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Subject: Requests for International Military Student (IMS) Information by Other U.S. Government Agencies

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Summary: NETSAFA understands that some training installations have received requests for information about IMS from other USG agencies. The DoD cooperates with other government agencies, as appropriate, in the interest of national security. However, to avoid undermining Security Cooperation program objectives, training installations will not provide non-routine information on IMS to local or other US government agencies.

Action:

1. IMSO's (or other staff members) at training installations receiving requests for personal information on an IMS from **other US government agencies** will refer the request to the NETSAFA Country Program Manager for action. In addition, request for copies of Invitational Travel Orders and background data concerning individual IMSs from local and federal government organizations should also be forwarded to the NETSAFA Country Program Manager for action. These procedures will ensure that the personal requests are reviewed by the appropriate organization, and the integrity of our Security Cooperation programs is maintained.
2. Navy IMSOs may continue to provide routine responses to both US government and non-government agencies, on general questions of a public affairs nature as per guidance in the JSAT para 10-32. (However, as per Para. 2.4.7 of the *Navy IMSO Guide*, **IMSOs should ensure that IMSs inform their embassy prior to any contacts with the press.**) Releasable data may include the number of IMSs, by nationality, who are in training at any given time and a general description of the training being conducted. No cumulative figures will be released except through Navy IPO.
3. Requests for IMS information submitted by non US government agencies will continue to be processed under the Freedom of Information Act, in accordance with instructions contained in applicable public affairs publications.
4. Any questions regarding the releasability of information regarding IMS should be resolved by the NETSAFA Country Program Manager.

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