

Admiral Oliver



UNITED STATES SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND

7701 TAMPA POINT BOULEVARD
MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA 33621-5323

Nice -

*Va-pls endorse -
Phy -
D*

SOKF

MAR 10 2008

MEMORANDUM FOR PRESIDENT, NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL, ATTN:
VADM (USN, Ret) OLIVER, 1 UNIVERSITY CIRCLE, MONTEREY, CA 93943-5100

SUBJECT: Naval Postgraduate School Experiments Which Benefit Special Operations Forces

1. For the past six years, Naval Postgraduate School (NPS), in concert with the United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM), has employed Congressional funding (CDTEMS and FEPSO) to conduct experiments aimed at increasing the capabilities of Special Operations Forces (SOF). These efforts are focused on high value, current and future SOF capabilities including: Tagging, Tracking and Locating (TTL), targeting, net-centric operations, unmanned systems, irregular warfare, maritime operations, and biometric systems.

2. The United States and its allies will remain at war for the foreseeable future. We will continue to battle a networked, technologically modern adversary that utilizes non-conventional methods of warfare as its primary means of operation. Conventional military responses will no longer succeed in defeating the current enemy or removing the underlying conditions that give rise to similar future adversaries. In order for the U.S. to defeat these enemies, USSOCOM and the Joint Special Operations community must continue to rapidly assess, develop, counter and exploit emerging capabilities. The NPS/USSOCOM Field Experimentation Program continues to make significant strides in this area and is emerging as a vital tool for SOF to meet these ends. The program has been extremely helpful in generating innovative ideas, developing and testing concepts, exploring tactics, techniques and procedures for using new technologies, and providing a crucial, flexible, and adaptive infrastructure to leverage technology and technological expertise from multiple sources. USSOCOM's goal is to further integrate the NPS Field Experiment with the SOF Technology Project Development Workshops to further refine technology gaps and focus our efforts.

3. I commend and thank you, the NPS faculty, and especially your students, for the effectiveness of this program and look forward to continuing the NPS/USSOCOM Field Experimentation cooperative to our mutual benefit.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Hashem".

STEVEN J. HASHEM
Major General, U.S. Army
Director, Center for Knowledge and
Futures