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As a result of an office call, CSA asked for information on reason for maintaining separate functional areas for PsyOps (FA 39) AND FAO (FA 48).

Separation of Special Forces, PsyOps/Civil Affairs, and FAO was based on VCSA decision in April 1984 and implemented by OPMS II in Oct 1984. Purpose was to enhance the Army's capability in all three of these separate and distinct functions. The decision was based on a recognition that FAO, as organized before 1984, was attempting to cover too wide a range of functions, and that breaking out Special Forces, PsyOps/CA, and FAO into separately managed specialties facilitated focusing the Army's mission in these areas. This action was relooked and validated by MILPERCEN in October 1986. With OPMS II each specialty has been able to focus and fine tune their career field development patterns (structure, accessions, training and education, distribution, deployment, and professional development) to successfully accomplish their distinct missions. The FAO Proponent Team does not recommend revisiting the decision. Provide Memo _____.

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