

APPENDIX M

Sample PSYOP Unit Mission Letter

Each PSYOP group and battalion commander prepares mission letters for his subordinate unit commanders. These letters are similar to SOC mission letters (see Appendix L) but contain greater detail. They are a primary reference document when preparing the unit mission-essential task list (METL).

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MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, 3d Battalion, 1st Psychological Operations Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg, North Carolina 28307-5000

SUBJECT: 3d Battalion Mission Planning Guidance (U)

1. () REFERENCES.

a. () COMSOCATL OPLAN 2640, SOCATL Subordinate Campaign Plan for Special Operations in the USATLCOM AOR (U).

b. () SOCATL Memorandum, Subject: 1st POG Mission Planning Guidance (U), Dated 29 Feb 92.

c. () 1st POG Annex D, Major Operations Plan for Special Operations in the USATLCOM AOR (U).

d. () 1st POG Field Readiness SOP, Dated 18 Dec 87.

e. () 1st POG Field SOP, Dated 15 Jan 88.

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2. () **GENERAL.**

a. () This memorandum provides specific guidance on planning, training, and preparing your companies and FODs for use in the USATLCOM AOR. It identifies special skills and missions, area orientations, and high-priority tasks for your companies and FODs.

b. () This mission letter assumes that your battalion remains at authorized level of organization 1 (ALO 1) and that all assigned personnel and equipment are available for use. You will coordinate with the group commander to modify mission priorities if this assumption becomes invalid.

3. () **MISSION.** Continue to support SO in the AOR. Prepare assigned elements for use IAW POG OPLAN 2640. When directed, deploy to Atlantica, Camargo; establish and operate OBs; and conduct PSYOP in your assigned joint special operations area (JSOA).

4. () **EXECUTION.**

a. () Concept of Operations. See reference 1c.

(1) () Primarily orient your battalion to conduct PSYOP in the JSOA. Mission orientation is tactical loudspeaker operations, print operations, and counterpropaganda, in that order. A minimum of 25 percent of battalion operational personnel will have at least a 1/1 language proficiency.

(2) () Prepare to deploy the battalion advance party in 24 hours (N+1) and main body in 48 hours (N+2), establish OBs NLT N+4, execute preplanned PSYOP missions commencing at N+7, and fully commit all operational elements NLT N+14.

b. () Specified Tasks.

(1) () Prepare, IAW reference 1e, to conduct PSYOP in response to actual or threatened PDRA propaganda against Nuevo Basque or Camargo. Give planning priorities, in order, to the following missions:

(a) () Conduct SCAME analysis in the PDRA of the hostile use of propaganda.

(b) () Conduct PSYOP in the PDRA to disrupt hostile propaganda programs and convey U.S. intent to oppose aggression against Camargo successfully.

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Figure M-1. Sample PSYOP unit mission letter (continued).

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(c) () Conduct loudspeaker and print operations that support conventional military operations. Give planning priority to committed maneuver elements.

(2) () Prepare to conduct PSYOP with selected resistance elements in the PDRA to oppose PDRA attempts to achieve geopolitical gains by coercion.

(3) () Prepare for operations in (1) and (2) above in an NBC environment.

c. () Coordinating Instructions.

(1) () Maintain trained battalion and company linguists.

(2) () Prepare and update a BPS and an SPS and develop an SPA.

(3) () Review this mission letter at least annually and recommend changes to the group S3.

(4) () Perform a battalion mission analysis at least annually and provide the group S3 with an updated battalion mission-essential task list.

(5) () Advise the commander, 1st POG, of any shortfalls in your ability to meet your assigned tasks.

5. () **TRAINING GUIDANCE.** Focus your training to establish and maintain FOD readiness. Conduct consolidated battalion or company training only when absolutely necessary. Ensure FOD training is realistic and oriented on the priority mission identified above. Each FOD will participate in at least one field training exercise each quarter. FOD will perform at least one week of area study and mission planning semiannually.

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