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To organize and prioritize these research topics effectively, JSOU utilized the lines of operation of the Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM), to divide seventy-four SOF research topics into the following seven sections: A. Priority Topics; B. Ensure SOF Readiness; C. Help Our Nation Win; D. Continue to Build Relationships; E. Prepare for the Future; F. Preserve Our Force and Families; and G. USSOCOM J5 Key Strategic Issues List. Often, an individual research topic within a section corresponds to other research topics within and outside of its designated section.

At the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School (USAJFKSWCS), we sorted the individual research topics from the JSOU Special Operations Research Topics 2016 publication into a list of keywords for our students to use when selecting research topics. Each bolded and underlined keywords heading contains the JSOU research topics that address aspects of the heading. In this keywords list, an individual JSOU research topic may fall within multiple keywords headings quite frequently. Additionally, we included the JSOU Special Operations Research Topics 2016 page numbers to assist our students as they refer to the JSOU publication for the topic discussions that provide detailed descriptions and relevant questions for each research topic. Good luck, and happy SOF researching!

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