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MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, Multi-National Corps – Iraq, Baghdad, Iraq, APO
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SUBJECT: (U) Electronic Warfare (EW) Support to Operation Iraqi Freedom

Reference: Memorandum dated 04 Aug 07 – (SECRET/REL, USA, AUS, CAN, GBR)
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1. (U) I appreciate your concerns regarding the required transition of the Electronic Warfare (EW) duties and responsibilities from our sister services to Army EW. I echo your sentiments with regard to the outstanding assistance the Navy and Air Force have brought to the fight and our aid in these trying times. They have saved countless lives and our Nation owes them a great debt of gratitude.
2. (U) I concur with you that EW becomes an Army core competency as soon as possible. We must execute now. Soldiers must be trained at all ranks and at different tiers in EW skills. Therefore, effective immediately, Army Commanders at all echelons will assume responsibility for Army EW missions and personnel. All Army Battalion and above-level units will have Army trained EWOs per HQDA G3 directive EXORD DTG 230448Z (SEC) SEP 06 and DTG 111401Z (UNCLAS) MAY 07. The Army will continue to use Joint experienced EWOs at higher echelons (i.e. Army BCT, Division and Corps) to augment, as required.
3. (U) Deployed Commanders at Battalion and Brigade levels without trained organic Electronic Warfare Officers/Operators (EWOs) will ensure responsible, reliable Soldiers are selected to attend MNC-I EWO training immediately. Once the Soldier has completed training and returns to his unit, that Commander will direct a Right Seat/Left Seat turnover with the assigned Joint EWO not to exceed 30 days. Additionally, the unit's EWO will be viewed as a primary mission and not as an additional duty. The goal is to complete this mission by Mar 08.
4. (U) MNC-I and subordinate Divisions will have full command and control of EW NLT XVIII Airborne Corps TOA. EW will no longer exist as a separate command capability; it will be integrated into Army staff processes. While I understand and appreciate the role JCCS-1 has played in the success of MNC-I, it is my intent to reduce stove-piped organizations, and transfer command and control of EW capabilities to Army commanders. A judicious transfer of mission and functions to Corps staff elements and subordinate commanders will result in better integration of EW mission and effects. As I stated earlier, we must certainly continue to use Joint EW expertise at the Corps and Division levels to facilitate transition.

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5. (U) Currently, the force structure does not permit additive capability, and Commanders must absorb this mission with available Army personnel. The Force Design Update (FDU) for Officers, Warrant Officers and Enlisted is currently in staffing and when complete will provide additive capability.
6. (U) It is of the greatest importance to me that the Army fully embraces the mission of Electronic Warfare – we cannot depend indefinitely on other Services to perform mission-essential tasks we have the capability to do ourselves.
7. (U) Point of contact for this memorandum is COL Laurie Buckhout at DSN 224-6795.


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