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SPECIAL ORDERS
FOR ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL ENGAGED IN CIVIL DISTURBANCE OPERATIONS

1. CARRY OUT YOUR ASSIGNED DUTIES IN A MILITARY MANNER AND PRESENT A NEAT MILITARY APPEARANCE AT ALL TIMES. BE SURE THAT EVERYTHING YOU DO REFLECTS CREDIT UPON YOUR COUNTRY, THE MILITARY SERVICE, YOUR UNIT, AND YOURSELF.
2. HAVE REGARD FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF ALL PERSONS. BE AS COURTEOUS TOWARD CIVILIANS AS POSSIBLE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES. DO NOT MISTREAT ANYONE OR WITHHOLD MEDICAL ATTENTION FROM ANYONE NEEDING IT. DO NOT DAMAGE PROPERTY UNNECESSARILY.
3. USE ONLY THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF FORCE REQUIRED TO ACCOMPLISH YOUR MISSION AND, IF NECESSARY, TO DEFEND YOURSELF. WHEN UNDER THE CONTROL OF AN OFFICER, YOU WILL LOAD OR FIRE YOUR WEAPON ONLY ON HIS ORDERS. WHEN NOT UNDER THE CONTROL OF AN OFFICER, YOU WILL LOAD OR FIRE YOUR WEAPON ONLY WHEN REQUIRED TO PROTECT YOUR OWN LIFE OR THE LIVES OF OTHERS, TO PROTECT SPECIFIED PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS VITAL TO PUBLIC HEALTH OR SAFETY, OR TO PREVENT THE ESCAPE OF PERSONS ENDANGERING LIFE OR VITAL FACILITIES; YOU ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO USE FIREARMS TO PREVENT OFFENSES WHICH ARE NOT LIKELY TO CAUSE DEATH OR SERIOUS BODILY HARM, NOR ENDANGER PUBLIC HEALTH OR SAFETY.

4. WHEN FIRING IS NECESSARY, SHOOT TO WOUND, NOT TO KILL.
5. WHEN POSSIBLE, LET CIVILIAN POLICE ARREST LAWBREAKERS. BUT WHEN ASSISTANCE IS NECESSARY OR IN THE ABSENCE OF THE CIVIL POLICE, YOU HAVE THE DUTY AND THE AUTHORITY TO TAKE LAWBREAKERS INTO CUSTODY. TAKE SUCH PERSONS TO THE POLICE OR DESIGNATED MILITARY AUTHORITIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. COOPERATE FULLY WITH THE POLICE BY SAFEGUARDING EVIDENCE AND COMPLETING RECORDS AS INSTRUCTED.
6. ALLOW PROPERLY IDENTIFIED NEWS REPORTERS FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT, SO LONG AS THEY DO NOT INTERFERE WITH THE MISSION OF YOUR UNIT.
7. DO NOT TALK ABOUT THIS OPERATION OR PASS ON INFORMATION OR RUMORS ABOUT IT TO UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS; REFER ALL CIVILIANS WHO ASK FOR INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT YOU ARE DOING TO YOUR COMMANDING OFFICER.
8. BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THESE SPECIAL ORDERS, AND CARRY THIS CARD ON YOUR PERSON AT ALL TIMES WHEN ENGAGED IN CIVIL DISTURBANCE OPERATIONS.

DISTRIBUTION: 1 PER EACH OFFICER, WARRANT OFFICER, AND ENLISTED PERSON ENGAGED IN CIVIL DISTURBANCE OPERATIONS.