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Part 3 - Continuity of Government

Continuity of Operations and Continuity of Government

Continuity of operations (COOP) planning has been utilized by the United States since the Cold War as an effort to preserve the continuity of government (COG) in the event of a Nuclear Attack. Executive order 12656 laid the ground work and defined what a constitutes as a national security emergency.

Executive Order 12656. E.O. 12656, *Assignment of Emergency Preparedness Responsibilities* was issued November 18, 1988 by President Ronald Reagan.¹⁴ It assigns national security emergency preparedness responsibilities to federal departments and agencies. E.O. 12656 defines a national security emergency as “any occurrence, including natural disaster, military attack, technological emergency, or other emergency, that seriously degrades or seriously threatens the national security of the United States.”¹⁵

In July of 2016, Barack Obama signed the still classified Presidential Policy Directive 40 (PPD-40). In accordance with PPD-40, each department was to maintain continuity programs. “Agencies were ordered to have not just a line of succession but also one of “devolution,” a duplicate chain of individuals secreted outside Washington available in a catastrophic emergency. Devolution involves “procedures to transfer statutory authority and responsibilities” to this secondary designated staff to sustain essential functions.”

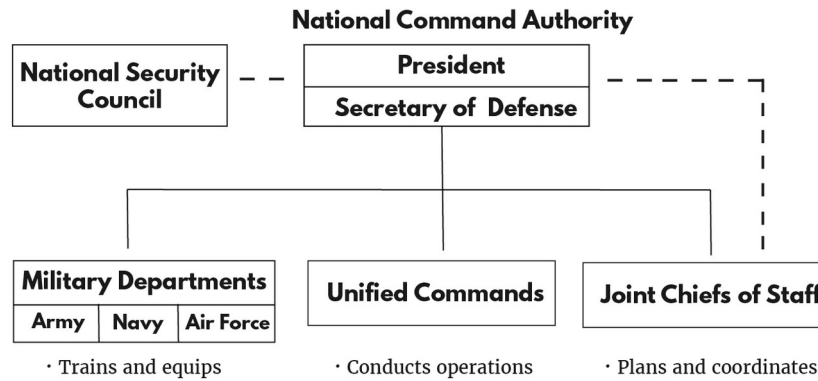
Even though every federal government agency and department has COG and COOP plans, the Devolution that President Trump initiated was done through the Military and the Department of Defense for one primary reason.

Remember, I fully believe that we are at War.

Not the war you picture in your head involving thousands of troops clashing on a battlefield. This war is clandestine in nature. It involves cyber warfare, information warfare, electronic warfare, intelligence warfare, space warfare and I also believe biological warfare (Covid). The only option at Trump’s disposal was to initiate Devolution using our military. I’ll explain why Devolution was the only option in Part 4. For now, we will focus on the Department of Defense.

Department of Defense

[As their website says](#), “The mission of the Department of Defense is to provide the military forces needed to deter war and ensure our nation’s security.” The Secretary of Defense oversees the Defense Department and acts as the principal defense policymaker and adviser. Here is a simplified version of the United States National Command Authority.



If Trump is going to pull off Devolution using the military he has to have the right man at the top of the “food chain” as his Secretary of Defense. Just two days after the [Associated Press declared Joe Biden as the winner of the 2020 presidential election](#), Donald Trump promoted that man.



Meet Christopher C. Miller. The “former” Acting Secretary of Defense (Sec Def Miller), was [promoted by President Donald J. Trump](#) on November 9th, 2020.

Director Miller served in the military from 1983-2014. He began his military career as an enlisted Infantryman in the Army Reserve in 1983 and also served in the District of Columbia National Guard as a Military Policeman. He was commissioned as an Infantry Lieutenant in 1987. In 1993, he transferred to Special Forces. Director Miller participated in the initial combat operations in Afghanistan in 2001 and Iraq in 2003 with the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), in addition to many follow-on deployments to both theaters. He also has extensive inter-agency and joint special operations experience.

After retirement, Director Miller worked as a defense contractor providing **Clandestine Special Operations and Intelligence** expertise directly to the Under Secretaries of Defense for Intelligence and Policy.

One of his last assignments as an Army officer was as Director for Special Operations and Irregular Warfare within the Office of the **Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations/Low-Intensity Conflict (ASD (SO/LIC))**. Keep that in mind because it will come up a lot.

The **(ASD (SO/LIC))** is responsible for the overall supervision of Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict activities. In other words the **(ASD (SO/LIC))** oversees the entire [United States Special Operations Command \(USSOCOM\)](#). Here are the USSOCOM core activities:

- **Direct Action**
- **Special Reconnaissance**
- **Unconventional Warfare**
- **Foreign Internal Defense**
- **Civil Affairs Operations**
- **Counterterrorism**
- **Military Information Support Operations**
- **Counter-proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction**
- **Security Force Assistance**
- **Counterinsurgency**
- **Hostage Rescue and Recovery**
- **Foreign Humanitarian Assistance**

The one I want to focus on is Foreign Internal Defense: “Activities that support a Host Nation's internal defense and development (IDAD) strategy, designed to protect against subversion, lawlessness, insurgency, terrorism, and other threats to their internal security, and stability, and legitimacy.” Doesn't that sound relevant?

Sec Def Miller began working for the Trump administration in March of 2018, serving various roles within the National Counterterrorism Center. He became Director of the NCC in August of 2020, a position he held until his promotion to Acting Secretary of Defense. While with the National Counterterrorism Center, he had a brief stint (June 19, 2020-August 7, 2020) where he was “Performing the Duties of **(ASD (SO/LIC))** until he was replaced by Ezra Cohen-Watnick.

Lost yet?

Within days his promotion to Sec Def, [Christopher Miller and Trump began making moves within the DoD and Pentagon that many considered unusual](#). On November 10th, Anthony Tata was promoted to Senior Official Performing the duties of the Undersecretary of Defense for Policy. The USD(P) happens to be the primary coordinator for [Department of Defense Directive 3020.26](#) which “establishes DoD continuity policy and assigns responsibilities for its implementation.”

2.1. UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR POLICY (USD(P)). The USD(P) is the Principal Staff Assistant (PSA) and advisor to the Secretary of Defense and the Deputy Secretary of Defense on COOP and COG, in accordance with DoD Directive (DoDD) 5111.1. In addition to the responsibilities in Paragraphs 2.13., 2.14., and 2.15., the USD(P):

- a. **Develops DoD policy and provides oversight for COOP and COG.**
- b. **Serves as the DoD Continuity Coordinator** in accordance with Presidential Policy Directive-40 (PPD-40).
- c. Serves as the DoD primary point of contact to other federal departments and agencies for continuity matters.
- d. Coordinates DoD continuity planning, capabilities, activities, and exercises with national continuity and homeland security efforts.
- e. Provides strategic guidance and policy direction for, and oversees planning, programming, budgeting, and execution of, DoD continuity programs.
- f. Develops supporting DoD issuances and guidance, as required, to implement the provisions of national continuity policy and this directive.



Anthony Tata
Senior Official Performing the Duties of
Under Secretary of Defense for Policy
In office
November 10, 2020 – January 20, 2021

In other words, one of the very first positions filled after Chris Miller became Acting Secretary of Defense, was the position that “Develops DoD policy and provides oversight for Continuity of Operations and Continuity of Government”.

Tata is also an author who writes “Tom Clancy-style military thrillers”. He published a book in November of 2019 entitled “[Double Crossfire](#)”. The book has an interesting description - “In the most shocking scenario of our time, former Brigadier General Anthony J. Tata takes you inside a brilliantly conceived, brutally executed plot to overthrow our government -- from within”.

We’ll just call one that a coincidence.



David Norquist already serving as the Deputy Secretary of Defense from July 31 - Feb 8 of 2021. His role was to oversee the day to day operations as well as manage the DoD budget. Prior to that role he was essentially the “CFO” of the DoD. He oversaw the first ever department-wide financial audit of \$2.7 Trillion in assets. I mention him for two reasons. First, as somebody who knows the DoD finances inside and out, he is the type of guy you would need if you’re looking to fund Special Operations that you don’t want anybody to know about. Second, you’re going to see a memo shortly that he sent out which to me proves he was involved with Devolution.

November 11th, 2020 involved the promotion of two more Trump allies: Kashyap Patel (my pseudo-namesake), and Ezra Cohen-Watnik. Each deserving of their own chapter in this story.



Kash Patel was promoted to Chief of Staff for Acting Sec Def Miller. He played a major role in uncovering the corruption of the Democrat party during both Spygate and the Ukraine Scandal. He is a lawyer who was a legal liaison to the Joint Special Operations Command. It was even rumored he was being considered to lead the CIA to replace Gina Haspel. As Chief of Staff for Sec Def Miller, Patel would have been intimately involved with the operations planning. He was also designated to lead the DoD’s coordination with Biden’s transition team. (More on that shortly).

Ezra Cohen-Watnick



Ezra Cohen-Watnick was promoted to fill the role of the Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence (UDI), the top Pentagon civilian overseeing intelligence. While in this role, he also continued to serve as the Acting **Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict (ASD (SO/LIC))**. He was working as both the UDI and the ASD (SO/LIC) from November 11th - January 20th.

Guess who he directly reports to the UDI? The director of the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA). If you're not sure why that is relevant go back and read Part 2 of my Devolution series.

Ezra was first brought into the NSC by General Michael T. Flynn. He has experience with the DIA, CIA, Defense Clandestine Service, and the NSC.

He was also appointed by Trump to chair the [Public Interest Declassification Board](#) in December of 2020, a position that would prove useful if you wanted to timely release previously classified information to the public.

I know this is confusing but I promise I'm going somewhere with this.

Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict

[On November 18th 2020, Sec Def Miller signed this memorandum](#) designating the **Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict (ASD (SO/LIC))** as a "principle staff assistant" which would report directly to The Secretary of Defense and Deputy Secretary of Defense.

So Ezra Cohen Watnick would be reporting directly to Sec Def Miller.

Even more interesting was the memo released shortly thereafter by Deputy Sec Def Norquist titled ["Development of an Implementation Plan for a Direct Reporting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict"](#).



DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF MANAGEMENT OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
DEFENSE

CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
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FINANCIAL OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
COMMANDER, U.S. SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND
GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR SPECIAL
OPERATIONS AND LOW-INTENSITY CONFLICT
DIRECTOR, WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS SERVICES

SUBJECT: Development of an Implementation Plan for a Direct Reporting Assistant Secretary
of Defense for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict

On November 18, 2020, the Acting Secretary of Defense signed a memorandum designating the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict (ASD SO/LIC) as a principal staff assistant reporting directly to the Secretary of Defense and Deputy Secretary of Defense. The Acting Secretary's memorandum also removed the ASD SO/LIC and Office of ASD SO/LIC from the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy (OUSD(P)).

As a next step, the Acting Secretary's memorandum provides for the presentation of a detailed implementation plan for approval by the Secretary or Deputy Secretary of Defense. To facilitate development of this implementation plan, I will lead regular meetings beginning the week of November 30, 2020.

The implementation plan is to cover the following topics:

- **Budget authority.** ASD SO/LIC will receive its own topline guidance, and submit its own Program Objective Memorandum and Budget Estimate Submission.
- **Division of responsibilities as between the OUSD(P) and the Office of the ASD SO/LIC.** The implementation plan will address the alignment of specific Deputy Assistant Secretaries of Defense under either the ASD SO/LIC or an ASD within the OUSD(P).
- **ASD SO/LIC role with respect to USSOCOM.** The implementation plan will address the ASD SO/LIC role with respect to oversight and management of the special operations-peculiar administrative matters of USSOCOM, including acquisition oversight and prioritization; legislative affairs; public affairs; Special Access Program cognizant authority; information technology; and financial management.
- **Resources for the Office of the ASD SO/LIC.** The implementation plan must identify the organizational structure and resources necessary to perform assigned roles effectively consistent with applicable law, including limitations on the size of the Office of the Secretary of Defense. It must include timelines and milestones for assumption of additional roles.

I look forward to your support on this.

Why is this significant? Because this is the who is running Devolution right now!

Check out this screenshot from DJT's Federal Mission Resilience (FMR) Strategy he released on December 30th (I'm going to go into the FMR shortly). It describes how our Spec ops are operating a Devolution of government right now.

The routine and regular performance of "Assess" and "Distribute" managed through a governance structure which reinforces accountability at all levels of government. Sustainment depends on the successful conduct of Assessment and Distribution.

"Sustain" refers to the ability to continue the direction and performance of essential functions and services to the required minimum performance levels throughout the course of realized impacts from one or more threats. Sustainment throughout disruption can be implemented at proactively distributed operational locations, devolution locations, or through other mitigation efforts. Under day-to-day operations, sustainment could be carried out at multiple distributed locations, while other locations (e.g., relocation, devolution) and alternative processes are leveraged to support realized threat operations.

Special Operations and Low intensity units perform small-scale covert, and clandestine operations. At the time of this memo, the Acting (ASD (SO/LIC)) is Ezra Cohen-Watnick. Ezra is also the UDI.

He is the top civilian official overseeing our Military Intelligence AND top civilian official overseeing our Special Operations forces.

He has just been designated to directly report to Sec Def Miller, the most recent (ASD (SO/LIC)).

Remember earlier I told you Miller's last role with the army was as Director for Special Operations and Irregular Warfare within the Office of the (ASD (SO/LIC)). Sec Def Miller knows the ins and outs of the Special Operations Command. He has personally led some of the Units. He trusts them because he is one of them.

Sec Def Miller was asked to implement something that had never been done before. The fate of the United States of America is hanging in the balance based on the success of this one operation. He literally had the weight of the world on his shoulders.

So he turned to the people he knew he could trust to get the job done. These units specialize in "protecting against subversion, lawlessness, insurgency, terrorism, and other threats to their internal security, and stability, and legitimacy." This is exactly the group you want to run a Devolution operation.

I believe the implementation plan meetings beginning in the week of Nov 30th was the implementation of Devolution. It's no wonder Sec Def Miller made these [off-script comments to VP Mike Pence](#) at the 1st anniversary of Space Force:

"We've been through some stuff, we've gone through some of the most complex military operations this country has ever conducted and your steady hand and your leadership during those was a great source of strength for me".

He had only been in his position for a little over a month. If it wasn't Devolution, what could he be referring to as the "most complex military operations this country has ever seen"?

Transition Team

Look at this article from late December of 2020.

[‘Really quite shocking’: Inside the ugly transition at the Pentagon - POLITICO](#)

But people with the transition said the outgoing team's conduct went far beyond the norm and pointed to loyalists installed by the White House as the main reason for the obstruction. Pentagon officials under President Donald Trump refused to provide information about current operations, particularly in the special operations realm, because they are "predecisional." That means the Biden team now has limited visibility into key operational issues, including what counterterrorism missions are in the works.

Remember, Kash Patel was designated to lead the transition on behalf of the DoD. He along with Sec Def Miller and the rest of Trump's allies "refused to provide information about current operations, particularly in the special operations realm". That would be the same "realm" from the memo above. This is unprecedented in terms of Presidential Transitions.

So to recap:

- **Trump prepares for election theft**
- **China colludes with Democrats to steal election**
- **Trump "caught them all" and prepares his countermove**
- **Massive personnel moves at DoD and pentagon to place Trump allies in key roles**
- **Implementation of what appears to be a Devolution plan for our Spec Ops**
- **Refusing to tell incoming Dems about said Spec Ops**
- **Checkmate**

Closing

On December 7th, 2020, President Trump signed [Executive order 13961: Governance and Integration of Federal Mission Resilience](#) and on December 30th he released the [Federal Mission Resilience Strategy 2020](#). When you have the time, I urge you to read both.

I can discuss the EO and Strategy in Detail in a future post if people would like that but for now, I'm only going to show the intro from Donald Trump and then the very last "Summary" section of the FMR document.

Notice the timing here. As this was released, Trump had already started putting Devolution into motion. Keep that in mind as you read it. It's almost like he is telling you he is about to do something big.

Federal Executive Branch:

In support of my Administration's National Security Strategy, I am issuing the *Federal Mission Resilience Strategy* (hereafter, "the Strategy") to address the long-term challenges of political, economic, and military competition from near peer adversaries as well as disruptions from natural disasters and pandemics.

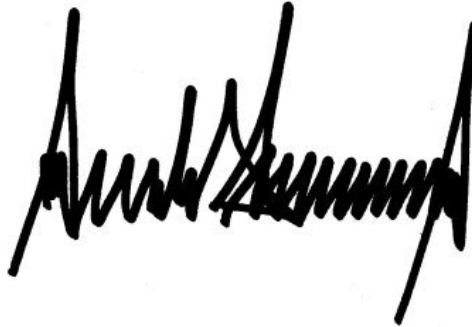
Our adversaries will not attempt to fight us on our terms. They have studied our way of war, invested in capabilities to target our strengths, and are adept at competing below the threshold of armed conflict. Adversarial threats are not the only source of disruption. Disruptions from wildfires, natural disasters, and pandemics such as the COVID-19 pandemic highlight the importance of an integrated risk management approach to prioritize essential functions and services.

This *Strategy* accelerates our collective efforts to fully implement *National Continuity Policy* and make risk-informed decisions to maintain a comprehensive and effective capability that ensures the continuous performance of essential functions and services to preserve our constitutional form of government, under any and all conditions. As the executive branch, we must recommit and sustain leadership's attention on meeting the needs of the American people in the face of disruptions and preserving our form of government.

Despite our best efforts, the government cannot prevent all dangers. We recognize, and must prepare for, the possibility of unforeseen events including natural disasters, pandemics, cyber threats, and kinetic or electromagnetic pulse attacks. We must be prepared as a Nation, as a Federal Government, and as individual citizens to preserve, protect, and defend our way of life.

The *Strategy* builds on the *National Continuity Policy* and provides guidance to the Executive Office of the President and Federal executive departments and agencies to increase the executive branch's resilience. Our current and future prosperity depend on our ability to reduce the vulnerability of our critical infrastructure to cyber, physical, and electromagnetic attack. The government and private sector must work together to reduce vulnerabilities and design infrastructure that addresses preparedness and resilience from the start.

The follow-on *Federal Mission Resilience Implementation Plan* will ensure that our Nation's efforts and resources will be brought to bear in a coordinated manner through integrated Continuity of Operations and Continuity of Government programs interwoven into routine, day-to-day government operations. Working together, we will prioritize the security, prosperity, and interests of the American people to confront the challenges of tomorrow.



President Donald J. Trump

The White House
December 2020

5. SUMMARY

Refocusing national continuity policy to a proactive “Assess, Distribute, and Sustain” planning model will better ensure the resilience of the Federal executive branch. Accomplishing the priority actions of this Strategy requires Federal executive branch leadership to drive the rapid assessment of the gaps between existing policy and implementation as well as the re-prioritization, if necessary, of essential functions and services. Additionally, the Federal executive branch must leverage its existing distribution of facilities, locations, and personnel, and/or work across to reduce risk by increasing possible nodes available to perform and manage prioritized essential functions and services. Finally, sustained distribution will require fiscal policy and prioritization that better enables routine distributed, scalable, flexible, and adaptable operations across geographic areas. **In accomplishing these goals together, we can ensure the resilience of our constitutional form of government and our American way of life.**

“In accomplishing these goals together, we can ensure the resilience of our constitutional form of government and American way of life”.

This is exactly what is at stake here. Donald Trump and the rest of the Devolution Patriots are fighting for the very soul of our country. Remember, this election theft is so much more than fraud.

This is war.

China wants to be the world's dominant power but they knew they would never beat us in a war involving actual ground forces. Their only path to victory over of the U.S.A. would be through infiltrating all of our institutions and destroying us from within. As you can see by what has happened since Biden was “Elected”, they have never been closer to achieving their goal. At least that is what they think.

The more research I do, the more peace it brings me. I have never been more confident that Devolution is real.

President Donald John Trump is a fighter. He saw this coming. He prepared for everything. He possesses a courage few could dream of. He was built for this moment. President Donald John Trump loves this country too much to let us be destroyed when there was something he could do to prevent that. So he acted. Devolution is real. Enjoy the show!

The Best Is Yet To Come

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