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## PREFACE

*'Nothing is more worthy of the attention of a good general than to endeavour to penetrate the designs of the enemy.'*<sup>1</sup>

Niccolo Machiavelli

1. The traditional military focus for understanding was identifying and knowing about adversaries in order to neutralise or defeat them. Militaries are generally very good at developing this knowledge, particularly identifying capabilities, military infrastructures, human geography, patterns and types of forces. What modern militaries are not good at is understanding the psychological and cognitive aspects that shape the fears, motivations and perceptions of an adversary and the plethora of other surrounding actors who influence them or they influence. The reality of the contemporary operating environment is that although it remains their primary mission, it is no longer sufficient for the military to focus on adversaries in isolation. Modern operations demand a broader understanding of the operating environment, sub-environments and various networks that exist within them.

2. JDP 2-00 (3<sup>rd</sup> Edition) *Understanding and Intelligence Support to Joint Operations* emphasises the increasingly cross-governmental nature of intelligence and the need to inculcate a spirit of collaboration, including with partners and allies. It assumes that in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, we will conduct intelligence in an inter-departmental and inter-agency context. This will involve integration and co-operation between government departments and the UK intelligence community. An enduring aspect of this approach is that commanders at all levels will still need accurate and timely intelligence to inform their decision-making, but they must know and understand their own role and that of their staff in developing and delivering it.

3. This document is written with 4 audiences in mind. Primarily, it informs senior commanders how their intelligence staff should work to support their decision-making. Secondly, it provides the opportunity for commanders at all levels to gain an understanding of the value of intelligence and the intelligence process. Thirdly, it provides a principal reference document for intelligence specialists on which subordinate documents can be based. Finally, it provides external readers an explanation of MOD intelligence functions.

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<sup>1</sup> *The Historical, Political, and Diplomatic Writings*, Volume 2, Chapter XVIII *The Prince*, *Discourses on the First Ten Books of Titus Livius*, *Thoughts of a Statesman* 1513.

4. JDP 2-00 (3<sup>rd</sup> Edition) outlines the theory, principles and guidelines for intelligence using 6 core themes throughout the document:

The centrality of influence and understanding
The importance of cultural awareness
The importance of intelligence exploitation
Interagency co-operation and common operating procedures
The relationship between the commander and the intelligence staff
Intelligence in the contemporary operating environment

5. **Structure.** JDP 2-00 is divided into 6 chapters:

- a. Chapter 1 provides the strategic context and describes a contemporary approach to understanding and intelligence.
- b. Chapter 2 explains the fundamentals of intelligence and their application.
- c. Chapter 3 explains the development of intelligence and the application of the intelligence cycle.
- d. Chapter 4 explains intelligence support to joint operations.
- e. Chapter 5 explains how understanding and intelligence support is enabled.
- f. Chapter 6 explains intelligence support to the joint operational planning process.

## LINKAGES

6. JDN 1/10, *Intelligence and Understanding* has been subsumed into this edition of JDP 2-00 and is therefore withdrawn. JDP 2-00 is intended to be read in conjunction with JDP 0-01 *British Defence Doctrine* (3<sup>rd</sup> Edition) which it supports and JDP 04 *Understanding*. It should also be read in conjunction with NATO Allied Joint Publication-2 *Joint Intelligence, Counter Intelligence and Security Doctrine*. It is linked with JDPs 01 *Campaigning* (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition), 3-

00 *Campaign Execution* (3<sup>rd</sup> Edition), 5-00 *Campaign Planning* (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition), as well as JDNs 2/09 *Material and Personnel Exploitation* and 3/11 *Decision Making and Problem Solving: Human and Organisational Factors*. JDP 6-00 *Communications and Information Systems Support to Joint Operations* (3<sup>rd</sup> Edition) provides additional detail on information management as well as communications and information systems. While JDP 3-40 *Security and Stabilisation: The Military Contribution* provides guidance on the application of understanding within the stabilisation and counter-insurgency environments.

## CHANGE 1

UK policy is to adopt NATO doctrine wherever possible. To achieve this we have changed the current UK intelligence architecture. Figure 1 shows the family of intelligence doctrine publications. NATO intelligence doctrine publications are shown in yellow, while the UK equivalent is shown in purple. Where UK has a fundamentally different approach, green pages will be inserted into NATO publications to clarify our position, shown as green/yellow.

When we are unable to adopt the NATO approach, or there is an urgent need for new doctrine, we may produce a Joint Doctrine Note. These temporary documents will be incorporated into a formal Joint Doctrine Publication.

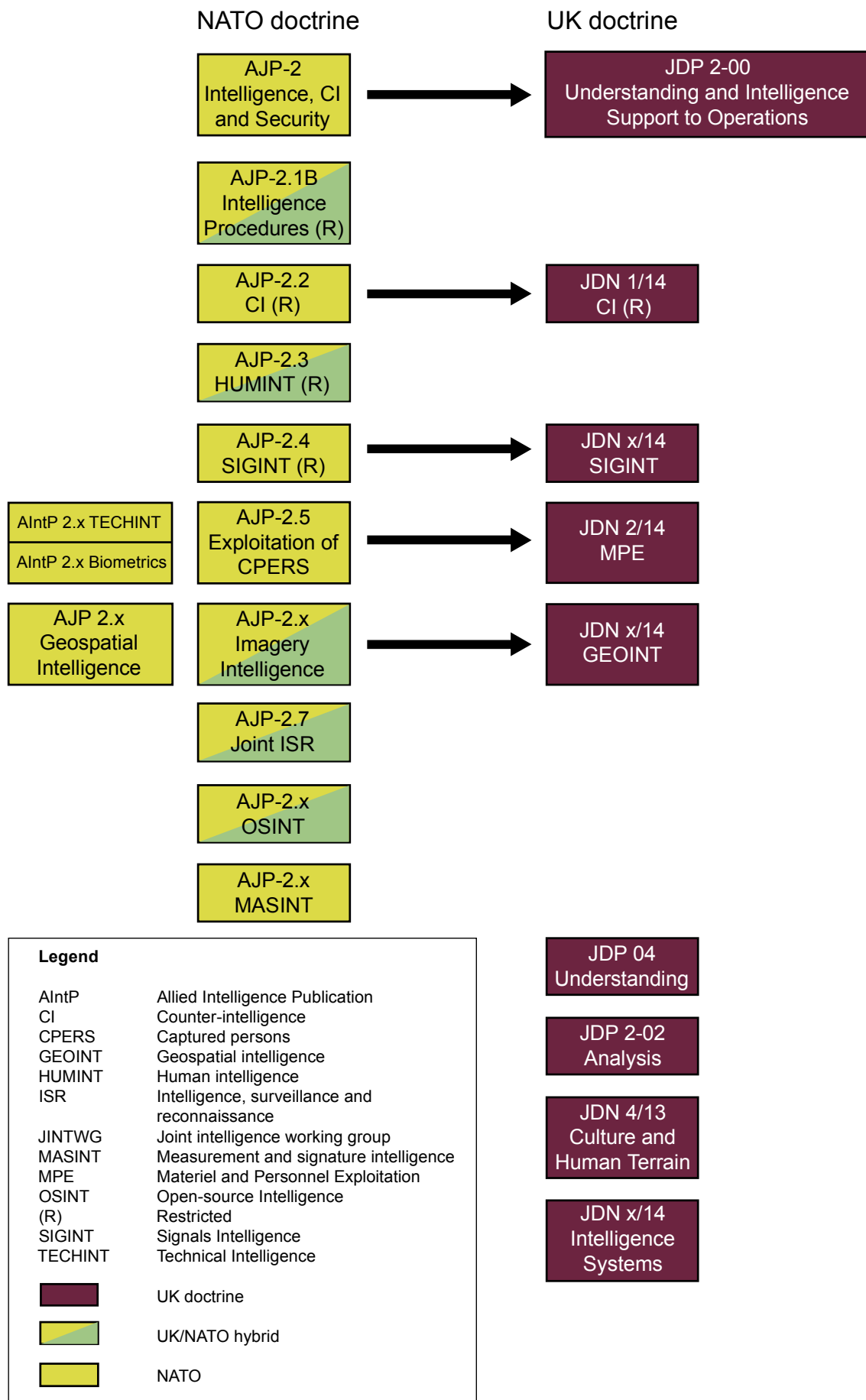


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