



Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office Operations Directorate — Fact Sheet

ISSUE: DoD and CIA cooperation on personnel recovery

BACKGROUND: The purpose of the “Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Concerning DoD-CIA Mutual Support in Policy, Research and Development, Training, Planning, and Operations for Personnel Recovery,” is to ensure unity of purpose and coordinated mutual support by the DoD and the CIA on matters involving policy, research and development, training, planning, and operations for personnel recovery. It pledges that DoD and CIA shall assist, to the extent possible, in the recovery efforts of the other signatory upon request. This MOA is not simply an intelligence sharing agreement. It is much broader than that. It includes all aspects of support between the Department and CIA; operational, intelligence, etc. We have also formed an MOA Oversight Council, composed of DASD (POW/Missing Personnel Affairs); the Chief, Military & Special Projects, CIA; Policy Support, DIA; and the Joint Staff. The purpose of the Oversight Council is to provide a forum for members to work collaboratively to develop, review, and recommend actions and initiatives to support the MOA. It meets on an “as needed” basis.

DISCUSSION: The Secretary of Defense and Director of Central Intelligence signed the original MOA in October and December 1995 when ASD(SO/LIC) had proponentcy for personnel recovery policy oversight.. Last year, we completed the first triennial review of the MOA and drafted a revision. Secretary Cohen and DCI Tenet signed the MOA in May 1998 and July 1998, respectively. This MOA ensures the continuation of a close working relationship between DoD and the CIA on personnel recovery matters, and has been a most welcome development in the personnel recovery community.

This MOA is classified SECRET but is available on the DPMO homepage on the SIPERNET at <http://peacock.policy.osd.pentagon.smil.mil:8080/dpmo/pr/moa/ciadod.htm>

