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**Service Member's  
Personal Protection  
Guide:  
A Self-Help Handbook to  
Combating  
**TERRORISM****



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## FOREWORD

Terrorism is an indiscriminate crime that comes in varying forms of threats and violence and is used primarily to attain political goals of one form or another. Terrorists generate fear through acts of violence, intimidation, and coercion. Acts of terrorism such as hijacking, bombings, etc., occur routinely in certain parts of the world making almost anyone a potential victim. Terrorism is frightening and the results are horrifying. As recent events have shown, terrorists have reached new levels of organization, sophistication, and violence. Terrorist tactics and techniques are changing and challenging the effectiveness of our current antiterrorist measures. Accordingly, we must change our very mindset about terrorism.

You and your families are an important part of our military. This booklet will not ensure immunity against terrorism, but by practicing these techniques and proven security habits, the possibility of becoming a terrorist target will be lessened. Security against terrorism is the responsibility of every individual assigned to the Armed Forces. As members of the military community, you are a most valuable yet most vulnerable resource.

This pamphlet will assist in making you and your family less vulnerable to terrorists. Please incorporate those protective measures that are applicable to your particular situation. Through constant awareness you can protect yourself and your family from acts of terrorism.



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# **STEPS TO COMBAT TERRORISM**

## **KEEP A LOW PROFILE**

Your dress, conduct, and mannerisms should not attract attention. Make an effort to blend into the local environment. Avoid publicity and don't go out in large groups. Stay away from civil disturbances and demonstrations.

## **BE UNPREDICTABLE**

Vary your route to and from work and the time you leave and return home. Vary the way you dress. Don't exercise at the same time and place each day, never alone, on deserted streets, or country roads. Let people close to you know where you are going, what you'll be doing, and when you should be back.

## **BE ALERT**

Watch for anything suspicious or out of place. Don't give personal information over the telephone. If you think you are being followed, go to a preselected secure area. Immediately report the incident to the military/security police or law enforcement agencies. In overseas areas without such above agencies, report the incident to the Security Officer or the Military Attaché at the U.S. Embassy.

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## GENERAL SECURITY CHECKLIST

- Instruct your family and associates not to provide strangers with information about you or your family.
- Avoid giving unnecessary personal details to information collectors.
- Be alert to strangers who are on government property for no apparent reason. Report all suspicious persons loitering near your resident or office; attempt to provide a complete description of the person and/or vehicle to police or security.
- Vary daily routines to avoid habitual patterns. If possible, fluctuate travel times and routes to and from work.
- Refuse to meet with strangers outside your work place.
- Always advise associates or family members of your destination when leaving the office or home and the anticipated time of arrival.
- Don't open doors to strangers.
- Memorize key phone numbers—office, home, police, security, etc.
- Be cautious about giving out information regarding family travel plans or security measures and procedures.
- If you are overseas, learn and practice a few key phrases in the native language, such as “I need a policeman, doctor,” etc.

## HOUSE, HOME, AND FAMILY SECURITY

Although spouses and children are seldom targeted by terrorists, they should practice basic precautions for their personal security. Familiarize your family with the local terrorist threat and regularly review the protective measures and techniques listed in this handbook. Ensure everyone in the family knows what to do in an emergency.

### TIPS FOR THE FAMILY AT HOME

- Restrict the possession of house keys. Change locks if keys are lost or stolen and when moving into a previously occupied residence.
- Lock all entrances at night, including the garage. Keep the house locked, even if you are at home.
- Destroy all envelopes or other items that indicate your name and rank.

- Develop friendly relations with your neighbors.
- Do not draw attention to yourself; be considerate of neighbors.
- Avoid frequency exposure on balconies and near windows.

**BE SUSPICIOUS**

- Be alert to public works crews and, if overseas, other foreign nationals requesting access to residence; check their identities through a peep-hole before allowing entry.
- Be alert to peddlers and strangers.
- Write down license numbers of suspicious vehicles; note descriptions of occupants.
- Treat with suspicion any inquiries about the whereabouts or activities of other family members.
- Report all suspicious activity to Military/Security Police or local law enforcement.

**TELEPHONE SECURITY**

Post emergency numbers on the telephone:

- Military/Security Police: \_\_\_\_\_
- Local Police: \_\_\_\_\_
- Fire Department: \_\_\_\_\_
- Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_

- Do not answer your telephone with your name and rank.
- Report all threatening phone calls to security officials.

**WHEN GOING OUT OVERSEAS**

- Travel in groups as much as possible. Avoid high risk areas and demonstrations, and vary movements so as not to be predictable.
- Try to be inconspicuous when using public transportation and facilities. Dress, conduct, and mannerisms should not attract attention.
- Avoid public demonstrations; do not be curious.
- Stay away from controversial meeting places; visit only reputable establishments, but don't frequent the same off-base locations (in particular, known, U.S.-associated locales).

### **SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS FOR CHILDREN**

- Never leave young children alone or unattended. Be certain they are in the care of a trustworthy person.
- If it is necessary to leave children at home, keep the house well lighted and notify the neighbors.
- Instruct children to keep doors and windows locked, and never to admit strangers.
- Teach children how to contact the police or a neighbor in an emergency.
- Know where your children are all the time.

Advise your children to:

- Never leave home without telling you where they will be and who will accompany them.
  - Travel in pairs or groups.
  - Avoid isolated areas.
  - Use locally approved play areas where recreational activities are supervised by responsible adults and where police protection is readily available
  - Refuse automobile rides from strangers and refuse to accompany strangers anywhere on foot even if the strangers say mom or dad sent them, or said it was “okay.”
- Report immediately to the nearest person of authority (parent, teacher, police) anyone who attempts to molest or annoy them.

### **SECURITY PRECAUTIONS WHEN YOU'RE AWAY**

- Leave the house with a lived-in look.
- Stop deliveries or forward mail to a neighbor's house.
- Don't leave notes on doors.
- Don't hide keys outside house.
- Use a timer (appropriate to local electricity) to turn lights on and off at varying times and locations.
- Leave radio on (best with a timer).
- Hide valuables.
- Notify the police or a trusted neighbor of your absence.

### **SUSPICIOUS PACKAGES OR MAIL**

Suspicious characteristics to look for include:

- An unusual or unknown place of origin.
  - No return address.
  - An excessive amount of postage.
  - Abnormal or unusual size.
  - Oily stains on the package.
  - Wires or strings protruding from or attached to an item.
  - Incorrect spelling on the package.
  - Differing return address and postmark.
  - Appearance of foreign style handwriting.
  - Peculiar odor. (Many explosives used by terrorists smell like shoe polish or almonds.)
  - Unusual heaviness or lightness.
  - Uneven balance or shape.
  - Springiness in the top, bottom or sides.
- Never cut tape, strings, or other wrappings on a suspect package or immerse a suspected letter or package in water. Either action could cause an explosive device to detonate.
- Never touch or move a suspicious package or letter.
- Report any suspicious packages or mail to security officials immediately.

### **DOMESTIC EMPLOYEES**

- Conduct a security background check with local police, neighbors, and friends.
- Inform employees about security responsibilities.
- Instruct them which phone or other means of communication to use in an emergency.
- Do not discuss travel plans or sensitive topics within employees hearing.
- Discuss duties in friendly, firm manner.
- Give presents or gratuities according to local customs.

## RESIDENTIAL SECURITY

Exterior grounds:

- Do not put your name on the outside of your residence or mailbox.
- Have good lighting.
- Control vegetation to eliminate hiding places.

Entrances and exits should have:

- Solid doors with deadbolt locks.
- One-way peep-holes in door.
- Bare and locks on skylights.
- Metal grating on glass doors and ground floor windows, with interior release mechanisms that are not reachable from outside.

Interior features:

- Alarm and intercom systems.
- Fire extinguishers.
- Medical and first aid equipment.

Other desirable features:

- A clear view of approaches.
- More than one access road.
- Off-street parking.
- High (6–8 feet) perimeter wall or fence.

## GROUND TRANSPORTATION SECURITY

Criminal and terrorist acts against individuals usually occur outside the home and after the victim's habits have been established. Your most predictable habit is the route of travel from home to duty station or to commonly frequented local facilities.

### VEHICLES OVERSEAS

- Select a plain car; avoid the “rich American” look.
- Consider not using a government car that announces ownership.

Auto maintenance:

- Keep vehicle in good repair.
- Always keep gas tank at least half full.
- Ensure tires have sufficient tread.

### **PARKING**

- Always lock your car.
- Don't leave it on the street overnight, if possible.
- Never get out without checking for suspicious persons. If in doubt, drive away.
- Leave only the ignition key with parking attendant.
- Don't allow entry to the trunk unless you're there to watch.
- Never leave garage doors open or unlocked.
- Use a remote garage door opener if available. Enter and exit your car in the security of the closed garage.

### **ON THE ROAD**

- Before leaving buildings to get into your vehicle, check the surrounding area to determine if anything of a suspicious nature exists. Display the same wariness before exiting your vehicle.
- Prior to getting into a vehicle, check beneath it. Look for wires, tape or anything unusual.
- If possible vary routes to work and home. Avoid late night travel.
- Travel with companions.
- Avoid isolated roads or dark alleys when possible.
- Habitually ride with seatbelts buckled, doors locked, and windows closed.
- Do not allow your vehicle to be boxed in; maintain a minimum 8-foot interval between you and the vehicle in front; avoid the inner lanes. Be alert while driving or riding.

Know how to react if you are being followed:

- Circle the block for confirmation of surveillance.
- Do not stop or take other actions which could lead to confrontation.
- Do not drive home.
- Get description of car and its occupants.
- Go to the nearest safe haven.
- Report incident to military/security police.

Recognize events that can signal the start of an attack, such as:

- Cyclist falling in front of your car.
- Flagman or workman stopping your car.
- Fake police or government checkpoint.
- Unusual detours.
- An accident in which your car is struck.
- Cars or pedestrian traffic that box you in.
- Sudden activity or gunfire.

Know what to do if under attack in a vehicle:

- Without subjecting yourself, passengers, or pedestrians to harm, try to draw attention to your car by sounding the horn.
- Put another vehicle between you and your pursuer.
- Execute immediate turn and escape; jump the curb at 30–45 degree angle, 35 mph maximum.
- Ram blocking vehicle if necessary.
- Go to the closest safe haven.
- Report incident to military/security police.

### **COMMERCIAL BUSES, TRAINS, AND TAXIS**

- Vary mode of commercial transportation.
- Select busy stops.
- Don't always use the same taxi company.
- Don't let someone you don't know direct you to a specific cab.
- Ensure taxi is licensed, and has safety equipment (seatbelts at a minimum).
- Ensure face of driver and picture on license are the same.
- Try to travel with a companion.
- If possible, specify the route you want the taxi to follow.

### **TRAVELING DEFENSIVELY BY AIR**

Air travel, particularly through high risk airports or countries, poses security problems different from those of ground transportation. Here too, simple precautions can reduce the hazards of a terrorist attack.

### **MAKING TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS**

- Get a threat briefing from your security officer prior to traveling in a high risk area.
- Use military air or U.S. flag carriers.
- Avoid scheduling through high risk areas; if necessary, use foreign flag airlines and/or indirect routings to avoid high risk airports.
- Don't use rank or military address on tickets, travel documents, or hotel reservations.
- Select window seat; they offer more protection since aisle seats are closer to the hijacker's movements up and down the aisle.
- Rear seats also offer more protection since they are farther from the center of hostile action which is often near the cockpit.
- Seats at an emergency exit may provide an opportunity to escape.
- Avoid off-base hotels; use government quarters or "safe" hotels.

### **PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION**

- Don't discuss your military affiliation with anyone.
- You must have proper identification to show airline and immigration officials.
- Consider use of a tourist passport, if you have one, with necessary visas, providing it's allowed by the country you are visiting.
- If you use a tourist passport, consider placing your official passport, military ID, travel orders, and related documents in your checked luggage, not in your wallet or briefcase.
- If you must carry these documents on your person, select a hiding place onboard the aircraft to "ditch" them in case of a hijacking.
- Don't carry classified documents unless they are absolutely mission-essential.

### **LUGGAGE**

- Use plain, civilian luggage; avoid military-looking bags such as B-4 bags and duffel bags.
- Remove all military patches, logos, or decals from your luggage and briefcase.
- Ensure luggage tags don't show your rank or military address.
- Don't carry official papers in your briefcase.

**CLOTHING**

- Travel in conservative civilian clothing when using commercial transportation or when traveling military airlift if you are to connect with a flight at a commercial terminal in a high risk area.
- Don't wear distinct military items such as organizational shirts, caps, or military issue shoes or glasses.
- Don't wear U.S. identified items such as cowboy hats or boots, baseball caps, American logo T-shirts, jackets, or sweatshirts.
- Wear a long-sleeved shirt if you have a visible U.S. affiliated tattoo.

**PRECAUTIONS AT THE AIRPORT**

- Arrive early; watch for suspicious activity.
- Look for nervous passengers who maintain eye contact with others from a distance. Observe what people are carrying. Note behavior not consistent with that of others in the area.
- No matter where you are in the terminal, identify objects suitable for cover in the event of attack; pillars, trash cans, luggage, large planters, counters, and furniture can provide protection.
- Don't linger near open public areas. Quickly transit waiting rooms, commercial shops, and restaurants.
- Proceed through security checkpoints as soon as possible.
- Avoid secluded areas that provide concealment for attackers.
- Be aware of unattended baggage anywhere in the terminal.
- Be extremely observant of personal carry-on luggage. Thefts of briefcases designed for laptop computers are increasing at airports worldwide; likewise, luggage not properly guarded provides an opportunity for a terrorist to place an unwanted object or device in your carry-on bag. As much as possible, do not pack anything you cannot afford to lose; if the documents are important, make a copy and carry the copy.
- Observe the luggage claim area from a distance. Do not retrieve your bags until the crowd clears. Proceed to the customs lines at the edge of the crowd.
- Report suspicious activity to the airport security personnel.

### **ACTIONS IF ATTACKED**

- Dive for cover. Do not run. Running increases the probability of shrapnel hitting vital organs, or the head.
- If you must move, belly crawl or roll. Stay low to the ground, using available cover.
- If you see grenades, lay flat on the floor, feet and knees tightly together with soles toward the grenade. In this position, your soles, feet and legs protect the rest of your body. Shrapnel will rise in a cone from the point of detonation, passing over your body.
- Place arms and elbows next to your ribcage to protect your lungs, heart, and chest. Cover your ears and head with your hands to protect neck, arteries, ears, and skull.
- Responding security personnel will not be able to distinguish you from attackers. Do not attempt to assist them in any way. Lay still until told to get up.

### **ACTIONS IF HIJACKED**

- Remain calm, be polite and cooperate with your captors.
- Be aware that all hijackers may not reveal themselves at the same time. A lone hijacker may be used to draw out security personnel for neutralization by other hijackers.
- Surrender your tourist passport in response to a general demand for identification.
- Don't offer any information; confirm your military status if directly confronted with the fact. Be prepared to explain that you always travel on your personal passport and that no deceit was intended.
- Discretely dispose of any military or U.S. affiliated documents.
- Don't draw attention to yourself with sudden body movements, verbal remarks, or hostile looks.
- Prepare yourself for possible verbal and physical abuse, lack of food, drink, and sanitary conditions.
- If permitted, read, sleep, or write to occupy your time.
- Discretely observe your captors and memorize their physical descriptions. Include voice patterns and language distinctions, as well as clothing and unique physical characteristics.
- Cooperate with any rescue attempt. Lie on the floor until told to rise.

## TAKEN HOSTAGE—YOU CAN SURVIVE!

The chances of you being taken hostage are truly remote. Even better news is that survival rates are high. But should it happen, remember, your personal conduct can influence treatment in captivity. The Department of State has responsibility for all U.S. government personnel and their dependents in overseas areas. Should a hostage situation develop, the Department of State will immediately begin to take action according to preconceived plans to attempt to release the hostages. If kidnapped and taken hostage, the hostage has three very important rules to follow:

- Analyze the problem so as not to aggravate the situation.
- Make decisions to keep the situation from worsening.
- Maintain discipline to remain on the best terms with the captors.

### PREPARING THE FAMILY

- Have your family affairs in order, including an up-to-date will, appropriate powers of attorney, and measures taken to ensure family financial security.
- Issues such as continuing the children's education, family relocation, and disposition of property should be discussed with family members.
- Your family should know that talking about your military affiliation to non-DoD people may place you, or them, in great danger.
- They must be convinced the U.S. government will work to obtain your safe release.
- Don't be depressed if negotiation efforts appear to be taking a long time. Remember, your chances of survival actually increase with time.

### STAY IN CONTROL

- Regain your composure as soon as possible and recognize your fear. Your captors are probably as apprehensive as you, so your actions are important.
- Take mental notes of directions, times of transit, noises, and other factors to identify your location.
- Note the number, physical description, accents, habits, and rank structure of your captors.
- Anticipate isolation and efforts to disorient and confuse you.
- To the extent possible, try to mentally prepare yourself for the situation ahead. Stay mentally active.

### **DEALING WITH YOUR CAPTORS**

- Do not aggravate them.
- Do not get into political or ideological discussions.
- Comply with instructions, but always maintain your dignity.
- Attempt to develop a positive relationship with them.
- Be proud of your heritage, government, and military association, but use discretion.

### **KEEP OCCUPIED**

- Exercise daily.
- Read anything and everything.
- Eat what is offered to you. You must maintain your strength.
- Establish a slow, methodical routine for every task.

### **BEING INTERROGATED**

- Take a simple, tenable position and stick to it.
- Be polite and keep your temper.
- Give short answers. Talk freely about nonessential matters, but be guarded when conversations turn to matters of substance.
- Don't be lulled by a friendly approach. Remember, one terrorist may play "Good Guy" and one "Bad Guy." This is the most common interrogation technique.
- Briefly affirm your belief in basic democratic principles.
- If forced to present terrorist demands to authorities, in writing or on tape, state clearly that the demands are from your captors. Avoid making a plea on your behalf.

### **DURING RESCUE**

- Drop to the floor and be still. Avoid sudden moves. Wait for instruction.
- Once released, avoid derogatory comments about your captors; such remarks will only make things harder for those still held captive.

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## **DOD CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PERSONNEL SUBJECT TO TERRORIST ACTIVITY**

### **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE DIRECTIVE 1300.7 OF 19 DEC 1964**

#### **A. POLICY**

This policy concerning the conduct of U.S. military personnel isolated from U.S. control applies at all times. U.S. military personnel finding themselves isolated from U.S. control are required to do everything in their power to follow DoD policy. The DoD policy in this situation is to survive with honor.

#### **B. SCOPE**

The Code of Conduct is a normal guide designed to assist military personnel in combat or being held prisoners of war to live up to the ideals contained in the DoD policy. This guidance shall assist U.S. military personnel who find themselves isolated from U.S. control in peacetime, or in a situation not related specifically in the Code of Conduct.

#### **C. RATIONALE**

U.S. military personnel, because of their wide range of activities, are subject to peacetime detention by unfriendly governments or captivity by terrorist groups. This guidance seeks to help U.S. military personnel survive these situations with honor and does not constitute a means for judgment or replace the UCMJ as a vehicle for enforcement of proper conduct. This guidance, although not exactly the same as the Code of Conduct, in some areas, applies only during peacetime. The term peacetime means that armed conflict does not exist or armed conflict does exist, but the United States is not involved directly.

#### **D. GENERAL**

U.S. military personnel captured or detained by hostile foreign governments or terrorists are often held for purposes of exploitation of the detainees or captives, or the U.S. Government, or all of them. This exploitation can take many forms, but each form of exploitation is designed to assist the foreign government or the terrorist captors. In the past, detainees have been exploited for information and propaganda efforts, confessions to crimes never committed, all of which assisted or lent credibility to the detainers. Governments also have been exploited in such situations to make damaging statements about themselves or to force them to appear weak in relation to other governments. Ransoms for captives of terrorists have been paid by government and such payments have improved terrorist finances, supplies, status and operations, often prolonging the terror carried on by such groups.

#### **E. RESPONSIBILITY**

U.S. military personnel, whether detainees or captives, can be assured that the U.S. Government will make every good faith effort to obtain their earliest release. Faith in one's country and its way of life, faith in fellow detainees or captives, and faith in one's self are critical to surviving with honor and resisting exploitation. Resisting exploitation and having faith in these areas are the responsibility of all Americans. On the other hand, the destruction of such faith must be the assumed goal of all captors determined to maximize their gains from a detention or captive situation.

**F. GOAL**

Every reasonable step must be taken by U.S. military personnel to prevent exploitation of themselves and the U.S. Government. If exploitation cannot be prevented completely, every step must be taken to limit exploitation as much as possible. In a sense, detained U.S. military personnel often are catalysts for their own release, based upon their ability to become unattractive sources of exploitation. That is, one that resists successfully may expect detainers to lose interest in further exploitation attempts. Detainees or captives very often must make their own judgments as to which actions will increase their chances of returning home with honor and dignity. Without exception, the military member who can say honestly that he/she has done his/her utmost in a detention or captive situation to resist exploitation upholds DoD policy, the founding principles of the U.S., and the highest traditions of military service.

**G. MILITARY BEARING AND COURTESY**

Regardless of the type of detention or captivity, or harshness of treatment, U.S. military personnel will maintain their military bearing. They should make every effort to remain calm and courteous, and project personal dignity. This is particularly important during the process of capture and the early stages of internment when the captor may be uncertain of his control over the captives.

**H. CLASSIFIED INFORMATION**

There are no circumstances in which a detainee or captor should voluntarily give classified information or materials to those unauthorized to receive them. To the utmost of their ability, U.S. military personnel held as detainees, captives, or hostages will protect all classified information. An unauthorized disclosure of classified information, for whatever reason, does not justify further disclosures. Detainees, captives and hostages must resist, to the utmost of their ability, each and every attempt by their captor to obtain such information.

**I. CHAIN OF COMMAND**

In group detention, captivity, or hostage situations military detainees, captives or hostages will organize, to the fullest extent possible, in a military manner under the senior military member present and eligible to command. The importance of such organization cannot be over emphasized. Historically, in both peacetime and wartime, establishment of a military chain of command has been a tremendous source of strength for all captives. Every effort will be made to establish and sustain communications with other detainees, captives, or hostages. Military detainees, captives, or hostages will encourage civilians being held with them to participate in the military organization and accept the authority of the senior military member. In some circumstances, such as embassy duty, military members may be under the direction of a senior U.S. civilian official. Notwithstanding such circumstances, the senior military member still is obligated to establish, as an entity, a military organization and to ensure that the guidelines in support of the DoD policy to survive with honor are not compromised.

**J. GUIDANCE FOR DETENTION BY GOVERNMENTS**

Once in the custody of a hostile government, regardless of the circumstances that preceded the detention situation, detainees are subject to the laws of that government. In light of this, detainees will maintain military bearing and should avoid any aggressive, combative, or illegal behavior. The latter could complicate their situation, their legal status, and any efforts to negotiate a rapid release.

1. As American citizens, detainees should be allowed to be placed in contact with U.S. or friendly embassy personnel. Thus, detainees should ask immediately and continually to see U.S. embassy personnel or a representative of an allied or neutral government.
2. U.S. military personnel who become lost or isolated in a hostile foreign country during peacetime will not act as combatants during evasion attempts. Since a state of armed conflict does not exist, there is no protection afforded under the Geneva Convention. The civil laws of that country apply. However, delays in contacting local authorities can be caused by injuries affecting the military member's mobility, disorientation, fear of captivity, or desire to see if a rescue attempt could be made.
3. Since the detainer's goals may be maximum political exploitation, U.S. military personnel who are detained must be extremely cautious of their captors in everything they say and do. In addition to asking for a U.S. representative, detainees should provide name, rank, social security number, date of birth, and the innocent circumstances leading to their detention. Further discussions should be limited to and revolve around health and welfare matters, conditions of their fellow detainees, and going home.
  - a. Historically, the detainers have attempted to engage military captives in what may be called a "battle of wits" about seemingly innocent and useless topics as well as provocative issues. To engage any detainer in such useless, if not dangerous, dialogue only enables a captor to spend more time with the detainee. The detainee should consider dealings with his/her captors as a "battle of wits"—the will to restrict discussion to those items that relate to the detainee's treatment and return home against the detainer's will to discuss irrelevant, if not dangerous topics.
  - b. As there is no reason to sign any form or document in peacetime detention, detainees will avoid signing any document or making any statement, oral or otherwise. If a detainee is forced to make a statement or sign documents, he/she must provide as little information as possible and then continue to resist to the utmost of his/her ability. If a detainee writes or signs anything, such action should be measured against how it reflects upon the U.S. and the individual as a member of the military or how it could be misused by the detainer to further the detainer's ends.
  - c. Detainees cannot earn their release by cooperation. Release will be gained by the military member doing his/her best to resist exploitation, thereby reducing his/her value to a detainer, and thus prompting a hostile government to negotiate seriously with the U.S. Government.
4. U.S. military personnel should not refuse to accept release unless doing so requires them to compromise their honor or cause damage to the U.S. Government or its allies. Persons in charge of detained U.S. military personnel will authorize release of any personnel under almost all circumstances.
5. Escape attempts will be made only after careful consideration of the risk of violence, chance of success, and detrimental effects on detainees remaining behind. Jailbreak in most countries is a crime; thus, escape attempts would provide the detainer with further justification to prolong detention by charging additional violations of its criminal or civil laws and result in bodily harm or even death to the detainee.

**K. GUIDANCE FOR DETENTION BY TERRORISTS**

Capture by terrorists is generally the least predictable and structured form of peacetime captivity. The captor qualifies as an international criminal. The possible forms of captivity vary from spontaneous hijacking to a carefully planned kidnapping. In such captivities, hostages play a greater role in determining their own fate since the terrorists in many instances expect or receive no rewards for providing good treatment or releasing victims unharmed. If U.S. military personnel are uncertain whether captors are genuine terrorists or surrogates of government, they should assume that they are terrorists.

1. If assigned in or traveling through areas of known terrorist activity, U.S. military personnel should exercise prudent antiterrorist measures to reduce their vulnerability to capture. During the process of capture and initial treatment, they should remain calm and courteous, since most casualties among hostages occur during this phase.
2. Surviving in some terrorist detentions may depend on hostages conveying a personal dignity and apparent sincerity to the captors. Hostages therefore may discuss nonsubstantive topics such as sports, family, and clothing to convey to the terrorist the captive's personal dignity and human qualities. They will make every effort to avoid embarrassing the United States and the host government. The purpose of this dialogue is for the hostage to become a "person" in the captor's eyes, rather than a mere symbol of their ideological hatred. Such a dialogue should strengthen the hostage's determination to survive and resist. A hostage also may listen actively to the terrorist's beliefs about his/her cause; however, they should never pander, praise, participate, or debate the terrorist's cause with him/her.
3. U.S. military personnel held hostage by terrorists should accept release using guidance in subsection J4 above. U.S. military personnel must keep faith with their fellow hostages and conduct themselves accordingly. Hostages and kidnap victims who consider escape to be their only hope are authorized to make such attempts. Each situation will be different and the hostage must carefully weigh every aspect of a decision to attempt to escape.

## PERSONAL DATA

Law enforcement agencies need timely and accurate information to effectively work for the release of hostages. Keep this data on hand, ready to give to the military security police.

| <b>Military Member or DoD Employee</b>        | <b>Spouse</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Full Name: _____                              | _____         |
| Passport Number: _____                        | _____         |
| SSN: _____                                    | _____         |
| Rank: _____                                   | _____         |
| Position: _____                               | _____         |
| Home Address: _____                           | _____         |
| _____                                         | _____         |
| _____                                         | _____         |
| Phone: _____                                  | _____         |
| Place of Birth: _____                         | _____         |
| Date of Birth: _____                          | _____         |
| Citizenship: _____                            | _____         |
| Race: _____                                   | _____         |
| Height: _____                                 | _____         |
| Weight: _____                                 | _____         |
| Build: _____                                  | _____         |
| Hair Color: _____                             | _____         |
| Color of Eyes: _____                          | _____         |
| Languages Spoken: _____                       | _____         |
| _____                                         | _____         |
| Medical Requirements or Problems: _____       | _____         |
| Medication Required and Time Intervals: _____ | _____         |
| Provide Three Signature Samples:              | _____         |
| 1: _____                                      | _____         |
| 2: _____                                      | _____         |
| 3: _____                                      | _____         |

Attach two photographs, one full length front view and one full length side view. Attach one complete finger print card.

SECTION II

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**Child 1**

**Child 2**

|                                               |       |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------|
| Full Name: _____                              | _____ |
| Passport Number: _____                        | _____ |
| SSN: _____                                    | _____ |
| Rank: _____                                   | _____ |
| Position: _____                               | _____ |
| Home Address: _____                           | _____ |
| _____                                         | _____ |
| _____                                         | _____ |
| Phone: _____                                  | _____ |
| Place of Birth: _____                         | _____ |
| Date of Birth: _____                          | _____ |
| Citizenship: _____                            | _____ |
| Race: _____                                   | _____ |
| Height: _____                                 | _____ |
| Weight: _____                                 | _____ |
| Build: _____                                  | _____ |
| Hair Color: _____                             | _____ |
| Color of Eyes: _____                          | _____ |
| Languages Spoken: _____                       | _____ |
| _____                                         | _____ |
| Medical Requirements or Problems: _____       | _____ |
| Medication Required and Time Intervals: _____ | _____ |
| Provide Three Signature Samples:              | _____ |
| 1: _____                                      | _____ |
| 2: _____                                      | _____ |
| 3: _____                                      | _____ |

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**AUTOMOBILES OR RECREATIONAL VEHICLES**

Make and Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Doors: \_\_\_\_\_

Style: \_\_\_\_\_

License/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Distinctive Markings: \_\_\_\_\_

Make and Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Doors: \_\_\_\_\_

Style: \_\_\_\_\_

License/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Distinctive Markings: \_\_\_\_\_

Make and Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Doors: \_\_\_\_\_

Style: \_\_\_\_\_

License/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Distinctive Markings: \_\_\_\_\_

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