

USSF Military Advice Framework

“FORCE-V”

ISSUE DESCRIPTION: 1-2 line description of the topic/issue at hand with quick summary of background

FRAMING

- What is the fundamental question that needs to be addressed?
- How is this question being asked?
 - o By whom?
 - o Are there alternate ways to frame this question?
- How should the principle think about it?
 - o How should/can the principle talk about it?

OPTIONS

- What are the options to address this question?
 - o Alternatives that should be considered?
- Are their adjacent possibilities to the options being proposed?
- Are the options comprehensive, sufficient, feasible, distinguishable?
- How soon must an option be selected?
 - o What’s the relevant decision timetable?

RISK

- Net Risk (risk after effective mitigation) should be assessed for probability (highly unlikely, improbable, probable, very likely) and severity of consequences (minor, moderate, major, extreme)...Severity should usually be given more weight than probability.
- Assessment should be individual for various elements: Risk to Force, Risk to Mission, Risk to Objectives/outcomes, Risk of Inaction, Risk of Escalation, etc...

CONTEXT

- How does this issue link to other issues?
- Has this happened before? What were the outcomes? Any precedence set?
- How does this issue connect across domains, services, coalition, AORs?

EVALUATION

- What does success look like for this issue? What does failure look like?
- How should relevant assessment criteria be weighted?
- Are there cost or timeline considerations that must be assessed?

VIEWS OF OTHERS

- What do other experts think about this issue?
- What is the best counter argument to our approach?
- What are the merits of the counter argument?
- Why don’t we agree with the other arguments?

USSF Senior Leader Considerations

CONCLUSION: Upon consideration of the entire “FORCE-V” Best Military Advice Framework, which areas/thoughts should the principle focus on? What will the debate hinge on? When providing Best Military Advice, USSF Senior Leaders need to consider at least the 4 perspectives detailed below when working through the FORCE-V Framework.

1. Space Force Equities

- Risk to Force
 - On orbit, Ground Structure, Networks, personnel, etc
 - Cyber security, force protection, counterspace, debris, etc
 - Doctrine/Tactics, Training, Advanced Training, Mission Rehearsal
 - Readiness & modernization (short term and long-term)
 - Deployments (what, where, when, how)
 - Resiliency/Replenishment
 - Risks to sensitive ops, capabilities, technology or tactics (one time use)
- Policy considerations
 - Tenets of Responsible Behavior
 - RAP and authority delegation process/timelines
 - Information sharing

2. Space Enterprise Considerations

- Key collaboration, partnerships that should be accounted for regarding space domain
 - USSPACE, NRO, Intel Community
 - Other CCMDs, NOAA, NASA (human spaceflight)
 - Commercial Space Entities

3. DoD/Broader Military Considerations

- Risk to Mission
 - Clarity of Goals & Objectives (Policy, military, other)
 - Are Assumptions/Facts reasonable and accurate
 - Are Constraints/Restraints clearly understood
 - Deterrence, Escalation, Competition considerations
 - Rules of Engagement are appropriate and enabling
- Do aspirations align with resources made available?
- Defense Support to Civil Authorities (DSCA)
- Reserve/Guard Considerations

4. USG National Security Considerations

- Policy Objectives, Shifts in policy
- IC, Allies, Partners considerations
- Strategic Messaging (delivery timeline/strategy)
- DIME synchronization (Sanctions, State Dept, Messaging)