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- Created in 1988 by Col Walter Breede III, founding Director of the USMC Intelligence Center; funded by Marine Corps Studies Program, work accomplished by retired Marines employed by BDM.
- Focuses on countries of highest interest to Fleet Marine Force (at that time), and on warfighting factors and thresholds identified by the MAA specialists at the Warfighting Center. Provides a unique unclassified (FOUO) look at status of each warfighting factor in each country - new countries and factors can be added easily.
- Does not duplicate information contained in CIA, DIA, State, or Army country profiles. Is a deliberate attempt to create a warfighter's "ref a" at a sufficiently high level of generalization.
- Volumes I and II (organized by planning & programming factor) completed and approved for dissemination by LtGen Cook in Oct 90. Printing scheduled in Nov 90.
- Recipients of advance copies suggested that organization by country, with regional summaries, would be more useful. Intent is to make this a living document, with regular updates and the addition of countries and factors suggested by action officers at HQMC, MCCDC, MCRDAC, and FMF.
- Dissemination in electronic spreadsheet form would permit individual action officers to sort, group, and otherwise exploit information to meet their individual needs. Planners will be able to pull out information by mission area, group countries by theater or MEF or anticipated MAGTF Master Plan operation type, and look for differences meriting consideration in force structure and acquisition programming.
- Eventually, in coordination with the USMC Intelligence Center, we could develop a more detailed (and classified) electronic spreadsheet providing degree of difficulty evaluations for more specific capabilities and conditions of interest to mission area planners. This particular product should stay at high level of generalization, but it could benefit from inclusion of additional factors overlooked in first go-around. **Purpose of this prototype is to stimulate action officer opinions on how to improve content and format.**







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## INTRODUCTION

A. PURPOSE

The purpose of this study has been to take a group of countries identified by the Fleet Marine Force as being of interest, and to identify capabilities of threats, groups of countries, and trends or themes regarding threats, terrain, and/or logistics which would be useful to the Marine Corps mission area planner. In developing this unclassified study, the USMC Intelligence Center also strived to create both a slide presentation and reference manuals generally helpful as an orientation to the "expeditionary environment" for every Marine Corps professional. The study does not represent official Marine Corps policy or views; it does not establish a "fixed" list of countries or mission area planning factors, and it does not reflect classified information. The study is a "snapshot" based on a list of countries developed by the USMC Intelligence Center and the FMF in 1989.

Both the list of countries and the way in which "thresholds" between levels of difficulty for each factor are defined can be expected to change over time. The study may also conflict with other more accurate studies based on classified information. Our intent here has been to inform, to provide a useful reference that does not need to be locked up, and to establish an introductory baseline from which more detailed and accurate internal and external studies may proceed.

B. METHODOLOGY

The methodology included a comprehensive literature search which focused on identifying, obtaining, and reviewing relevant materials on Third World countries and developing a suitable report format. Study materials were prepared using the specific guidance contained in the Special Assistant, Intelligence Center, MCCDC Memorandum 3811 over IN 06 dated August 14, 1990. Close coordination was maintained with the Study Sponsor throughout to include review of factors, format, content, and graphics.

C. REPORT STRUCTURE

Expeditionary Intelligence Study 1-89 is in three volumes, all under separate covers. Volume I provides the primary presentation material including 35-mm slides and text. The text contains slide numbers for proper sequencing of slides. Paper copies of the slides in color are also provided for reference without the use of a slide projector. Volume II contains detailed supporting material used to develop each topic in the presentation. Volume III, created at the request of recipients of Volumes I and II, consists of six separate sections, including a section titled "Executive Country Profiles" and five regional descriptions (Africa, Asia/Pacific, Europe/Mediterranean, Middle East/Southwest Asia, and Western Hemisphere). Volume III takes the materials from Volumes I and II and breaks it down by region and country. The criteria for determining the relative threat and the degree of difficulty associated with the terrain and logistics factors is explained in Volumes I and II and is not repeated in Volume III. Terms of reference are included in the Executive Country Profiles.

D. OTHER REFERENCES

Further information organized on countries and at different levels of classification can be found in the following:

- (1) American University Series (Unclassified).
- (2) U.S. Army Country Profiles (Classified).
- (3) Defense Intelligence Agency Projections (Classified).
- (4) Central Intelligence Agency Projections (Classified and Unclassified).

