

AY 2020-2021 PROSPECTIVE RESEARCH TOPIC NOMINATION

CLASSIFICATION:	UNCLASSIFIED
*RESEARCH TOPIC TITLE:	Homeland Defense and Combatant Command Boundaries
*TOPIC DESCRIPTION:	Are Combatant Command (COCOM) boundaries appropriate to homeland defense? Consider both high probability (human, drug trafficking) and low probability (great power conflict) threats.
*DESIRED OBJECTIVES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are our current combatant command boundaries appropriate and conducive to the conduct Homeland Defense? • Identify past operations hindered by the current Combatant Command boundaries • Identify ways to improve CD/CTOC operations across COCOM boundaries • How can the DoD conduct Homeland Defense farther away from our borders, time and space? • Identify ways JTF-North can improve Key Leadership Engagements with partners and allies South of the Border
EXTENDED TOPIC DESCRIPTION :	Enterprising Criminal and Drug Trafficking Organizations have ventured out past their own borders and routinely violate COCOM boundaries and AORs in the process of their illicit activity; is the current COCOM construct viable to conduct Counter Drug/Transnational Criminal Organizations? For example, a person kidnapped in South America (USSOUTHCOM) is trafficked through Central America and into the United States (USNORTHCOM) through the Southwest Border. Many times this person is transported via Oceanic (USINDOPACOM) and land routes. In this scenario, a crime, perpetrated by TCOs has crossed three COCOM boundaries; how can DoD counter long before it cross the SWB?
* REQUESTING/SPONSORING ORGANIZATION:	Joint Task Force – North J5
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