



Results in Brief: Improvements Needed in Sharing Tactical Intelligence with the International Security Assistance Force-Afghanistan (U)

(U) What We Did

(U) We evaluated U.S. Forces-Afghanistan compliance with DOD and North Atlantic Treaty Organization guidance for providing U.S. tactical intelligence information to coalition forces. We employed a case study methodology to determine if the processes and procedures for sharing theater generated tactical intelligence with the Polish Battle Group in Afghanistan were accomplished in a timely and responsive manner. The case study identified necessary improvements to information sharing with all coalition partners.

(U) What We Found

(U) Impediments to intelligence information sharing between U.S. forces and coalition partners have existed for years. However, the impediments continue to include: inadequate information sharing training; outdated foreign disclosure policies and procedures; and the absence of a source registry for coalition forces to de-conflict counterintelligence and human intelligence source data. This has resulted in information not being tactically useful by the time it is authorized for release.

(U) What We Recommend

(U) In order to implement the improvements we identified, we made recommendations to:

- Establish standardized training and an oversight process for write-for-release, tear-line, and classification marking for producers of classified military information;
- Establish policy requiring U.S. forces conduct pre-deployment training with coalition partners they would deploy with to include training on the communications systems for sharing information;

- Standardize and update the training and certification for and track the management of the U.S. Army Foreign Disclosure Officers and Foreign Disclosure Representatives;
- Update the National Disclosure Policy relating to sharing classified military information in a coalition environment;
- Develop an implementation plan and oversight process to ensure U.S. forces comply with the policy that all tactical information collected in Afghanistan be prepared in a format releasable to International Security Assistance Force-Afghanistan; and
- Implement the creation of a single, theater-wide, computerized source registry to be used by coalition for de-confliction of counterintelligence and human Intelligence source data.

(U) Management Comments and Our Response

(U) Of our seven recommendations, management concurred or made acceptable alternative actions for four recommendations. We redirected one recommendation based on a review of draft comments and further assessment of recommendations. Management did not concur with one recommendation; we ask that they reconsider based on our clarification of the recommendation. For one recommendation, we require management provide additional information to clarify comments. All management comments to the final report are requested by August 18, 2011.