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(U) BTF Role in Nominating Bombing Targets

1. [redacted] The DCI Interagency Balkan Task Force (BTF) has not formally nominated any targets for attack by NATO. The BTF's role has been to:

* Provide the US policy community ideas for bombing strategies and potential targets.

[redacted]

* Advise military planners on ways to make the NATO air campaign more effective. We have argued in numerous memorandums and teleconferences with J2T and EUCOM military planners that it would be more effective to target field deployed units and facilities associated with the ongoing violence in Kosovo than to strike the Integrated Air Defense System.

[redacted]

* Advise senior CIA management and J2T about targets to avoid.

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For example, [redacted]

[redacted] on the potential for collateral damage to targets on the NATO strike list.

[redacted]

2. [redacted] BTF analysts had only a peripheral involvement in the nomination of the the Federal Directorate of Supply and Procurement (FDSP). We followed--but did not directly participate in--the Lotus Notes discussion about the targeting of FDSP because analysts had no special expertise or knowledge that would have allowed us to correct the missidentification of the new Chinese Embassy as an FDSP facility.

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