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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
(DEFENSE EXPORTS AND COOPERATION)
DIRECTOR, NAVY INTERNATIONAL
PROGRAMS OFFICE
DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
(INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS)

SUBJECT: Black Box Option for the Defense Security Assistance
Management System (DSAMS) Training Module

As you are aware, I have been considering alternatives for bringing the DSAMS Training Module to fruition. It has long been DSCA's objective to achieve a tri-Service system at the earliest financially and technically feasible juncture, but the dependencies created by a tri-Service deployment affect all when the readiness of each Service is at a different stage.

The choices are difficult and we have not been able to achieve a consensus in the community. As the risk of the planned tri-Service deployment in October 2006 has become too high and the need to invoke a contingency plan is now, I have elected to reduce risk by pursuing the "Black Box" option in which the Training Module is targeted for only Army and Navy deployment in October 2006. While I have listened to, and understand, the concerns of the Navy and Air Force, I believe it is desirable to achieve a tangible product from this development program at the earliest feasible opportunity. Deployment to the Air Force is intended as soon as possible following the Army and Navy deployment, but no earlier than October 2007.

The Black Box option will allow the majority of the Security Cooperation community, including the Security Assistance Offices, the International Military Student Offices, and DSCA headquarters, to begin realizing most of the benefits as soon as possible.

I request that the Army, Navy and Air Force work with DSCA in making a concerted effort to make this a success, because this program can only succeed

with our cooperative efforts. The Army and Navy must continue to thoroughly test the system and begin the training and work flow process changes associated with migrating their training activities to this new environment. All three training activities must continue supporting the conversion of legacy data. While not included in the initial target for deployment, I ask that Air Force fully participate in the development and implementation of solutions to support their partial integration into this new enterprise system for the training community.

As always, DSCA has no intention of deploying a system in a state where the business cannot function properly, so the final decision to accept and deploy the Training Module will be made in late summer of 2006. Nevertheless, I expect that we will meet the October 2006 target. Therefore, both the development team and the user communities must exert the maximum effort to ensure that we meet this target. I anticipate that the general suitability of the system will become apparent by the spring of 2006.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J.B. Kohler', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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DIRECTOR