Theater Joint Intelligence Operations Center (JIOC) or Joint Analysis Center (JAC). The theater JIOC (or JAC in US European Command) is the central point for theater intelligence tasking, collection, analysis, and production. JIOCs also have targeting offices that produce target folders based on deliberate planning taskings. In addition, JIOCs, in coordination with theater J-2s, maintain the joint target list (JTL), no-strike list (NSL), and restricted target list (RTL) for specific operations plans (OPLANs) or concept plans (CONPLANs). JIOCs have liaisons from the major national intelligence agencies to facilitate effective national intelligence support to the theaters. These liaisons typically include personnel from the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), the National Security Agency (NSA), and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). The roles of these organizations are explained later in this appendix.

Theater Cruise Missile Support Agency (CMSA). CMSA-Pacific (Camp Smith, Hawaii) and CMSA-Atlantic (Norfolk, Virginia) can provide valuable targeting information for Tomahawk Land Attack Missile (TLAM) employment (seaborne).

Global Cryptologic Center (GCC). A GCC is an NSA site to ensure NSA-derived intelligence supports theater planning, force employment, and assessment. Air operations center planners can coordinate with the GCC or go through the theater NSA representative at the JIOC (the Cryptologic Support Group); but a theater can’t directly task a GCC—it must go through NSA. However, planners can consult with their theater’s supporting GCC. There are three US-based GCCs, each with a focus on a specific theater, or multiple theaters.

National Intelligence Support Team (NIST). A NIST is a team composed of personnel from DIA, NSA, NGA, CIA, or other national intelligence agencies that is deployed, upon request by a joint force commander (JFC), to facilitate the flow of timely all-source intelligence between their joint task force (JTF) and interagencies during crises or contingency operations. The NIST concept is designed to create a dynamic flow of intelligence to and from the JTF operational area. The NIST provides reachback to national intelligence agencies and provides the JFC and the JFC’s staff with knowledge of each agency’s resources and capabilities that normally does not exist at the JTF level. Team members provide a direct agency liaison for the JTF, and have an
understanding of where to go in their parent agency to obtain the best support for the commanders’ priority intelligence requirements.