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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE 02-1

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Subj: RELEASE/SHARING OF OPERATIONAL TEST DATA

- Ref (a) SECNAVINST 5000.2C (Draft)
(b) DOT&E Memorandum of 01 Oct 01, DoD Policy on OT&E Information Promulgation
(c) Memorandum of Agreement on Multiservice Operational Test and Evaluation (MOT&E) and Joint Test and Evaluation (JT&E) of Aug 00
(d) COMOPTEVFORINST 3960.1H

1. **Purpose**. To provide a standard procedure in the release/sharing of data from operational testing.
2. **Cancellation**. This cancels SOP 00-01.
3. **Background**. Enclosure (10) paragraph 1.3.2.4 of reference (a) states:

"1.3.2.4 OT Data

COMOPTEVFOR shall release valid data and factual information in as near real-time as possible to the DA. Data may be preliminary and should be identified as such. Evaluative information will not be released until COMOPTEVFOR has completed its evaluation and issued a final report. Anomaly and deficiency reports will be issued as explained in this instruction, enclosure (5). The logistics of releasing data will not interfere with the conduct or evaluation of any OT."

Reference (b) states "As a developmental program progresses, each iteration of OT&E provides information regarding the system's performance in an operationally relevant environment. Such information is potentially of tremendous value to users, system developers, and decision makers. Timely release of this information to the maximum extent practical, is desirable. The release of factual test information, such as failure reports, telemetry data, etc., does not degrade OTA independence or credibility. Evaluative information, such as scoring of failures or opinion surveys, is not covered by this information-sharing blanket, and can be withheld until the OTA has completed its evaluation and report."

References (a) and (b) specifically recognize that risk mitigation during early program development and deficiency identification and correction prior to fielding is the responsibility of both the tester and program manager. The release of factual information to the DA during OT does not jeopardize the independence of COMOPTEVFOR as long as the DA has no influence in our independent evaluation.

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4. Procedure.

a. During and after completion of OT (EOA, OA, OPEVAL, and FOT&E), COMOPTEVFOR will, as expeditiously as possible, release/share factual OT data with the program offices. The logistics of release/sharing of data will not interfere with the conduct or evaluation of any OT. This data may assist program offices in mitigating risk in system development.

b. Factual data does not include information based on consensus or opinion such as operator or maintainer surveys. Such information is subjective and part of the evaluative process and will not be made available prior to the release of the final report.

c. OT test plans should include a data collection annex to ensure identification of data collection requirements. OT test plan development and approval will continue in accordance with current COMOPTEVFOR policy.

d. For multi-service operational test and evaluation (MOT&E), data release/sharing will be in accordance with reference (c)

e. Procedures for anomaly and deficiency reports delineated in reference (a) remain in effect.

5. Implementation. This policy is effective immediately and will be included in reference (d) as appropriate.



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