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Interoperability Test Panel, Chairman

23 March 2004

MEMORANDUM FOR OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (OSD), OFFICE OF  
DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR LOGISTICS  
AND MATERIEL READINESS ATTN: MR. MICHAEL SMITH

SUBJECT: Interim Certificate to Operate (ICTO) for the First Responder  
Tactical Communications System (First Responder)

Reference: CJCSI 6212.01C, Interoperability and Supportability of National  
Security Systems and Information Technology Systems

1. In accordance with the authority provided by the reference, the Interoperability Test Panel (ITP) concurs with your request for an Interim Certificate to Operate (ICTO) for the First Responder Tactical Communications System (First Responder). The ITP bases this concurrence on your identified urgent operational requirement to field this system.
2. The ITP Chairman concurs with the recommendations of the Joint Interoperability Test Command (JITC) and the ITP members to grant an ICTO for use of the First Responder while the JITC completes interoperability certification testing. This ICTO is effective beginning 12 March 2004 and expires on 30 September 2004. To further extend this ICTO, the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), Office of Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Materiel Readiness, must provide a systems status update to the ITP in September 2004.
3. This ICTO is subject to the following conditions:
  - a. That no connection to the DSN be made using this version of First Responder.
  - b. If at the end of this ICTO, First Responder has not been interoperability certified or the ITP has not granted an ICTO extension, the ITP will consider it a candidate for removal from operational use.
4. The JITC point of contact is Mr. Joe Peeples, DSN 354-2802, Commercial (301) 744-2802, fax (301) 744-2688, or email: peeplesj@ncr.disa.mil.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Morrow Jr.", is positioned above the typed name.

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