct air and missile engagements and other air operations ~~in~~
25 ~~accordance with IAW~~ the AADP/ACP. All surface-to-air capabilities and forces assigned,
26 attached, and supporting the joint force are included in the AADP.

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28 d. Fighter aircraft conducting DCA operations are normally under positive control of a C2
29 agency. Fighters may conduct intercepts autonomously when authorized. When available
30 resources precludes ~~tactical-close~~ control, C2 agencies may provide broadcast information of
31 target data. US fighter aircraft usually operate with enhanced fire control radar and beyond
32 visual range weapons that allow multiple targets to be engaged at once.

33
34 (1) Fighter aircraft normally perform CAPs or respond to airborne threats from ground
35 alert locations during DCA operations. Fighters are normally in communication with a C2
36 agency which vectors them toward airborne targets. The C2 agency also provides a link
37 between the JAOC combat operations division and the airborne fighters. This communication
38 link provides a flexible and reactive C2 arrangement. General types of CAPs are:

- 39
40 (a) Barrier CAPs for area defense;
41 (b) base defense or local asset defense; and
42
43 (c) escorts for HVAAAs.
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1 (d) Some CAPs may also have additional missions (e.g., using barrier CAPs to
2 inspect or “sanitize” returning strike packages to ensure adversary aircraft do not shadow
3 friendlies back to base).

4
5 (2) Airborne retasking. If required, C2 agencies have the capability to retask flights to
6 meet DCA operational requirements.

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8 (3) Navy CAPs defending carrier battle and amphibious groups may be positioned
9 over land during littoral operations, and can provide collateral defense of the land AO.

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11 e. WCS is a control measure designed to establish the degree of freedom for fighters,
12 surface air defense, anti-aircraft, and small arms weapons to engage threats. (Missiles of any
13 type, friend or foe, which threaten the unit may be engaged at all times.) US forces use three
14 standard WCS, declared for a particular area and time. US forces will not disseminate these
15 WCS orders via tactical data links.

16
17 (1) Weapons free — the least restrictive status. Under weapons free, any target not
18 positively identified as friendly may be engaged.

19
20 (2) Weapons tight — the normal status. Under weapons tight, only targets positively
21 identified as hostile may be engaged.

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23 Note: Weapons Free/Weapons Tight Control Orders impose a status or condition applicable to
24 weapons systems within a defined volume of airspace. Established US doctrine does not allow
25 for further interpretation of weapons control orders against specific targets under any
26 circumstance. The transmission of Weapons Free/Weapons Tight Control Orders against
27 specific targets by US forces is prohibited. Any reception of Weapons Free/Weapons Tight
28 Control Orders against specific targets should be immediately clarified via voice request to
29 higher authority.---Message, JOINT STAFF WASHINGTON DC//J3// 081430ZJUL96

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31 (3) Weapons hold — the most restrictive status. Units may fire only in self-defense or
32 when ordered by proper higher authority.

33
34 f. Fire control orders are established to standardize tactical firing instructions issued during
35 the conduct of an air battle. US fire control orders are:

36
37 (1) Engage — in air defense, a fire control order used to direct or authorize units
38 and/or weapon systems to fire on a designated target.

39
40 (2) Cease engagement — directs units to stop the firing sequence against a designated
41 target. In air defense, break the engagement on the target specified, however, missiles already in
42 flight will be permitted to continue to intercept. (Multi-service TTP brevity codes).

43
44 (3) Cease Fire — (a) A command given to any unit or individual firing a weapon to
45 stop engaging the target. (b) A a-command given to air defense artillery units to refrain from

1 firing on, but to continue to track, an airborne object. Missiles already in flight will be permitted
2 to continue to intercept.

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4 (4) Hold fire —an emergency order used to stop firing. Missiles already in flight will
5 be prevented from intercepting, if technically possible.

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7 g. **Mobility.** When operations require ~~surface force~~ Army or Marine Corps firing units to
8 change location, displacement times must be considered. These Ssurface unit displacements
9 may take hours or even days and extensive coordination may be required; convoy plans and
10 permissions, realigned logistics, travel time, and shifting of backfill forces may be necessary.
11 Navy surface forces, on the other hand, are capable of full operation while repositioning.

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13 h. **Cross-boundary Operations.** Boundaries between forces and units are areas of risk.
14 Distribution and control of fires should be addressed during planning however, units conducting
15 DCA in the vicinity of boundaries should coordinate operations to minimize the risk of fratricide
16 while providing a seamless defense. Generally, engagements that cross a unit boundary or are in
17 a buffer zone will give priority of fires to the threatened unit.

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19 i. The entire volume of defended airspace must be under continuous surveillance by a
20 combination of air-, space- and surface-based detection assets. Adequate early warning of air
21 and missile threats provides maximum reaction time for friendly forces to seek shelter or take
22 appropriate action, thus **early warning of hostile air and missile attacks is vital for a layered**
23 **defense.** ~~To maximize destruction of adversary air and missile threats, the engagement~~
24 ~~process must continue throughout the threat's approach to, entry into, and departure from~~
25 ~~the friendly airspace. DCA operations attempt interception of intruding adversary aircraft and~~
26 ~~missiles as early as possible. Although DCA operations are mostly reactive in nature, they~~
27 ~~should be conducted as far from the friendly operational area as feasible.~~

28
29 j. **Alert Posture.** Levels of readiness should be tailored to the level of threat and warning.
30 Crews and systems cannot be maintained at high levels of alert status indefinitely. Unless forces
31 are actively conducting engagements or redeploying, some portion should be engaged in crew
32 rest and/or maintenance. “All clear” procedures should be established for when a threat no
33 longer exists.

34 35 k. **Transitions in DCA Operations**

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37 (1) Detection of adversary offensive preparations may be an indication of an
38 impending hostile act and signal the transition from peace to combat operations. Detection of
39 these preparations allows for the transmission of tactical warnings that alert commanders,
40 automated weapon systems, sensors, fusion centers, C2 nodes, and in some cases, civil
41 authorities to prepare for the expected attack.

42
43 (2) Active air and missile defenses can be established in consonance with the overall
44 JFC priorities and risk assessment.

45

(3) Transitions of C2 functions such as Marine Corps TACC, RADC, ID authority, etc. from one controlling headquarters ~~and centers to another~~ must be accomplished smoothly, with succeeding headquarters or nodes not assuming ~~C3-C4~~ functions until ~~real-time~~ the appropriate level capability is actually in place. Centers receiving a transfer of functions should be fully operational as an alternate or subordinate facility prior to transfer of authority.

1. **Decentralization and Tactical Engagement Control.** Active defenses are centrally planned and decentrally executed. However, decentralization is a relative condition. ~~If the AADC decentralizes fighter engagement authority to the SADC (i.e., a CRC), authority to engage with ADA may still be centralized at the RADC. The AADC must specify the conditions and limits within which engagement authority is decentralized.~~ A ~~subordinate~~ control node should retain engagement authority only if it can adequately perform battle management, based upon the threat level and the complexity of engagements.

“However beautiful the strategy, you should occasionally look at the results.”

Sir Winston Churchill

SECTION B. PASSIVE AIR DEFENSE

4. Measures

Passive air defense is necessary to complete the essential individual and collective protection for friendly forces, population centers, and critical assets. By examining adversary munitions characteristics and quantities, and their targeting process, the likelihood and timing of an attack may be estimated and passive measures can be employed before, during, and after an attack. There are four principal measures for passive air defense (see Figure IV-1).

a. **Tactical Warning.** Tactical detection and warning triggers some passive actions and enhances air and missile defense ~~actions capabilities by decreasing weapon system reaction times~~. Component commanders are responsible for providing tactical warning to assigned forces and are supported by national and theater systems. Combatant commanders are responsible for establishing a theater air and missile warning architecture to share warnings with joint force components and civilian agencies.

b. **Reduce Adversary Targeting Effectiveness.** The effectiveness of an air or missile attack, or airborne surveillance can be reduced through:

(1) **C2W.** Electronic warfare and selected attack operations and interdiction are targeted against the C4I assets that control adversary forces capable of striking into friendly airspace. This includes weather sensors and communication nodes as well as air and base control centers.



Figure IV-1 Principal Measures for Passive Defense

1 (2) **Mobility.** Mobility reduces vulnerability and contributes to survivability of certain
 2 systems by limiting exposure to reconnaissance and targeting. Frequent movement of units
 3 (inside the adversary's intelligence cycle) is of singular importance when the threat is severe.

4
 5 (3) **Deception.** Deception misleads adversaries by manipulating, distorting, or
 6 falsifying friendly actions. Deception influences adversary decision makers by feeding their
 7 intelligence collectors what appears to be credible information or by denying the adversary the
 8 ability to gain tactical, operational, and strategic information when using reconnaissance and
 9 surveillance systems.

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 11 (4) **OPSEC.**

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 13 *See JP 3-54, Joint Doctrine for Operations Security, for specific guidance on OPSEC.*

14
 15 (a) Emission control/communications security. Communications security, and an
 16 emission control program for infrared (IR), electromagnetic, and acoustic signature reduction
 17 deny adversary sensor and reconnaissance assets timely acquisition and ~~identification~~-ID of
 18 friendly targets.

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 20 (b) Force protection/counter-surveillance. Local unit security is an important
 21 element in denying accurate targeting data to adversary SOF or other adversary agents.
 22 Patrolling and ground forces support is important to keep adversary threat forces of Level I
 23 (agents, saboteurs and terrorists) and II (small tactical units) from conducting harassment or
 24 interdiction attacks against DCA assets.

25
 26 (c) Nighttime support operations. Conducting time-consuming resupply or other
 27 operations that increase the vulnerability of units during the night. This may reduce the
 28 magnitude of the threat to the unit during these times.

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 30 (d) Camouflage and concealment. Signature reduction measures also include
 31 camouflage and concealment (including using the cover of complex terrain).

32
 33 *See JP 3- 58, Joint Doctrine for Military Deception.*

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1 c. **Reducing vulnerability** enables units to survive an adversary attack. Measures to
2 reduce vulnerability include:

3
4 (1) **Hardening the Force.** Hardening reduces the effect of attack on systems and
5 facilities (i.e., aircraft, air base support equipment and facilities, nuclear delivery systems,
6 nuclear storage areas, C2 elements, communications nodes, and theater logistic facilities).
7 Protection for mobile forces and equipment may be best accomplished by careful positioning,
8 field fortifications, and other field-expedient methods.

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10 (2) **Redundancy.** A principal means of preserving combat power is duplication of
11 critical capabilities that are particularly vulnerable to ~~FM~~-attack and for which other passive
12 measures may be less appropriate. Of primary concern are “soft” targets such as C2 nodes and
13 sensors, and fixed sites such as airfields and ground stations for airborne sensors.

14
15 (3) **Dispersal.** Dispersal reduces target vulnerability by decreasing concentration and
16 making a target less lucrative. Combined with mobility and deception, dispersal increases
17 adversary uncertainty as to whether a particular location is occupied and, if so, whether it will be
18 occupied when the attack is executed.

19
20 (4) **NBC Defense.** Units employ detection and NBC reconnaissance to avoid
21 contamination, individual and collective protection for force protection to sustain operations, and
22 decontamination to recover from NBC effects.

23
24 *See JP 3-11, Joint Doctrine for Operations in Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical (NBC)*
25 *Environments.*

26
27 (5) **Civilian Training.** Civil authorities should be ~~trained to organize and instruct~~
28 ~~their populations on actions to take upon warning of attack. This training will facilitate civilian~~
29 ~~protection efforts and may reduce the impacts of munitions striking civilian areas.~~
30 instructed on receiving and understanding warning messages in order to organize their populations upon
31 warning of attack.

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33 d. **Recovery and Reconstitution.** Following an air or missile attack, units should be
34 restored to a desired level of combat effectiveness commensurate with mission requirements and
35 available resources. Resources should be made available to restore capabilities ~~in accordance~~
36 ~~with IAW~~ JFC established priorities. NBC aspects of recovery and reconstitution will require
37 special emphasis as improper handling of NBC casualties may hamper other activities.

5. Resources

a. The components of the joint force bring unique capabilities to the different aspects of passive air defense. Engineer, chemical defense and decontamination, explosive ordnance disposal and medical units may contribute significantly to passive air defense efforts and the joint force must maximize the total force's passive air defense capabilities. A threat based risk analysis, distributing area responsibilities and establishing support taskings ensures that critical assets have adequate passive air defenses.

b. **HN, Allied, and Coalition Assets.** Foreign forces and civilian infrastructure may augment or enhance joint force passive air defense efforts, either through government coordinated action or contracted support. It is essential that these capabilities, when available, are integrated into the total passive air defense response in the theater.

6. Execution

a. **Responsibilities.** The chain of command is responsible for timely warning of attack.

(1) As a minimum, the AADC must be able to pass warnings directly to the JFC's component Service and functional component command headquarters. TBM warnings generally will originate from the theater event system/joint tactical ground station (JTAGS) detachment. Airborne threat warnings are generally issued through the RADC/SADC. Local commanders may declare local Air Defense Warnings based on the local threat.

(2) Component commanders ~~are responsible to must~~ ensure ~~the establishing of~~ voice or data links ~~to the AADC are established~~. Component commanders are further responsible to establish voice or data links to provide ~~Tactical warning is retransmitted~~ within their components to the lowest level.

(3) Cross-component support is a unit and component commanders' responsibility. Cross-component support may establish connectivity to geographically isolated units of other Services or foreign forces who are unable to link up within their parent organization.

b. **Defense Clustering.** To facilitate the span of control for local commanders, support activities may be grouped into clusters. Grouping defended assets with active DCA units or locating critical force elements near declared assets is a passive measure that enables economy of forces, and localized defense in depth. It may also enhance the availability and contributions of HN assets. In the early stages of force projection, grouping allows any one location to draw upon the resources of the group.

SECTION C. COMMAND, CONTROL, COMMUNICATIONS, COMPUTERS AND INTELLIGENCE REQUIREMENTS

7. General

An interoperable C4I architecture is a critical element in OCA/DCA synchronization and integration. It must meld communications, sensors, automation and intelligence with commanders, operators and weapons throughout the battlespace, at appropriate decision and execution levels to integrate forces and missions. Through rapid, reliable, flexible, and secure exchange of information a C4I architecture provides the timely operational and intelligence information needed to plan, employ, coordinate, deconflict, execute, and sustain joint DCA operations. ~~These systems facilitate the integration of defensive with-and offensive operations, and facilitate centralized planning and decentralized execution, and to~~ To the extent of technical, intelligence and force operational limits, the AADC ~~and ACA~~ should establish an IADS of common digital data links, control centers, sector and other-echelon operations centers.

8. Support Requirements

a. For every operational element involved in DCA, the C4I family of systems must support:

(1) ~~R~~Rapid communications and coordination links and procedures;

(2) data fusion and decisionmaking nodes;

(3) warning and cueing systems; and

(4) links to dedicated weapons systems, other nations combat and/or civilian authorities.

b. Inherent in effective ~~air and missile defense DCA~~ operations is an absolute requirement for vertical, horizontal, technical and procedural interoperability. Defensive C4I processes are built using existing joint and Service systems and capabilities. Passive air defense measures require WMD effects ~~identification ID~~, launch detection, impact prediction and timely tactical warning. Active air defenses require early airborne objects detection and warning, and ~~near real time-NRT~~ C2 to conduct air and missile defense engagements and battle management. The C4I system must also generate accurate adversary launch and impact points and the associated location data, with timely and effective distribution of this information to enable OCA.

c. Supporting intelligence elements should be tailored to support real time operations as well as deliberate planning. Functions of the supporting intelligence elements include:

(1) Collection management;

(2) ~~D~~Determining ~~T~~hreat weapons and support systems locations;

1 (3) Combat assessment to include ~~bomb-battle~~ damage assessment from OCA efforts
2 against threat platforms that are the main DCA concern;

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4 (4) Indications and warning/early warning/launch warning;

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6 (5) ~~Predicting W~~weather effects on defensive operations and threat attack capabilities;

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8 (6) Continuous reassessment of adversary action based upon previous and current
9 activities.

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11 d. Intelligence supporting defensive efforts requires interface with existing national and
12 theater sensor and surveillance networks. The C4I system should accommodate a variety of
13 Service component, national, and allied or coalition communications systems.

14 15 9. Resources

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17 There are several resources available to the JFC for integrating DCA C4I.

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19 a. Joint Interface Control Officer (JICO) ~~and his cell~~ oversees the technical integration of
20 joint data and communications systems. The JICO is responsible for effective planning and
21 management of the joint multi-~~TADIL~~tactical data link network within an ~~in-theater-of-operations~~
22 operational area, IAW CJCS Manual (CJCSM) 3115.01, Joint Data Network (JDN) Operations,
23 and CJCSM 6120.01, Joint Multi-Tactical Data Link (TDL) Operating Procedures.

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25 b. The JIC, Joint Analysis Center, or JISE will provide theater-level intelligence support to
26 DCA, especially the IPB elements of the operation.

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28 c. The NIST provides overall national intelligence support to the joint force J-2, but may be
29 leveraged for specific DCA information if properly queried.

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31 d. Individual components' supporting intelligence elements detect, identify, and track
32 threats to warn and cue defensive assets, provide accurate launch and target points; ~~and~~ analyze
33 ~~of~~-potential adversary COAs. In addition, units charged with primary responsibilities to plan,
34 execute, and control air and missile defense operations for their component may also serve as
35 C4I integrators for ~~the joint-force~~ DCA.

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APPENDIX A
AREA AIR DEFENSE PLAN FORMAT

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Issuing Headquarters
Place of Issue
Date/Time Group of Signature

~~AREA AIR DEFENSE PLAN (AADP)~~: Operation/Exercise Number or Code Name

References: Maps, charts, and other relevant documents.

COMMAND RELATIONSHIPS. Briefly describe the command organization (composition and relationships) for ~~the Area Air Defense Commander's (AADC) implementation of implementing theater~~AOR/JOA-wide air defense operations envisioned by the JFC. Detailed information may be included in the command relationships annex. As a minimum, address JFC, component commanders, ~~Airspace Control Authority (ACA), Regional/Sector Air Defense Commanders (RADC/SADC), Joint Interface Control Officer (JICO)~~; alternate authorities and control center issues.

1. Situation. Briefly describe the situation that the plan addresses. The related operation plan in concept format (CONPLAN) or OPLAN should be identified as appropriate. Include a description of the conditions under which the guidance and procedures in the ~~area air defense plan-AADP~~ are applicable (e.g., the exercise, ~~operation plan~~OPLAN, operation order, military operation, coordination between air and ground defense forces).

a. Guidance. Provide a summary of directives, letters of instructions, memorandums, treaties, and strategic plans, including any campaign/operation plans received from higher authority, that apply to the plan.

b. Adversary Forces. Provide a reference to the Intelligence Annex of the governing OPLAN or CONPLAN and/or a top-level summary of pertinent intelligence data including information on the following:

(1) Composition, location, disposition, movements, and strengths of major adversary forces that can influence action in the operational area.

(2) Definition of threat axes, DCA operations, known ~~weapons of mass destruction (WMD)~~, and estimated adversary COAs.

(3) Known ~~Intelligence Preparation of the Battlespace (IPB)~~ for the operational area.

(4) Adversary vulnerabilities, COGs, and decisive points.

1 c. Friendly Forces. State information on friendly forces assigned.

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3 (1) Describe air defense friendly forces, including ~~command and control (C2)~~, aircraft
4 (including ARM-J, counterair, reconnaissance, surveillance and support), location of ~~surface-to-~~
5 ~~air missile-SAM~~ units, and support forces.

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7 d. Non-Allied Forces

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9 (1) Describe neutral forces and air defense capabilities in or near the theater which
10 could impact operations. Include general statement and any specific information about COAs
11 and WMD capabilities. Include air and sea routes, shipping lanes, location of SAM units and air
12 traffic control information.

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14 (2) Describe noncombatants in or near the theater that could impact operations.
15 Include information on shipping lanes and international air traffic, if known.

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17 2. Mission. State the joint air defense tasks and the purposes and relationships to achieving
18 the AADC's objectives.

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20 3. Air Defense Operations

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22 a. ~~Operational~~ Concept of Operations. Describe the Concept of Operations, including the
23 mission assumptions, maintenance policies, and JOA within which the ~~area air defense plan~~
24 ~~AADP~~ applies.

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26 (1) Air defense organization – air and surface, sensors, shooters and ~~command and~~
27 ~~control C2~~.

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29 (2) Provide or reference the list of critical assets to be defended (with asset criticality)
30 with respect to campaign phase and timing within the campaign phase.

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32 (3) Designation of prioritized defended assets, with their associated levels of protection
33 as approved by the JFC. May include specific defending commander responsibilities, and
34 allocation of forces.

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36 (4) Bed down overview.

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38 (5) Phases of air defensive operations in relation to JFC ~~operation plan~~ OPLAN.

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40 (6) Timing and duration of phases.

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42 b. Coordinating Instructions

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44 (1) Describe the integrating policy, including the philosophy of the weapons control
45 plan and interfaces between commanders at various levels. Include plans and procedures for

1 employing air control units and missile control units. Also include list of vital areas and target
2 priorities policy and guidance, as well as return to ship/base procedures.

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4 (2) Describe Weapons Coordination Policy and Code Words. Describe preplanned
5 responses to tactical situations, including lost communications; approach of hostile aircraft or
6 low/slow fliers; Anti-ship ~~Cruise Missile~~CM/Land Attack ~~Cruise Missile~~CM launch/detection;
7 transporter/erector/launcher detection or ~~Theater Ballistic Missile~~(TBM) launch; reconnaissance
8 aircraft detection; adverse weather; or detection of time critical or time sensitive targets.

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10 (3) ~~Rules of Engagement~~-(ROE)

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12 (a) Include ~~identification~~-ID procedures and requirements and deconfliction
13 procedures.

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15 (b) Describe the ROE's impact and constraints of on joint air defense operations.

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17 (4) Describe reporting requirements, including the ~~air tasking order~~-(ATO), special
18 instructions, ACO, tactical operations data (TACOPDAT), Daily Intentions messages,
19 operations task link (OPTASKLINK), and status reports.

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21 (5) Describe/discuss interaction between air and missile defense operations and
22 procedures and the airspace control plan.

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24 4. Logistics. Give references to where this information is maintained.

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26 5. Command, Control, and Communications

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28 a. Command Relationships. State the planned C2 structure for the entire joint air and
29 missile defense operation. Indicate any transfer of forces contemplated during the air defense
30 operation, including the time of expected transfer. Give locations of all pertinent ~~command and~~
31 ~~control~~C2 agency locations and command posts for various commanders.

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33 b. Communications. State where to find the communications plan(s).

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35 c. Command Designators. If certain terms or codewords are an integral part of a Service's
36 DCA lexicon be sure to define or explain them; for example the Navy uses "Red Crown" for
37 their airspace control center.

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39 6. AADP Guidance. The AADP is developed ~~by the AADC staff~~ in collaboration with the
40 JFC, allies and coalition partners, and component commander staffs. Although the AADP is
41 designed to be the AADC's plan of action, it is a living document. RADC/SADC may wish to
42 provide supplements to the plan to reflect additional guidance or intentions. While the AADP
43 includes topics for discussion, it may be written to reflect greater or lesser detail and may serve
44 as a reference document to point users to other more detailed messages like the TACOPDAT
45 and OPTASKLINK.

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APPENDIX B
DEFENSIVE COUNTERAIR ESTIMATE FORMAT

DCA ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION

(Classification)

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Message reference number

DCA ESTIMATE NUMBER

References: Maps, charts, or other documents.

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1. MISSION

Clearly state the task given to the AADC by the JFC and the purpose for the task. The task should describe what friendly DCA forces will do to the adversary. The purpose describes the reason for the task and should remain effective even after the task becomes outdated due to a change in the situation.

2. SITUATION AND CONSIDERATIONS

This paragraph describes the conditions under which the unit will perform its mission and the possible COAs of the supported force.

a. Characteristics of the area of operation. For this paragraph, determine those factors of the situation that influence friendly and adversary actions and which, therefore, may influence the choice of a COA. In the absence of facts, use logical assumptions that might directly affect the mission. Includes analysis of the effects of pertinent characteristics on conducting DCA operations.

(1) Weather. Put the analysis of data from predicted weather and light conditions for the period in this paragraph. Assess how the weather affects friendly operations. Also include the evaluation of how weather and light conditions might affect the used of adversary UAVs; missiles; aircraft, both fixed- and rotary-wing; and airborne or air assault operations. Try to determine or predict when the adversary will probably use those assets due to the weather.

(2) Terrain. Analyze the effects of terrain, including effects on observation and fire; cover and concealment; movement (surface and air); employment of friendly and adversary NBC weapons; communications, EW and combat surveillance; unconventional warfare;

1 psychological operations; and other aspects of military operations. Determine key terrain and air
2 avenues of approach. Also discuss terrain features that limit air vehicle detection or target
3 acquisition and terrain that might canalize or force air targets to fly a particular profile. Try to
4 determine where the adversary will most probably use air assets.

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6 (3) Other pertinent factors. List analysis of political, economic, sociological,
7 psychological, and other factors (such as hydrography, environment, communications, science,
8 technology, materiel, transportations, safety and accident prevention, and manpower). Include
9 deduction about their effects on friendly and adversary operations.

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11 b. Adversary Air and Missile Forces

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13 (1) Disposition. List locations of adversary air and missile forces that will participate
14 in operations. Determine combinations of air platforms that the adversary may use when
15 conducting a particular type of operation.

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17 (2) Composition. How adversary organizes for combat; includes identity of units,
18 types of air platforms and missiles, and armament. Also address the expected number of sorties
19 and missiles flown per day, and possible composition of those sorties.

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21 (3) Strength. Numbers and sizes of committed and reinforcing units. Consider the
22 adversary's location, doctrine, and the unit's mission. Identify air and missile assets, and air
23 support units that could or may affect the operations. When, where, and how many air platforms
24 will the adversary fly during this operation?

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26 (4) Other considerations. Adversary forces not discussed above.

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28 (5) Recent and present significant activities. Summarize recent adversary activities
29 that were both successful and unsuccessful. Highlight any adversary air activity to include
30 number, type of air platforms, and locations.

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32 (6) Peculiarities and weaknesses. Indicate adversary peculiarities and weaknesses that
33 might influence combat effectiveness, including vulnerability to deception.

34
35 (7) Courses of Action. Identify available information from which to determine
36 possible adversary COAs and their relation to the adversary's joint COA.

37
38 c. Friendly Forces. Identify disposition, composition, and strength. Highlight the
39 vulnerability of the joint force to adversary air and missile attacks and surveillance.

40
41 (1) Friendly COAs. State the JFC's COA. Include any guidance that affects DCA
42 operations. Include description of any phasing of operations in the COA and the impact of those
43 operations on support relationships or requirements.

1 (2) Current status of resources within staff AOR. Identify the status of personnel and
2 logistics in the unit. Identify civil-military operations requirements. Identify limitations that
3 affect or may affect the conduct of DCA operations. Can the mission be accomplished?

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5 (3) Current status of other resources that affect AADC's JOA.

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7 (4) Comparison of requirements versus capabilities and recommended solutions.

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9 (5) Key considerations (evaluation criteria) for COA supportability.

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11 d. Assumptions.

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13 **3. ANALYSIS**

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15 Analyze each COA using evaluation criteria. Identify those aspects in the JFC's plan that
16 creates difficulty in providing DCA coverage and affect the ability of the force to accomplish its
17 mission.

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19 **4. COMPARISON**

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21 a. Compare COAs using evaluation criteria. Rank order COAs for each key consideration.
22 A decision matrix should visually support comparison. Present a DCA COA for each JFC COA.

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24 b. Each COA should include the following aspects:

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26 (1) DCA mission;

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28 (2) DCA priorities;

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30 (3) DCA fires;

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32 (4) DCA scheme of maneuver;

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34 (5) task organization;

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36 (6) command and support relationships; and

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38 (7) key passive defense measures.

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40 **5. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS**

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42 Recommended COA based on the comparison.

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44 a. Indicate which joint COA(s) DCA can best support (using the elements of who, what,
45 when, where, how, and why).

46 b. Recommend list of DCA priorities.

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c. State the recommended DCA organization for combat, and employment of other active DCA assets.

d. Possible OCA targets.

e. Passive and active DCA measures that will be most effective.

f. Issues, deficiencies, and risks with recommendations to reduce their impacts.

ANNEXES: (as required)

APPENDIX C

THEATER MISSILE SYSTEMS

1. Background

a. TMs are defined as ballistic missiles, cruise missiles, and ASMs (not including short-range, non-nuclear, direct fire missiles, bombs or rockets such as Maverick or wire-guided missiles). Their target is within a given theater of operation. TMs have unique capabilities that must be considered when planning countermeasures. For example, no other target system can put a warhead into the theater rear area or threaten neutral countries in a matter of minutes. Other target systems do not create public panic and a political situation each time a launch is broadcasted on television worldwide by reporters wearing gas masks. These unique traits, coupled with the elusive nature of the TM target system, require the dedicated attention of determined, knowledgeable professionals to effectively counter the threat.

b. Modern TMs have very long ranges and can launch a variety of warheads, including high explosive; NBC; etc. They are also currently difficult to counter. Because they are relatively cost effective weapons, ballistic missiles are weapons of choice for many developing nations. Such weapons provide an offensive capability and, when mated with a warhead of mass destruction, give a nation the ability to deter a potential adversary by holding population centers and/or military forces at risk. Rogue nations believe TMs provide them with a counter to sophisticated land, air, and naval forces. As a result, nations around the world are actively pursuing missile capabilities.

c. TMs may be used alone or in conjunction with other weapon systems. Their targets can vary from political to military, such as population centers, ports, airfield, headquarters, air defense sites, C2 elements, communications nodes, and logistic centers. They can quickly put key civilian facilities at risk, such as power and water stations, petroleum pumping and storage sites, and industrial complexes. Ballistic and cruise missiles also present a serious threat to merchant shipping, critical sea-lanes, and maritime operations in joint littoral warfare, as well as key offensive and defensive forces/complexes and support organizations. ASMs have also proven to be effective weapons against point targets, and they are difficult to defend against.

2. Generic Architecture

Although there are many variables between the different types of TMs, they generally share a common architecture. Countries possessing TMs either import them, reverse-engineer them and/or develop their own technology. Common aspects of all TM programs are:

a. Research and Development (R&D). If a country is developing its own missile system(s) or adapting a system purchased from another country, there will be a center, institution, and personnel responsible for the R&D effort. However, if a country purchases the complete TM system, there may be no R&D effort.

1 b. Manufacturing. Countries that develop their own systems or adapt those produced by
2 other nations require dedicated manufacturing and testing facilities. They may also have to
3 develop or refine the fuel for the missile systems. Although the fuels are of a specific type, they
4 are commonly available on the international market from several sources.

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6 c. Import. Countries that purchase systems from other nations will have prepared sites for
7 receipt of missile system components and fuels. These ports of entry may be air-, land- (road or
8 rail), or sea-based. These locations must have receipt, inspection, and storage capabilities. If the
9 equipment requires assembly, there may be facilities created nearby to support these activities.

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11 d. Transportation. TM components must move from their manufacturing or importing site
12 by rail, road, air, and/or sea to garrison or permanent storage sites.

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14 e. Missile Storage. Missile storage locations are required at the point of manufacture, at the
15 point of receipt, in TM unit garrison locations, and at training installations. Missile storage sites
16 are likely to be constructed and developed within projected operational areas as well.

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18 f. Warhead Storage. Warhead storage sites are usually located in ammunition areas and
19 may not be easily discernible from bunkers holding other munitions. However, WMD warheads
20 require specialized storage, handling and, most notably, higher security.

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22 g. Garrison. TM units are usually garrisoned at military bases. Most training and
23 equipment maintenance occurs at these locations. Land-based units will likely move from their
24 garrisons to conduct combat operations. Air and naval TM units may conduct wartime
25 operations directly from their home air base or port facility.

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27 h. Dispersal. During peacetime training or conflict, TM forces move from garrison or
28 permanent storage sites to operating areas. These areas may include training areas, forward-
29 operating bases (FOB), staging bases, hide locations, or air bases. The missiles are normally
30 transported on a transporter-erector-launcher (missile platform) (TEL), or they can be moved by
31 railcar or covered truck. For cruise missiles and ASMs, aircraft may move to designated
32 dispersal or staging bases, while ships may move out of port to a designated operating area.

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34 i. Assembly Areas. In most cases missiles and warheads are shipped and stored separately.
35 One of the final stages of preparing the weapon for launching is mating the warhead to the
36 missile body. This applies to training and combat operations.

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38 j. Launch Areas. TM attacks normally take place from planned launch areas. The
39 characteristics of the launch areas are dependent on missile-type. Ballistic missiles usually start
40 from a hide position then move to the launch area. Aircraft and naval vessels usually proceed
41 directly to a planned launch area from their bases.

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43 k. Launch Preparation. After arrival at a launch area, most ballistic missiles require some
44 prelaunch preparation. These activities may involve fueling and testing the missile and warhead
45 components along with some assembly operations. Launch preparations for liquid-fueled TMs
46 generally require longer set-up/check-out time than do solid fuel missiles. For cruise missiles

1 and ASMs, these activities will likely occur at an airfield or port and may involve simply
2 moving the missile from a storage area to a delivery platform (aircraft or naval ship).

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4 l. C4. Planning TM operations is normally a highly centralized process with tight control
5 over the employment and selection of targets. Execution of TM operations may be either
6 centralized or decentralized. The degree of centralization is generally determined by the amount
7 of control desired by civilian or senior military leaders, the capability for secure radio or
8 hardwire communications, the ability of the opposing forces to detect or locate transmitters, and
9 the tactics employed. WMD-armed missiles will be tightly controlled because of their political
10 sensitivity and the possibility of retaliation. Thus, WMD-associated TM units will normally
11 require robust communication links or constant communication with national leadership for
12 launch authorization.

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14 m. Support Units. Most TM systems require an extensive support system. Support units
15 provide a variety of functions to include maintenance, rearming and refueling, personnel
16 replacement, etc. They also deliver replacement warheads and missiles and conduct all the
17 electronic testing and repair. During peacetime, these units will probably be collocated with the
18 TM firing units in garrison. In wartime, they may disperse to FOBs or forward-operating
19 locations (FOLs), dispersal/staging airfields, or naval operating areas.

20 21 3. Theater Ballistic Missiles

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23 a. Definition. TBMs or SSMs are characterized by their trajectory, having one or more
24 boosters and an initial steering vector. They have a range of 30 to greater than 3300 kilometers
25 (50 to 2000 miles) and can travel this distance in 5 to 20 minutes. Once launched, ballistic
26 missiles are guided to their planned targets using gyroscopic assemblies.

27 28 b. Threat Employment Concepts

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30 (1) Prime strategic targets for ballistic missiles are large, soft, heavily defended, and
31 deep rear area facilities that are critical to a nation's warfighting ability. Examples include
32 airfields, air defense sites, transportation centers (ports and airfields), logistic hubs, and national
33 C2 nodes. Additionally, key population centers are prime targets whose attack might create
34 panic among the populace and foster a political crisis. TBMs may also be used in a tactical
35 sense to affect battlefield logistics and operations; although, this is less likely given the strategic
36 importance of such weapons to developing nations.

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38 (2) Mobility enhances TBM survivability and, conversely, complicates targeting
39 efforts. Their long range affords the adversary increased options in selecting operating areas and
40 determining potential targets. TBMs have been exported by many nations (the Scud and its
41 derivatives being the most common). The Scud employs the full spectrum of warheads. The
42 Scud, as well as the Soviet designed SS-21 Scarab, can be set up and fired in less than 45
43 minutes and subsequently relocated within minutes. Some modified versions of the Scud missile
44 have demonstrated a tendency to break up during terminal phase descent; this break up further
45 complicates defensive efforts.

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1 (3) SAM systems have been modified into SSMs in China and South Korea. This
2 trend will likely spread to other nations. As missile systems and missile technology proliferate,
3 nations will acquire or be able to produce missile systems using solid fuels. This will
4 significantly reduce the dwell time required for system checks and fueling during launch
5 preparation. This reduced dwell time will significantly reduce the TMs signature and the time
6 available for preemptive attack operations.

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8 c. Threat Employment Operations. TBM operations are generally broken down into five
9 major phases. These include readiness, deployment, employment, sustainment, and
10 reconstitution.

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12 (1) Readiness Phase. The readiness phase encompasses normal day-to-day peacetime
13 operations. During this phase, TBM forces train on wartime tasks and practice doctrinal
14 employment in the local training areas or in garrison. This normally entails missile erection, site
15 preparation, TEL operations, and missile maintenance. Support units will perform maintenance
16 on firing units and conduct resupply operations.

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18 (2) Deployment Phase. The deployment phase may include initial movement from the
19 garrison location(s) to the initial war fighting positions to support established objectives. TBM
20 force deployment will depend on the range to the target, missile capability, terrain, and
21 survivability considerations. Firing units will move to either hide positions or directly into
22 launch positions. Support units will likely move to a FOB or FOL and from there conduct
23 support to transload operations. (Note: **Deployment may or may not convey hostile intent,**
24 **depending upon the circumstances.**)

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26 (3) Employment Phase. The employment phase encompasses initial combat
27 operations. During this phase, TELs move missiles to their initial firing positions from a hide
28 site and then, after launch, move to another hide site or directly to transload operations,
29 depending on the threat. The support unit will establish the transload location based upon
30 doctrine, terrain, the TBM force commander's firing schedule, and the threat.

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32 (4) Sustainment Phase. During the sustainment phase, support units will likely use a
33 FOB or FOL to conduct the necessary repair/replacement operations to sustain the TBM force.
34 Sustainment operations require support units to use [lines of communications \(LOCs\)](#) from
35 garrison locations, field storage areas, and/or the manufacturing infrastructure/import facilities to
36 the FOB and forward.

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38 (5) Reconstitution Phase. The reconstitution phase encompasses continuous
39 operations between firing units, support units, and higher echelon logistic locations to regenerate
40 TBM forces.

1 **d. Threat Employment—TTPs**

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3 (1) TEL Operations. TELs serve as the transporter and launch platform for missiles.
4 The most common TEL is the Soviet era MAZ-543. TELs present a small, extremely mobile
5 target with very short dwell time. The MAZ-543 has tremendous off-road mobility and can
6 easily hide. TELs generally travel only short distances between hide sites, launch sites, and
7 transload sites, unless required to return to the FOB or FOL for additional maintenance. A TEL
8 will be in launch configuration for a very short period of time and can displace to a new hide site
9 in a matter of minutes.

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11 (2) Transload Site. The transload site is where fueled, ready missiles are loaded onto
12 TELS. Support unit personnel, vehicles, and equipment from the FOB or FOL rendezvous at this
13 site with firing unit TELs. At this site there are generally a number of vehicles: missile resupply
14 vehicles (with one to three missiles), a crane (possibly attached to the resupply vehicle), and
15 other ground support equipment (GSE) as required by the missile type. GSE likely may not
16 have great off-road mobility; in such cases, transload sites will likely be only a short distance
17 from improved roads. The transload site is usually an open area large enough to allow the crane
18 to lift/pivot the missile onto the TEL, approximately 50 by 50 meters. This operation can occur
19 in large buildings or underground facilities with sufficient height, approximately 20 meters.
20 When detected, this site will remain vulnerable throughout its established dwell time.

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22 (3) FOL. A FOL is typically where warheads and missiles are mated, missiles are
23 fueled, and missiles are loaded onto the resupply vehicle. A FOL remains in place from half a
24 day to 3 days. The FOL usually contains warheads and missile airframes, transporters, cranes,
25 checkout vehicles, fuel trucks (vehicle and missile fuel), and resupply and other support
26 vehicles. FOLs can be located in rural or urban settings, and may be hidden in a building
27 complex or underground facility. The FOL has a larger footprint than TEL or transload
28 operations but is still difficult to locate. Some countries may not employ FOLs, preferring to
29 conduct these operations out of the FOB.

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31 (4) FOB. The FOB is the main TM unit supply and storage activity and will be spread
32 out over a large geographic area for survivability. The number of FOBs will depend on the size
33 of the missile force (targets selected and acceptable travel distances for support units). In
34 situations where a country's geographic area is small, it is possible that operations typically
35 associated with the FOB could be conducted from garrison.

36
37 (a) A typical FOB contains warhead, missile and propellant storage sites;
38 transporters and cranes; checkout vehicles; fuel trucks (vehicle and missile fuel); and resupply
39 and other support vehicles. An FOB can be established in an urban environment hidden in large
40 buildings or underground facilities or in the field. The FOB will normally deploy GSE to FOLs
41 and/or transload sites as needed to sustain launch operations. FOBs require robust LOCs
42 (primarily roads and rail lines) to support continuous operations.

43
44 (b) **The FOB cannot be easily hidden, but may be difficult to distinguish from**
45 **other logistic facilities.** Once established, the FOB will probably not be moved in total, but

1 certain components may be moved to complicate detection, create a deception, or facilitate
2 launch operations.

3 4 **4. Cruise Missiles**

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6 **a. Definition.** Cruise missiles are defined as a guided missile, the major portion of whose
7 flight path to its target is conducted at approximately constant velocity, and depends on the
8 dynamic reaction of air for lift and upon propulsion forces to balance drag. A cruise missile is
9 an unmanned, self-propelled vehicle that sustains flight through the use of aerodynamic lift over
10 most of its flight. Cruise missiles usually navigate autonomously to the targets and depending
11 on their sophistication can position themselves through a number of update methods along
12 extended flight routes. Cruise missiles are capable of delivering the full complement of
13 warheads; from conventional to WMD.

14 15 **b. Threat Cruise Missiles**

16
17 (1) Very few nations currently possess sophisticated cruise missiles, such as the US
18 Navy Tomahawk land attack missiles or US Air Force conventional air launch cruise missile.
19 Employment by developed nations has been limited. The majority of cruise missiles in potential
20 threat nations are short-range anti-ship cruise missiles (ASCMs) with ranges up to 100 nautical
21 miles (nm), such as China's Silkworm. Some countries are modifying ASCM for a land attack
22 role.

23
24 (2) Future cruise missile technology will build on existing low observable, sensor
25 defeating designs using radar absorbing materials and composite materials such as Kevlar or
26 carbon fiber to further reduce their radar cross sections (RCSs) and render them more difficult to
27 detect. Cruise missile are characterized as having the following features:

28
29 (a) RCS of .1 square meter or less (-10 decibel and lower)

30
31 (b) Low IR signature (varies by type of cruise missile)

32
33 (c) Acoustic signature (varies by type of cruise missile)

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35 (d) Cruise altitude of 100' to 2000' above ground level or 50,000' above mean sea
36 level

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38 (e) Range of 100 to 1000 nms

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40 (f) Payload of 200 to 1000 pounds

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42 (g) Speed range of high subsonic (low altitude) or supersonic (high altitude)

43
44 (h) Air-, land-, or sea-launched

45 46 **c. Threat Cruise Missile Employment**

1
2 (1) Cruise missiles stress air defense systems because they are difficult for theater
3 sensors and weapons systems to detect, identify, track, acquire, and destroy. Cruise missiles are
4 normally more difficult to detect than the larger TBM because they do not give off as large a
5 heat signature at launch and normally have a smaller RCS. Ground-based surveillance radars
6 may have a difficult time detecting cruise missiles when in low level flight (following terrain
7 contours) because of line-of-sight restrictions created by terrain masking. Similarly, airborne
8 radar systems may have a difficult time isolating cruise missiles from ambient noise caused by
9 ground clutter. These traits, when combined with radar evasion techniques and low observable
10 (LO) construction methods, cause delays in detection and engagement decisions by battle
11 managers. However, once detected in flight, cruise missiles can be engaged by fighters, ADA,
12 and SAMs.

13
14 (2) The expected flight profile for a cruise missile is low-altitude, medium-to-high
15 speed. Although a low altitude cruise missile flight profile presents a higher RCS view to
16 airborne radar, it also requires the airborne radar to search through ground clutter. Ground
17 radars may be able to detect the release of an air-launched cruise missile (ALCM), but will have
18 increased difficulty in tracking the cruise missile at low altitudes.

19
20 (3) Sea-launched (SLCM) and ground-launched (GLCM) cruise missiles present
21 opportunities for detection as well as challenges for surveillance systems. Surface launch
22 systems must normally be boosted to “cruise” altitude. The boosted phase often uses a rocket
23 motor that will produce an IR signature that could potentially be exploited by space-based or
24 properly positioned theater assets. ALCMs do not have a boost plume since aircraft or UAV
25 deliver them above the cruise altitude. Although the cruise missile has a small RCS, it is
26 vulnerable to radar detection during descent to its low-level altitude. Once near the surface and
27 in a terrain following mode, sensors have to filter radar ground clutter to extract a radar signature
28 from these low-altitude profile missiles.

29
30 (4) High-altitude, high-mach profiles rely on altitude and speed to overcome defenses.
31 Because the cruise missile is high, ground-based radars will not be obstructed by the curvature of
32 the earth and airborne radars can discriminate them from ground clutter. As a result, when using
33 the high-altitude profile, cruise missiles are more likely to be detected earlier in flight than when
34 using a low-level profile.

35
36 (5) Cruise missiles provide a significant standoff range for the aircraft or launch
37 platform and remove the “manned” component of the weapons system from the immediate target
38 area. The release range of cruise missiles from aircraft and other platforms can easily be beyond
39 a defender’s radar and sensor range. The long distance release or launch of cruise missiles and
40 their smaller radar signature increase the possibility that surveillance assets will not detect
41 missiles. Battle managers require automated cues to narrow their focus in detecting cruise
42 missiles in any surveillance area. Combining hostile aircraft attacks with cruise missile and
43 ASM attacks may allow “leakers” to get through. Indeed, cruise missiles may resemble and be
44 misidentified as manned aircraft.

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1 (6) Rapid combat identification is **critical** for cruise missile defense. Rapid TBM
2 identification is a less important factor because they can be readily identified hostile based on
3 point of origin and identifiable flight profiles. Cruise missile defense is further complicated by
4 the use of LO technology and SOF aircraft without identification-friendly or foe transponders
5 operating, thus requiring verification as friendly prior to attack. Cruise missiles make
6 surveillance and detection difficult because their flight profiles are specifically designed to
7 defeat or confuse radar tracking. As with ballistic missiles, the objective is to eliminate as many
8 cruise missiles as possible before launch. Cruise missiles in flight are definitely TSTs. The
9 challenge for defending against cruise missiles is to find them early, before launch if possible,
10 and engage them before they can navigate to their targets.

11
12 (7) Training patterns or identifiable launch sequence events are rarely observed or
13 practiced in an overt environment. Consequently, the probability of conclusively identifying a
14 ground-launched cruise missile TEL using current sensor data is small. Attacking a cruise
15 missile TEL requires the earliest possible detection of the target and the ability of sensors to
16 discriminate between TELs and other targets. Targeting cruise missiles will therefore depend in
17 great part on pre-hostility IPB efforts. Targeteers will require information on infrastructure,
18 logistic support patterns, movement discipline, and signatures of typical storage and assembly
19 facilities. Identification by signature is key to finding cruise missiles before launch, since
20 detecting the launch itself or tracing the flight path back to the launch site may be extremely
21 difficult when they are launched from maximum range.

22 23 d. Cruise Missile Target Development

24
25 (1) Procedures for finding and targeting cruise missiles on the ground are no different
26 than for finding other targets using a variety of theater and national sensors. Space-based and
27 theater reconnaissance, surveillance, and target acquisition assets will normally collect
28 intelligence data on these targets prior to armed conflict as part of IPB. Sensors on JSTARS,
29 UAVs, and SOF pass mobile and stationary cruise missile target information to analysts and
30 battle managers by datalink or voice. Data collected and fused from multiple sensors will
31 provide the necessary confirmation of the target. Characterization of a surface target as a WMD
32 will depend on data from high-resolution sensors such as enhanced and inverse synthetic
33 aperture radars. Immediate threat data will be broadcast over intelligence processing and
34 transmissions systems such as tactical related applications and tactical data dissemination
35 systems.

36
37 (2) When conflict begins, sensors must be used to validate known target information.
38 Aircraft and naval launch platforms for ALCM and SLCM provide identifiable signatures
39 against relatively uncluttered backgrounds (sky and sea) and will yield opportunities to detect,
40 track, acquire, and attack these platforms. GLCMs will present a more difficult target set. The
41 following is a discussion of targeting methods against each category:

42
43 (a) ALCM. Destroying ALCM-capable aircraft on the ground or neutralizing
44 their supporting airstrips/bases is the best means to prevent ALCM employment. In this context,
45 missions against this target system do not differ from other OCA missions in terms of tactics or

1 weapons. The IPB process must focus on providing the intelligence targeteers need to determine
2 which aircraft and air bases support ALCM activity and task missions against them accordingly.

3
4 (b) SLCM. Destroying the launch platform in port is the best means to prevent
5 SLCM launch. The IPB process will provide the naval order of battle information to identify
6 specific SLCM carriers and support bases for targeteers and battle managers to task missions
7 against them. Signatures of naval vessels and their substantial support base infrastructure will
8 facilitate finding SLCM targets by satellite, UAV, and other surveillance platforms.

9
10 (c) GLCM. GLCM platforms are normally an adaptation of any available vehicle
11 chassis capable of supporting one to two tons. Any medium-to-large size truck or tracked
12 vehicle could be developed into a cruise missile TEL. These TELs will likely be considerably
13 smaller and less distinct than heavier TBM TELs; however, a robust IPB effort can catalog such
14 known and suspected vehicles for exploitation by surveillance sensors. GLCM deployment and
15 training in suspect nations must be collected against and studied for behavioral cues to detection.
16 Long-range GLCM permit the adversary to establish a large number of well dispersed, fixed-
17 launch locations (both actual and decoy) deep within their own territory. The adversary can be
18 expected to employ camouflage, concealment, and deception against fixed and mobile TELs to
19 reduce probability of detection. Targeting mobile GLCM platforms or newly discovered fixed
20 sites as TSTs will depend on a robust IPB; dynamic management of intelligence, surveillance,
21 and reconnaissance assets; dedicated and trained analysts aided by technology improvements
22 such as automatic target recognition systems; and a responsive C4I architecture.

23 24 5. Air-to-Surface Missiles

25
26 ASM employment can be expected on all battlefields. Like TBMs and cruise missiles,
27 ASMs are capable of delivering a complete range of warheads and can be carried by a variety of
28 rotary- and fixed-wing platforms. Flight profiles, short flight times, and reduced RCS make
29 these missiles difficult to track, acquire, and target. ASMs increase the survivability of the
30 delivery platform through standoff capability beyond the range of point defenses. Most of the
31 North Atlantic Treaty Organization and former Warsaw Pact nations are equipped with US and
32 Russian manufactured systems respectively and have exported these systems throughout the
33 world. The best method for countering ASMs is to target the delivery platforms and related
34 bases and facilities.

35 36 6. Conclusion

37
38 While each TM system is unique, each category (TBM, cruise missile, and ASMs) exhibits
39 similar characteristics and functional operations. This appendix discusses the essential
40 framework for each in a generic fashion and serves as a foundation for an initial understanding
41 of how TMs operate. Specific analysis is required to apply this information to a particular
42 missile system and country. The vignette at the end of this appendix is included as a reminder
43 that facts must be proven, not simply accepted.

44 45 THE LURE OF THE UNEXPECTED

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1 Deception is a key part of any combat operations. The examples below
2 illustrate what happens when analysts stop analyzing events and begin to
3 believe what they think they are seeing.

4 World War II

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6
7 Prior to the beginning of the V-1 attacks against London on June 12, 1944,
8 the Allied attack operations concentrated on an elaborate system of “sites”
9 which were believed to be Nazi V-1 launch locations. The locations were
10 dubbed “ski sites” because of the shape of several long, curved buildings
11 that were characteristic in the aerial photographs of each location. These
12 sites were targeted and heavily bombed from December 1943 through May
13 1944. Although the “ski sites” were largely destroyed, not one of the real V-1
14 sites was attacked during this period. Once Hitler unleashed his missile
15 force on England in June, the volume of V-1 launches provided
16 incontrovertible evidence that a second set of launch sites was actually being
17 used. Not until then did the weight of the Allied bombing effort finally begin
18 to shift to the correct targets. Even so, the real sites were so hard to find due
19 to Nazi camouflage and concealment measures that attacks were still being
20 made on nearby decoy “ski sites” until the end of June.

21
22 SOURCE: Based on Operation CROSSBOW Volume of the
23 US Strategic Bombing Survey

24 Gulf War

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27 The initial hope of the planners in Riyadh that heavy attacks on the fixed
28 Scud sites during the opening hours of the air campaign would largely
29 eliminate Iraq’s capability to launch ballistic missiles against Israel or
30 regional members of the US-led Coalition proved to be illusory. On the night
31 of 16-17 January 1991, the fixed Scud launchers in western Iraq functioned as
32 “decoys” that diverted attention away from the mobile launchers that had
33 already deployed to their wartime “hide” sites, and the first of Iraq’s
34 extended-range Scuds were fired at Israel the following night. Once Scuds
35 started falling, first on Israel and then on Saudi Arabia two days later, the
36 next best military option would have been to locate and attack mobile
37 launchers before they had time to fire. Soviet exercise patterns in central
38 Europe with Scud-B’s and Iraqi practice during the Iran-Iraq War, indicated
39 that if the Iraqis followed prior practices, there might be enough pre-launch
40 signatures and time to give patrolling aircraft some chance of attacking
41 mobile launchers before they fired. However, the Iraqis dramatically cut their
42 pre-launch set-up times, avoided any pre-launch electromagnetic emissions

1 that might give away their locations before launch, and seeded the launch
2 areas with decoys (some of which were very high in fidelity). . . . most (and
3 possibly all) of the roughly 100 mobile launchers reported destroyed by
4 Coalition aircraft and special operation forces now appear to have been
5 either decoys, other vehicles such as tanker trucks, or other objects
6 unfortunate enough to provide “Scud-like” signatures.
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8 SOURCE: Gulf War Air Power Survey, 1993
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PART I — ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

1	AADC	area air defense commander
2	AADP	area air defense plan
3	AAMDC	Army air and missile defense command
4	AAW	antiair warfare
5	ACA	airspace control authority
6	ACM	airspace control measures
7	ACO	airspace control order
8	ACP	airspace control plan
9	ADA	air defense artillery
10	ADC	air defense commander
11	ALCM	air-launched cruise missile
12	AO	area of operations
13	AOC	aerospace operations center
14	AOR	area of responsibility
15	ARFOR	Army forces
16	ASCM	anti-slip cruise missile
17	ASM	air-to-surface missile
18	ATC	air traffic control
19	ATO	air tasking order
20	AWACS	airborne warning and control system
21		
22	BCA	border crossing authority
23	BCD	battlefield coordinating <u>coordination</u> detachment
24		
25	C2	command and control
26	C2W	command and control warfare
27	C4	command, control, communications, and computers
28	C4I	command, control, communications, computers, and intelligence
29	<u>C4ISR</u>	<u>command, control, communications, computer, intelligence,</u>
30		<u>surveillance, and reconnaissance</u>
31	CA	counterair
32	CAL	critical asset list
33	CAP	combat air patrol
34	CID	combat identification
35	CJCS	Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
36	CJCSI	Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff instruction
37	CJCSM	Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff manual
38	CM	cruise missile
39	COA	course of action
40	COG	center of gravity
41	CONPLAN	operation plan in concept format
42	CRC	control and reporting center

Glossary

1	DAADC	deputy area air defense commander
2	DAL	defended asset list
3	DCA	defensive counterair
4		
5	EAC	echelons above Corps
6	EW	electronic warfare
7		
8	FA	formation assessment
9	FDC	fire direction center
10	FEZ	fighter engagement zone
11	FOB	forward-operating base
12	FOL	forward-operating location
13		
14	GLCM	ground-launched cruise missile
15	GSE	ground support equipment
16		
17	HIMAD	high- to-medium altitude missile air defense
18	HIMEZ	high-altitude missile engagement zone
19	HN	host nation
20	HVA	high value asset
21	HVAA	high value airborne asset
22		
23	IADS	integrated air defense system
24	IAW	in accordance with
25	ID	identification
26	IO	information operations
27	IPB	intelligence preparation of the battlespace
28	IR	infrared
29	ISR	intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance
30		
31	J-2	I ntelligence D irectorate of a joint staff
32	J-3	O perations D irectorate of a joint staff
33	JAOC	joint air operations center
34	JEZ	joint engagement zone
35	JFACC	joint force air component commander
36	JFC	joint force commander
37	JIC	joint intelligence center
38	JICO	joint interface control officer
39	JIPB	joint intelligence preparation of the battlespace
40	JISE	joint intelligence support element
41	JOA	joint operations area
42	<u>JP</u>	<u>joint publication</u>
43	JSTARS	joint surveillance and target attack radar system
44	JTAGS	joint tactical ground station
45	JTMD	joint theater missile defense
46	LO	low observable

1	LOC	line of communications
2	LOMEZ	low missile engagement zone
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4	MAGTF	Marine air-ground task force
5	MEZ	missile engagement zone
6	MNF	multinational force
7	MNFC	multinational force commander
8	MOOTW	military operations other than war
9		
10	NBC	nuclear, biological, and chemical
11	NCA	National Command Authorities
12	NIST	national intelligence support team
13	nm	nautical mile
14	NRT	near real time
15		
16	OCA	offensive counterair
17	OPCON	operational control
18	OPLAN	operation plan
19	OPSEC	operational security
20	OPTASKLINK	operations task link
21		
22	PAO	public affairs office
23		
24	R&D	research and development
25	RADC	regional air defense commander
26	RCS	radar cross-section
27	RJ	Rivet Joint
28	ROE	rules of engagement
29		
30	SADC	sector air defense commander
31	SAM	surface-to-air missile
32	SHORAD	short-range air defense
33	SHORAD(EZ)	short ranged short-range air defense (engagement zone)
34	SLCM	sea-launched cruise missile
35	SOF	special operations forces
36	SROE	standing rules of engagement
37	SSM	surface-to-surface missile
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39	TACC	tactical air command center (USMC)
40	TACON	tactical control
41	TACOPDAT	tactical operations data
42	TACS	theater air control system
43	TADIL	tactical digital information link
44	TAOC	tactical air operations center
45	TBM	theater ballistic missile
46	TEL	transporter-erector-launcher (missile platform)

Glossary

1	TM	theater missile
2	TST	time-sensitive target
3	TTP	tactics, techniques and procedures
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5	UAV	unmanned aerial vehicle
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7	WCS	weapons control status
8	WEZ	weapon engagement zone
9	WMD	weapons of mass destruction
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2 **PART II — TERMS AND DEFINITIONS**
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4 **active air defense.** Direct defensive action taken to destroy, nullify, or reduce the effectiveness
5 of hostile air and missile threats against friendly forces and assets. It includes the use of
6 aircraft, air defense weapons, electronic warfare, and other available weapons. (JP 1-02)
7

8 **air defense.** All defensive measures designed to destroy attacking enemy aircraft or missiles in
9 the Earth's envelope of atmosphere, or to nullify or reduce the effectiveness of such attack.
10 Also called AD. (JP 1-02)
11

12 **air defense area.** ~~1. overseas—A specifically defined airspace for which air defense must be~~
13 ~~planned and provided. 2. United States~~ US airspace of defined dimensions designated
14 by the appropriate agency within which the ready control of airborne vehicles is required
15 in the interest of national security during an air defense emergency. (Upon approval of
16 this publication, this term and its definition will modify the existing term and its
17 definition and will be included in JP 1-02.)
18

19 **air defense battle zone.** None. (Upon approval of this publication, this term and its definition
20 will be deleted from JP 1-02.)
21

22 **air defense direction center.** An installation having the capability of performing air
23 assignment, surveillance, interception, ~~control~~, and direction of allocated air defense
24 weapons within an assigned sector of responsibility. It may also have an identification
25 capability. Also called fire direction center. (Upon approval of this publication, this term
26 and its definition will modify the existing term and its definition and will be included in JP
27 1-02.)
28

29 **air defense division.** None. (Upon approval of this publication, this term and its definition will
30 be deleted from JP 1-02.)
31

32 **air defense operations area.** An area and the airspace above it within which procedures are
33 established to minimize mutual interference between air defense and other operations. It
34 may include designation of one or more of the following: air defense action area, air defense
35 area; air defense identification zone, and/or weapons engagement zone ~~firepower~~
36 umbrella. (Upon approval of this publication, this term and its definition will modify the
37 existing term and its definition and will be included in JP 1-02.)
38

39 **air defense readiness.** An operational status requiring air defense forces to maintain higher
40 than ordinary preparedness for a ~~short~~ specified period of time. (Upon approval of this
41 publication, this term and its definition will modify the existing term and its definition
42 and will be included in JP 1-02.)
43

44 **air interception.** 1. To effect visual or electronic contact by a friendly aircraft with another
45 aircraft. Normally, the air intercept is conducted in the following five phases: a. climb
46 phase--Airborne to cruising altitude. b. maneuver phase--Receipt of initial vector to target

1 [until beginning transition to attack speed and altitude.](#) c. [transition phase--Increase or](#)
2 [decrease of speed and altitude required for the attack.](#) d. [attack phase--Turn to attack](#)
3 [heading, acquire target, complete attack, and turn to breakaway heading.](#) e. [recovery](#)
4 [phase--Breakaway to landing.](#) 2. [For missile engagements, the point in time when the](#)
5 [missile either hits the target or detonates in proximity to it. \(Upon approval of this](#)
6 [publication, this term and its definition will modify the existing term and its definition and](#)
7 [will be included in JP 1-02.\)](#)

8
9 **airspace control authority.** The commander designated to assume overall responsibility for the
10 operation of the airspace control system in the airspace control area. Also called ACA. (JP
11 1-02)

12
13 **airspace control order.** An order implementing the airspace control plan that provides the
14 details of the approved requests for airspace control measures. It is published either as part
15 of the air tasking order or as a separate document. Also called ACO. (JP 1-02)

16
17 **airspace control plan.** The document approved by the joint force commander that provides
18 specific planning guidance and procedures for the airspace control system for the joint force
19 area of responsibility and/or joint operations area. Also called ACP. (JP 1-02)

20
21 **air superiority.** That degree of dominance in the air battle of one force over another which
22 permits the conduct of operations by the former and its related land, sea and air forces at a
23 given time and place without prohibitive interference by the opposing force. (JP 1-02)

24
25 **air supremacy.** That degree of air superiority wherein the opposing air force is incapable of
26 effective interference. (JP 1-02)

27
28 **apportionment (air).** The determination and assignment of the total expected ~~air~~ effort by
29 percentage and/or by priority that should be devoted to the various air operations for a given
30 period of time. (JP 1-02)

31
32 **area air defense commander.** Within a unified command, subordinate unified command, or
33 joint task force, the commander will assign overall responsibility for air defense to a single
34 commander. Normally, this will be the component commander with the preponderance of
35 air defense capability and the command, control, and communications capability to plan and
36 execute integrated air defense operations. Representation from the other components
37 involved will be provided, as appropriate, to the area air defense commander's headquarters.
38 Also called AADC. (JP 1-02)

39
40 **area air defense plan.** [The document approved by the joint force commander that provides](#)
41 [specific planning guidance and procedures for area air defense for the joint force area of](#)
42 [responsibility and/or joint operations area. The plan should contain detailed weapons](#)
43 [control and engagement procedures and be closely integrated with the airspace control plan.](#)
44 [Also called AADP. \(Upon approval of this publication, this term and its definition will be](#)
45 [included in JP 1-02.\)](#)

1 **barrier combat air patrol.** One or more divisions or elements of fighter aircraft employed
2 between a force and an objective area as a barrier across the probable direction of enemy
3 attack. It is used as far from the force as control conditions permit, giving added protection
4 against raids that use the most direct routes of approach. Also called barrier CAP. (Upon
5 approval of this publication, this term and its definition will modify the existing term and its
6 definition and will be included in JP 1-02.)

7
8 **combat air patrol.** An aircraft patrol provided over an objective area, the force protected, the
9 critical area of a combat zone, or in an air defense area, for the purpose of intercepting and
10 destroying hostile aircraft before they reach their targets. Also called CAP. (JP 1-02)

11
12 **combat identification.** The process of attaining an accurate characterization of detected objects
13 in the battlespace sufficient to support an engagement decision. The combat identification
14 process will result in the classification of contacts as friend, enemy, neutral, or unknown.
15 Also called CID. (Upon approval of this publication, this term and its definition will be
16 included in JP 1-02.)

17
18 **coordinating altitude.** A procedural airspace control method to separate fixed- and rotary-wing
19 aircraft by determining an altitude below which fixed-wing aircraft normally will not fly
20 and above which rotary-winged aircraft normally will not fly. The coordinating altitude is
21 normally specified in the airspace control plan and may include a buffer zone for small
22 altitude deviations. (JP 1-02)

23
24 **counterair.** A mission that integrates offensive and defensive operations to attain and maintain
25 a desired degree of air superiority. Counterair missions are designed to destroy or negate
26 enemy aircraft and missiles, both before and after launch. (JP 1-02)

27
28 **defended asset list.** In defensive counterair operations, a listing of those critical assets that will
29 receive theater level air defense protection. (Upon approval of this publication, this term
30 and its definition will be included in JP 1-02.)

31
32 **defense in depth.** The siting of mutually supporting defense positions designed to absorb and
33 progressively weaken attack, prevent initial observations of the whole position by the
34 enemy, and to allow the commander to maneuver the reserve. (JP 1-02)

35
36 **defensive counterair.** All defensive measures designed to detect, identify, intercept, and
37 destroy or negate enemy forces attempting to attack or penetrate the friendly air
38 environment. Also called DCA. (JP 1-02)

39
40 **direct support.** A mission requiring a force to support another specific force and authorizing it
41 to answer directly the supported force's request for assistance. Also called DS. (JP 1-02)

42
43 **electronic warfare.** Any military action involving the use of electromagnetic and directed
44 energy to control the electromagnetic spectrum or to attack the enemy. Also called EW.
45 The three major subdivisions within electronic warfare are: electronic attack, electronic
46 protection, and electronic warfare support. a. electronic attack. That division of electronic

1 | warfare involving the use of electromagnetic energy, directed energy, or antiradiation
2 | weapons to attack personnel, facilities, or equipment with the intent of degrading,
3 | neutralizing, or destroying enemy combat capability and is considered a form of fires. Also
4 | called EA. EA-Electronic attack includes: 1) actions taken to prevent or reduce an enemy's
5 | effective use of the electromagnetic spectrum, such as jamming and electromagnetic
6 | deception, and 2) employment of weapons that use either electromagnetic or directed
7 | energy as their primary destructive mechanism (lasers, radio frequency weapons, particle
8 | beams)~~or anti-radiation weapons~~. b. electronic protection. That division of electronic
9 | warfare involving actions taken to protect personnel, facilities, and equipment from any
10 | effects of friendly or enemy employment of electronic warfare that degrade, neutralize, or
11 | destroy friendly combat capability. Also called EP. c. electronic warfare support. That
12 | division of electronic warfare involving actions tasked by, or under direct control of, an
13 | operational commander to search for, intercept, identify, and locate or localize sources of
14 | intentional and unintentional radiated electromagnetic energy for the purpose of immediate
15 | threat recognition, targeting, planning, and conduct of future operations. Thus, electronic
16 | warfare support provides information required for ~~immediate~~ decisions involving electronic
17 | warfare operations and other tactical actions such as threat avoidance, targeting, and
18 | homing. Also called ES. Electronic warfare support data can be used to produce signals
19 | intelligence, ~~both communications intelligence, and electronics intelligence~~ provide
20 | targeting for electronic or destructive attack and produce measurement and signature
21 | intelligence. (Upon approval of this publication, this term and its definition will modify the
22 | existing term and its definition and will be included in JP 1-02.)

23 |
24 | **fires.** The effects of lethal or nonlethal weapons. (JP 1-02)

25 |
26 | **high value airborne asset protection.** A defensive counterair mission ~~which that~~ defends
27 | airborne national assets which are so important that the loss of even one could seriously
28 | impact US warfighting capabilities or provide the enemy with significant propaganda value.
29 | Examples of high value airborne assets are Airborne Warning and Control System, Rivet
30 | Joint, Joint Surveillance and Target Attack Radar System, and Compass Call. Also called
31 | HVAA protection. See also defensive counterair. (JP 1-02)

32 |
33 | **impact point prediction.** Prediction of the point on the ~~e~~Earth's surface where a specific
34 | reentry vehicle will impact, usually specified in terms of the circular error probable ~~(CEP)~~,
35 | the radius of a circle in which half of the vehicles are expected to fall. The prediction
36 | includes the perturbing effects of the atmosphere and resultant uncertainties. Also called
37 | IPP. (Upon approval of this publication, this term and its definition will be included in JP
38 | 1-02.)

39 |
40 | **information operations.** Actions taken to affect adversary information and information
41 | systems while defending one's own information and information systems. Also called IO.
42 | (JP 1-02)

43 |
44 | **intelligence preparation of the battlespace.** An analytical methodology employed to reduce
45 | uncertainties concerning the enemy, environment, and terrain for all types of operations.
46 | Intelligence preparation of the battlespace builds an extensive data base for each potential

1 area in which a unit may be required to operate. The database is then analyzed in detail to
2 determine the impact of the enemy, environment, and terrain on operations and presents it in
3 graphic form. Intelligence preparation of the battlespace is a continuing process. Also
4 called IPB. (JP 1-02)

5
6 **joint force air component commander.** The commander within a unified command,
7 subordinate unified command, or joint task force responsible to the establishing commander
8 for making recommendations on the proper employment of assigned, attached, and/or made
9 available for tasking air forces; planning and coordinating air operations; or accomplishing
10 such operational missions as may be assigned. The joint force air component commander is
11 given the authority necessary to accomplish missions and tasks assigned by the establishing
12 commander. Also called JFACC. (JP 1-02)

13
14 **joint force commander.** A general term applied to a combatant commander, subunified
15 commander, or joint task force commander authorized to exercise combatant command
16 (command authority) or operational control over a joint force. Also called JFC. (JP 1-02)

17
18 **joint intelligence preparation of the battlespace.** The analytical process used by joint
19 intelligence organizations to produce intelligence assessments, estimates and other
20 intelligence products in support of the joint force commander's decisionmaking process. It
21 is a continuous process that includes defining the total battlespace environment; describing
22 the battlespace's effects; evaluating the adversary; and determining and describing
23 adversary potential courses of action. The process is used to analyze the air, land, sea,
24 space, electromagnetic, cyberspace, and human dimensions of the environment and to
25 determine an opponent's capabilities to operate in each. Joint intelligence preparation of the
26 battlespace products are used by the joint force and component command staffs in preparing
27 their estimates and are also applied during the analysis and selection of friendly courses of
28 action. Also called JIPB. (JP 1-02)

29
30 **joint interface control officer.** The ~~JICO is the~~ senior interface control officer in the joint
31 force. Responsible for joint and combined interoperability in the management of the multi-
32 tactical digital information link (TADIL) networks employed in a joint integrated air
33 defense system (~~JIADS~~). The ~~JICO~~ joint interface control officer will develop and validate
34 this multi-TADIL network, coordinate development of all links, conduct dynamic link
35 architecture and network design planning, and oversee ~~the JICO operations of a~~
36 coordination cell. Also called JICO. (Upon approval of this publication, this term and its
37 definition will be included in JP 1-02.)

38
39 **joint theater missile defense.** The integration of joint force capabilities to destroy enemy
40 theater missiles in flight or prior to launch or to otherwise disrupt the enemy's theater
41 missile operations through an appropriate mix of mutually supportive passive missile
42 defense; active missile defense; attack operations; and supporting command, control,
43 communications, computers, and intelligence measures. Enemy theater missiles are those
44 that are aimed at targets outside the continental United States. Also called JTMD. (JP
45 1-02)

1 **offensive counterair.** Offensive operations to destroy, disrupt, or neutralize enemy aircraft,
2 missiles, launch platforms, and their supporting structures and systems both before and after
3 launch, but as close to their source as possible. Offensive counterair operations range
4 throughout enemy territory and are generally conducted at the initiative of friendly forces.
5 These operations include attack operations, fighter sweep, escort, and suppression of enemy
6 air defenses. Also called OCA. (JP 1-02)

7
8 **offensive counterair attack operations.** Offensive action in support of the offensive counterair
9 mission against surface targets ~~which~~that contribute to the enemy's air power capabilities.
10 The objective of attack operations is to prevent the hostile use of aircraft and missile forces
11 by attacking targets such as missile launch sites, airfields, naval vessels, command and
12 control nodes, munitions stockpiles, and supporting infrastructure. Attack operations may
13 be performed by fixed- or ~~rotary~~rotary-wing aircraft, surface-to-surface weapons, special
14 operations forces, or ground forces. Also called OCA attack ops. (JP 1-02)

15
16 **operational control.** Command authority that may be exercised by commanders at any echelon
17 at or below the level of combatant command. Operational control is inherent in combatant
18 command (command authority) and may be delegated within the command. When forces
19 are transferred between combatant commands, the command relationship the gaining
20 commander will exercise (and the losing commander will relinquish) over these forces must
21 be specified by the Secretary of Defense. Operational control is the authority to perform
22 those functions of command over subordinate forces involving organizing and employing
23 commands and forces, assigning tasks, designating objectives, and giving authoritative
24 direction necessary to accomplish the mission. Operational control includes authoritative
25 direction over all aspects of military operations and joint training necessary to accomplish
26 missions assigned to the command. Operational control should be exercised through the
27 commanders of subordinate organizations. Normally this authority is exercised through
28 subordinate joint force commanders and Service and/or functional component commanders.
29 Operational control normally provides full authority to organize commands and forces and
30 to employ those forces as the commander in operational control considers necessary to
31 accomplish assigned missions; it does not, in and of itself, include authoritative direction for
32 logistics or matters of administration, discipline, internal organization, or unit training. Also
33 called OPCON. (JP 1-02)

34
35 **passive air defense.** All measures, other than active air defense, taken to minimize the
36 effectiveness of hostile air and missile threats against friendly forces and assets. These
37 measures include camouflage, concealment, deception, dispersion, reconstitution,
38 redundancy, detection and warning systems, and the use of protective construction. (JP 1-
39 02)

40
41 **positive control.** A method of airspace control ~~which~~that relies on positive identification,
42 tracking, and direction of aircraft within an airspace, conducted with electronic means by an
43 agency having the authority and responsibility therein. (JP 1-02)

44
45 **procedural control.** A method of airspace control which relies on a combination of previously
46 agreed and promulgated orders and procedures. (JP 1-02)

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2 **regional air defense commander.** Officer responsible for execution of the air and missile
3 defense plan in his assigned region in accordance with the joint force commander's
4 operational concept and guidance from the area air defense commander. The regional air
5 defense commander assigns assets that have been allocated and directs engagements in the
6 assigned region. Also called RADC. (Upon approval of this publication, this term and its
7 definition will be included in JP 1-02.)
8

9 **rules of engagement.** Directives issued by competent military authority ~~which~~that delineate
10 the circumstances and limitations under which United States forces will initiate and/or
11 continue combat engagement with other forces encountered. Also called ROE. (JP 1-02)
12

13 **sector air defense commander.** Officer responsible for execution of the air and missile defense
14 plan in his assigned sector in accordance with the joint force commander's operational
15 concept and guidance from the regional air defense commander. The sector air defense
16 commander assigns assets that have been allocated and directs engagements in the assigned
17 sector. Also called SADC. (Upon approval of this publication, this term and its definition
18 will be included in JP 1-02.)
19

20 **supported commander.** 1. The commander having primary responsibility for all aspects of a
21 task assigned by the Joint Strategic Capabilities Plan or other joint operation planning
22 authority. In the context of joint operation planning, this term refers to the commander who
23 prepares operation plans or operation orders in response to requirements of the Chairman of
24 the Joint Chiefs of Staff. 2. In the context of a support command relationship, the
25 commander who receives assistance from another commander's force or capabilities, and
26 who is responsible for ensuring that the supporting commander understands the assistance
27 required. (JP 1-02)
28

29 **supporting commander.** 1. A commander who provides augmentation forces or other support
30 to a supported commander or who develops a supporting plan. Includes the designated
31 combatant commands and Defense agencies as appropriate. 2. In the context of a support
32 command relationship, the commander who aids, protects, complements, or sustains another
33 commander's force, and who is responsible for providing the assistance required by the
34 supported commander. (JP 1-02)
35

36 **tactical control.** Command authority over assigned or attached forces or commands, or military
37 capability or forces made available for tasking, that is limited to the detailed direction and
38 control of movements or maneuvers within the operational area necessary to accomplish
39 missions or tasks assigned. Tactical control is inherent in operational control. Tactical
40 control may be delegated to, and exercised at any level at or below the level of combatant
41 command. When forces are transferred between combatant commands, the command
42 relationship the gaining commander will exercise (and the losing commander will
43 relinquish) over these forces must be specified by the Secretary of Defense. Tactical control
44 provides sufficient authority for controlling and directing the application of force or tactical
45 use of combat support assets within the assigned mission or task. Also called TACON. (JP
46 1-02)

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2 **tactical digital information link.** A Joint Staff-approved, standardized communication link
3 suitable for transmission of digital information. ~~TADILs~~-Tactical digital information links
4 interface two or more command and control or weapons systems via a single or multiple
5 network architecture and multiple communication media for exchange of tactical
6 information. Also called ~~TADIL~~ TDL. (Upon approval of this publication, this term and its
7 definition will modify the existing term and its definition and will be included in JP 1-02.)
8

9 **tactical warning.** 1. A warning after initiation of a threatening or hostile act based on an
10 evaluation of information from all available sources. 2. In satellite and missile surveillance,
11 a notification to operational command centers that a specific threat event is occurring. The
12 component elements that describe threat events are as follows: a. country of origin —
13 Country or countries initiating hostilities; b. event type and size — Identification of the type
14 of event and determination of the size or number of weapons; c. country under attack —
15 Determined by observing trajectory of an object and predicting its impact point; and d.
16 event time — Time the hostile event occurred. Also called integrated tactical warning. (JP
17 1-02)
18

19 **theater missile.** A missile, which may be a ballistic missile, a cruise missile, or an air-to-surface
20 missile (not including short-range, non-nuclear, direct fire missiles, bombs, or rockets such
21 as Maverick or wire-guided missiles), whose target is within a given theater of operation.
22 Also called TM. (JP 1-02)
23

24 weapon engagement zone. In air defense, airspace of defined dimensions within which the
25 responsibility for engagement of air threats normally rests with a particular weapon system.
26 Also called WEZ. a. fighter engagement zone. In air defense, that airspace of defined
27 dimensions within which the responsibility for engagement of air threats normally rests with
28 fighter aircraft. Also called FEZ. b. high-altitude missile engagement zone. In air defense,
29 that airspace of defined dimensions within which the responsibility for engagement of air
30 threats normally rests with high-altitude surface-to-air missiles. Also called HIMEZ. c.
31 low-altitude missile engagement zone. In air defense, that airspace of defined dimensions
32 within which the responsibility for engagement of air threats normally rests with low- to
33 medium-altitude surface-to-air missiles. Also called LOMEZ. d. short-range air defense
34 engagement zone. In air defense, that airspace of defined dimensions within which the
35 responsibility for engagement of air threats normally rests with short-range air defense
36 weapons. It may be established within a low- or high-altitude missile engagement zone.
37 Also called SHORADEZ. e. joint engagement zone. In air defense, that airspace of defined
38 dimensions within which multiple air defense systems (surface-to-air missiles and aircraft)
39 are simultaneously employed to engage air threats. Also called JEZ. (JP 1-02)
40

41 **weapons of mass destruction.** Weapons that are capable of a high order of destruction and/or
42 of being used in such a manner as to destroy large numbers of people. Weapons of mass
43 destruction can be high explosives or nuclear, biological, chemical, and radiological
44 weapons, but exclude the means of transporting or propelling the weapon where such means
45 is a separable and divisible part of the weapon. Also called WMD. (JP 1-02)
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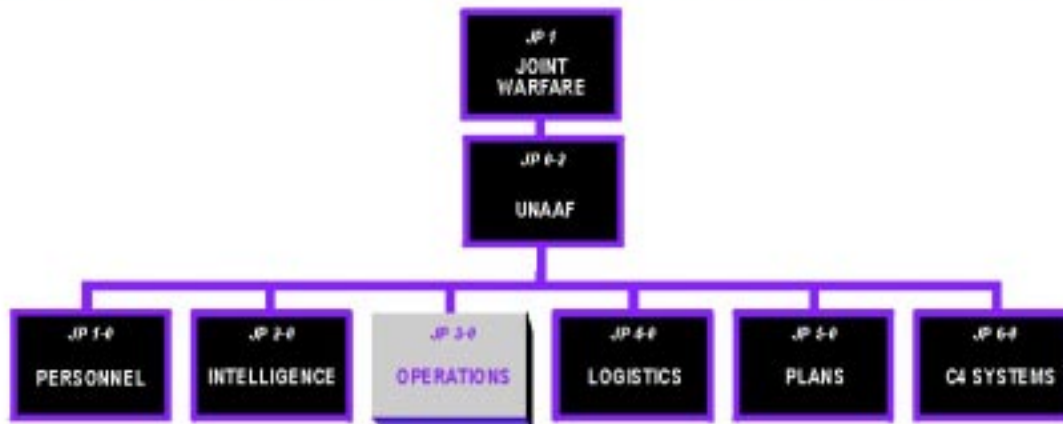
1 **weapons readiness state.** The degree of readiness of air defense weapons which can become
2 airborne or be launched to carry out an assigned task. Weapons readiness states are
3 expressed in numbers of weapons and numbers of minutes. Weapon readiness states are
4 defined as follows: a. 2 minutes — Weapons can be launched within two minutes. b. 5
5 minutes — Weapons can be launched within five minutes. c. 15 minutes — Weapons can
6 be launched within fifteen minutes. d. 30 minutes — Weapons can be launched within
7 thirty minutes. e. 1 hour — Weapons can be launched within one hour. f. 3 hours —
8 Weapons can be launched within three hours. g. released — Weapons are released from
9 defense commitment for a specified period of time. (JP 1-02)

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