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MARITIME BATTLE STAFF INFORMATION WARFARE (IW) STUDY DAY – 9 JUL 18 ADMIN INSTRUCTION

Introduction

1. With the return of a high readiness, contingent Task Group-focused Navy fast approaching, Maritime Battle Staffs (MBS) are conducting a series of study days to consider how we will fight, protect, generate and sustain a Maritime Task Group (MTG). The aim of the study day series is to exchange ideas with SMEs across the Naval Service, wider Defence and key international allies in order to increase collective understanding of cross-Defence thinking and identify opportunities, risks and issues. The third study day will be an Information Warfare Study Day and will take place on Mon 9 Jul 18 in Fisher Hall, HMS EXCELLENT.

Key Points

2. **Study Day Objective.** The title of the study day is, “*Deterrence and Deception in the Information Age*” and will seek to address the tension between the requirement to broadcast the strengths of the MTG’s capability and capacity and the requirement to mislead adversaries with ambiguous intent until opportunities to act decisively can be exploited. The full programme is at Annex A.
3. **Pre-Reading.** Links to suggested academic and doctrinal pre-reading will be distributed in the week commencing 25 Jun 18.
4. **Attendance.** The primary audience for the study day is the staff of MBS and its subordinate 1* Battle Staffs (COMATG and COMCSG). However, in order to ensure alignment with wider Defence best practice and to broaden the utility of the study day, invites have been extended to MilDec and StratCom practitioners across the enterprise. The Lists of those attending can be found at Annex B.
5. **Products and Briefing Material.** Speakers are requested, where applicable, to ensure that their study products and briefing material are sent to Lt Cdr Rob Baillie¹ on the appropriate domain NLT 2 Jul 18.
6. **Study Day Output.** The output from this seminar will be a note that will attempt to capture any significant conclusions and recommendations.

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7. **Security Classification/Chatham House Rule.** The morning session in Fisher Hall will be an academic seminar at official-sensitive. In the afternoon there will be a further plenary session at official-sensitive in the Wells Room led by Mr Peter Mattis from the Jamestown Foundation and an invitation only session at a higher classification in the MBS Briefing Room led by Mr Olivier Weatherston from Wilton Park. Irrespective of classification, the whole conference will operate under the Chatham House rules.
8. **Transport.** Delegates are to arrange their own transport to HMS EXCELLENT. Temporary car passes will be available from the Pass Office and there will be parking allocated on the parade ground for study day attendees. Directions to HMS Excellent and a map of the site are at Annex C.
9. **Messing.** HMS Excellent is a Pay As You Dine (PAYD) facility; messing options include the Wardroom, the SRs Mess and JRs Mess. Tea and Coffee will be provided as part of the morning and afternoon programme.
10. **Dress.** Dress code for the day is normal daily working rig.
11. **Study Day Series Programme.** Further programmed MBS study days are:
- a. **Thu 27 Sep 18 - MTG: How we Generate?** COMCSG lead.
 - b. **Thu 29 Nov 18 - MTG: How we Protect?** CMF lead.
 - c. **TBC Jan 19 - MTG: How we Sustain?** CMF lead.
12. **Further Details.** If you require further details regarding the study day please contact Lt Chris Groves RN Chris.Groves100@mod.gov.uk, +44(0)7585 795657. Late requests to attend should forward the following detail:
- a. Name, organisation and security.
 - b. Vehicle details - Only if you do not have a car pass for HMS EXCELLENT.

{Signed on MODnet}

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Lt Col RM
Information Warfare Commander to COMATG

Annexes:

- A. Study Day Programme
- B. Attendee Nominal
- C. HMS Excellent Map

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**ANNEX A TO
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STUDY DAY PROGRAMME

Ser (a)	When (b)	What (c)	Who (d)	Where (e)
901	0830-0900	Arrival		
902	0900-0910	Welcome Address	COMATG	Fisher Hall (O/S)
903	0910-0930	Rules of the Game	IWC to COMATG	
904	0930-1015	Chinese Context	Mr Peter Mattis (Jamestown Foundation)	
905	1015-1045	Coffee		
906	1045-1130	Russian Context	Mr Andy Pryce (FCO)	Fisher Hall (O/S)
907	1130-1215	Leveraging behavioural, social and cultural factors to DETER/DECEIVE	Prof Neil G. Verrall (DSTL)	
908	1215-1245	Panel Discussion	Panel - Mr Peter Mattis, Mr Andy Pryce and Prof Neil G. Verrall Moderator - Olivier Weatherston (Wilton Park)	
909	1245-1345	Lunch		
910	1345-1500	StratCom and Modern Deterrence Plenary Session 1	Moderator – Mr Peter Mattis	Wells Room (O/S)
911	1345-1500	MilDec Practitioners Working Group 1 <i>NL SOF – Iraq Case Study</i>	Moderator – Mr Olivier Weatherston <i>Maj Meike Wolf (NL SOCOM)</i>	MBS Conf Rm (SECRET NLUKUS)
912	1500-1530	Coffee		
913	1530-1615	StratCom and Modern Deterrence Plenary Session 2	Moderator – Mr Peter Mattis	Wells Room (O/S)
914	1530-1615	MilDec Practitioners Working Group 2 <i>UK 77X - Iraq Case Study</i> <i>US MilDec Practitioner led discussion</i>	Moderator – Mr Olivier Weatherston <i>Lt Col James Chandler (77X)</i> <i>Col Curris (US ARMY)- PSYOP Cmdt JFK Special Warfare School, Fort Bragg</i>	MBS Conf Rm (SECRET UKUS)
915	1615-1630	Closing Remarks	COMATG	Fisher Hall (O/S)
916	1630	Dispersal		

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**ANNEX B TO
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ATTENDEE NOMINAL

Serial (a)	Rank (b)	Name (c)	Unit (d)	Remarks (e)
001	Cdr	Andrew Ainsley	COMATG	
002	WO1 RM	Richard Angove	3 Cdo Bde	
003	Cdr	Katharine Armstrong	PJHQ J2	
004	Lt Cdr	Robbie Baillie	MBS	
005	Maj RM	Matthew Baylis	30 Cdo IX Gp	
006	Wng Cdr	G Bazalgette	CAF	
007	Lt Col	Matthew Berriman US Army	Joint Special Operations University	
008	Lt Cdr	Michael Boal	MBS	
009	Lt RN	Nicholas Bretten	COMUKCSG	
010	Lt Cdr	Rob Bullock	COMUKCSG	
011	Lt Col	James Chandler	77X Research Unit	Speaker
012	Lt Col RM	Oli Coryton	COMUKCSG	
013	Col	Robert Curris US Army	JFK Special warfare School	Speaker
014	Captain	Waldo Dirks RNLMC	NL SOCOM	
015	Lt Cdr	Duffin	MIXG	
016	WO2 RM	Oliver Durovic	COMATG	
017	Lt Col RM	Jason Durup	COMATG	
018	Capt RM	George Eatwell	30 Cdo IX Gp	
019	Lt RN	Cassandra Edwards	COMUKCSG	
020	Lt Cdr	Jon Fletcher	COMATG	
021	Maj	Syl Gaspersz RNLN		
022	CPO CIS	Steven Gilbertson	COMATG	
023	Lt RN	Thomas Gilderthorp	COMATG	
024	Cdr	Sarran Goldsmith	DCDC	
025	Lt Col	Griesharber US Army		
026	Lt RN	Christopher Groves	COMATG	
027	Maj RM	Christopher Hall	COMATG	
028	Miss	Laura Harris	DSTL	
029	LS CIS	Kris Harrison	COMATG	
030	Col	A Healey US Army	ARRC	
031	Mr	Sam Hepenstal	DSTL	
032	Maj RM	Antony Hill	30 Cdo IX Gp RM	
033	Miss	Lucy Holford	DSTL	
034	Capt RN	Tim Hulme	DCDC	
035	Brig RM	Gwyn Jenkins	3 Cdo Bde	
036	Capt RM	Rupert Johnstone-Burt,	3 Cdo Bde	
037	Lt Cdr	Alex Kendrick	DSTL	
038	Wng Cdr	Sohail Khan	DCDC	
039	Gp Capt	Chris Layden	PJHQ JE	
040	Lt Cdr	James Lovell	MBS	
041	LSEW	Carl Malone	COMATG	
042	Cdr	Gary Manning	COMATG	
043	Mr	Peter Mattis	Jamestown Foundation	Speaker
044	Lt Cdr	Bryan McCavour	MBS	
045	Cdr	Matthew Moules	JFC Jt User Strat C2	
046	Lt Cdr	Paul O Dooley	77X Research Unit	
047	Maj	Geet Von Oosterhout	NL SOCOM	
048	Cdr	Andy Panther	DSTL	
049	CPO	Stuart Parkes	COMATG	
050	Cdre	James Parkin	COMATG	
051	Lt Cdr	Matthew Parkin	COMUKCSG	

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052	Lt Cdr	Andy Patrick	COMATG	
053	Lt RN	Alistair Persheyev	COMATG	
054	Miss	Natalie Pinkus	DSTL	
055		Pascal vd Post		
056	Mr	Andy Pryce	FCO	Speaker
057	Cdr	Charlie Reaves	MBS	
058	Capt RN	Andrew Rose	MBS	
059	Maj	Tom Scott,	CAF	
060	Gp Capt	Ian Sharrocks	MSE AHd	
061	Capt RM	James Smith	30 Cdo IX Gp RM	
062	Maj RM	Tristan Stewart	30 Cdo IX Gp RM	
063	Cdr	Euan Stuart	COMUKCSG	
064	Mr	Nicholas Taylor	DSTL	
065	Lt RN	Adam Thompson	COMUKCSG	
066	Lt Col	Toby Till	DCDC	
067	Cdr	Thomas Tredray	MBS	
068	Prof	Neil Verral	DSTL	Speaker
069	Maj	Vreeswijk RNLMC	CAF	
070	Mr	Mo Wahid	DSTL	
071	Mr	Olivier Weatherston	FCO Wilton Park	Moderator
072	Cdr	Ian Whitley	MWC	
073		Malcolm Wheeler	DCDC	
074	Lt Cdr	Robert Williams	MBS	
075	Maj	Meike Wolf	NL SOCOM	Speaker
076	Lt Cdr	Michael Wood	CAF	

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