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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: Guidance on Geographic Combatant Command Online Influence Activities

Section 344 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 limits the availability of funds for the Trans Regional Web Initiative (TRWI) websites that U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) centrally funds and operates for online influence activities in support of the Geographic Combatant Commands. Accordingly, USSOCOM should terminate TRWI at the end of its current period of performance and work with the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy (OUSD(P)) to explore options to transition strategic components to an appropriate non-DoD department or agency.

The termination of USSOCOM's TRWI program in response to Section 344 does not preclude commanders from conducting military information support operations on the internet, nor does Section 344 prohibit all DoD use of the internet for military information support operations (MISO), such as those in support of commanders' counterterrorism, security and stability objectives. Geographic Combatant Commanders may, consistent with current policy, utilize online communications media for MISO, and are encouraged to focus such operations at the tactical and operational levels.

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