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SSO DA FOR GEN THURMAN, VCSA

FROM GEN RICHARDSON, CDR, TRADOC

SUBJECT: FOREIGN AREA OFFICER {FAO} PROGRAM

1. BASED ON CONCERN WITH FAO PROGRAM DESIGN AND TRAINING STRATEGY A WORKING SESSION WAS HELD WITH ME HERE AT FT MONROE LAST MONTH. REPRESENTATIVES FROM DA DCSOPS, DCSPER, ACSI, JFKSWC AND THE TRADOC STAFF PRESENTED AN ASSESSMENT AND CONFIRMED FOR ME THE NEED FOR SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE IN THE FAO PROGRAM. AS A RESULT, I TASKED BG BOB WIEGAND TO STUDY THE ISSUES IN DEPTH AND TAKE A COMPLETE RELOOK AT THE FAO PROGRAM. I AM CONVINCED THAT PROPONENCY FOR THE FAO PROGRAM SHOULD BE MOVED FROM DCSOPS TO COMMANDER, SPECIAL WARFARE CENTER. BOB WIEGAND WILL GET BACK TO ME BY SUMMER WITH RECOMMENDATIONS.

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2. I UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE THE DA STAFF LOOKING AT SOME OF THE SAME ISSUES WITH THE DA EFFORT TO BE CONCLUDED EARLIER THAN THE TRADOC INITIATIVE. I BELIEVE TRADOC HAS AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE WITH PROPOSED CHANGES THAT WILL STREAMLINE THE FAO PROGRAM. REQUEST YOU DELAY ANY DECISIONS IN REGARD TO THE FAO PROGRAM UNTIL THE RESULTS OF OUR STUDY ARE IN.

3. RESPECTFULLY, BILL

SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING NORMAL DUTY HOURS

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