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Subj: AFTER ACTION FOR STEEL KNIGHT 01-02, 8-14 DEC 2001

1. The following comments were compiled after a successful Steel Knight exercise.

Topic: PAC-216/U used with the OK-648 RCU (Remote Control Unit for AN/PRC-119s).

Discussion: This piece of gear served its purpose marvelously in the field. It was very reliable and provided us with the flexibility to run the RCU with battery OR AC power. We did not test the power hold capability due to the fact that it was working so well that we overlooked this feature.

Recommendation: If it was up to me, I would buy about a dozen of these to take to the field every time. Since we are using the generators for power, we may as well use it smartly. It is not up to me and given the asking price for the PAC-216/U and the current obligated costs for the battalion, I do not foresee any communications gear in this price range being purchased at the battalion level in the near future.

Topic: QP-250 Power Inverter.

Discussion: We did not use the QP-250 Power Inverter due to operational tempo. Our current power inverters (that you looked at in the field) worked very well for us. We believe that the problems from before were caused by both improper installation and not starting the vehicle at regular intervals.

Recommendation: We are pretty happy with the inverters we have.

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