

AY 2020-2021 PROSPECTIVE RESEARCH TOPIC NOMINATION

CLASSIFICATION:	UNCLASSIFIED
*RESEARCH TOPIC TITLE:	Irregular Threats to the Homeland
*TOPIC DESCRIPTION:	What irregular threats are emerging across all domains in great power competition that pose the greatest threat to Defending the US Homeland?
*DESIRED OBJECTIVES:	Define and identify irregular threats to the Homeland; recommended OAI's to mitigate
EXTENDED TOPIC DESCRIPTION :	The current security environment consists of increased great power competition regional rogue states, and VEOs conducting operations, activities, and investments (OAI's) across all domains to achieve strategic advantages. Homeland Defense, a USNORTHCOM primary mission, has primarily been focused on existential, large scale attacks, like ballistic missile strikes. However, the COVID-19 pandemic and increased activities below the level of armed conflict by China and Russia in the NORTHCOM Area of Responsibility, have exposed vulnerabilities to defending the homeland against irregular threats.
* REQUESTING/SPONSORING ORGANIZATION:	US Special Operations Command North (SOCNORTH) J55
*SUBMISSION DATE:	7 August 2020
DESIRED COMPLETION DATE:	31 May 2021
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AVAILABLE FUNDING, IF ANY:	N/A
COMMENTS:	Please contact POC for guidance and suggestions in conducting research, to include support arranging interviews with personnel at SOCNORTH, USNORTHCOM, or USSOCOM.

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