

## CLASSIFICATION GUIDANCE

(U) This document provides general classification guidance concerning information related to Survival, Evasion, Resistance, Escape (SERE) training. This guidance does not substitute for a formal classification review by the original classification authority (OCA).

(U) Numerous aspects of SERE training is unclassified. This includes discussion of general principles and guidance. However, the discussion of specific tactics, techniques, and procedures trained to DoD personnel is classified. Determining whether specific information is classified, and at what level, can involve nuances understanding and distinctions. If there is uncertainty, information should be treated as classified until a formal classification review is conducted by the OCA.

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### (U) INFORMATION CONCERNING SERE TRAINING THAT IS **UNCLASSIFIED**:

- Fundamental knowledge of SERE policy and doctrine, including objectives and principles
- Equipment, including evasion aids, for use by isolated personnel; including evasion charts, evasion kits, language/ communication guides
- Administrative; including general individual requirements for training, HOWEVER, need for specific individuals may be classified from UNCLASSIFIED to SECRET
- Services' having resident and non-resident resistance training (RTL) and academic role-play facilities
- Service student management records is U//FOUO; digital recordings and other training products produced by students during a RTL is CONFIDENTIAL to SECRET
- General Survival personal protection and sustenance TTP (Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures)
- Fact of building rapport training
- Fact of evasion training
- General TTP for evasion movement, disguise, and blending; delaying contact
- Delaying contact
- General aspects of evasion signaling, including ground to air signals (GTAS)
- Fact of resistance training
- General aspects of spectrums of captivity and treatment
- General principles of resistance to exploitation
- Fact of resistance posture and posture triangle; methods to convey posture goals of personal dignity

- Need for communication / organization in captivity; including TAP CODE
- General concepts associated with Escapes Training
- General principles for depositing evidence for identification and tracking
- Procedures for authentication for isolated personnel
- General TTP for electronic signaling and communications
- General content for Evasion Plans of Action (EPA)
- Fact of and general procedures for reintegration / debriefing

(U) INFORMATION CONCERNING SERE TRAINING THAT IS **CLASSIFIED**:

- Methodologies for building rapport
- Rural and urban evasion TTP up to SECRET
- Actual reasons for delaying contact
- Specialized urban / rural signaling TTP
- Criteria for selecting indigenous personnel for assistance
- Methods of resistance training up to SECRET
- Specific TTP for resistance and exploitation of captors
- Contents of and methods to employ directed communications model
- Methodology to convey apparent sincerity
- Number of and specific resistance techniques; employment TTP
- Methodologies to resist means of exploitation
- Methodologies for modifications to TAP CODE
- Escape planning and preparation methodology
- Methodology and TTPs for defeat of personal restraints
- Escape aids characteristics and description
- Methodology and TTPs for defeat of facilities and vehicles
- Specific TTP for depositing evidence for identification and tracking
- Personnel recovery information in air tasking orders and special instructions; operational employment
- Specific individual data on Isolated Personnel Report (ISOPREP) form

- Operational EPAs
- Detention and contingency statements
- Non-Conventional recovery mechanisms
- Proof of life considerations
- Signaling / communication from captivity
- Operational signaling TTP, including GTAS
- Caches for supporting isolated personnel
- Operational TTP for evasion, recovery of isolated personnel
- Operational use of evasion aids
- Operational TTP for escape
- Unprocessed debriefing materials