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At the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School (USAJFKSWCS), we sorted the SOF research topics within the JSOU Special Operations Research Topics 2017 publication into this list of keywords to assist our students in selecting research topics. The keywords are bolded and underlined as headings for the SOF research topics that relate to those keywords. In this keywords list, a specific SOF research topic (e.g., B4) may fall under different keywords quite frequently. Additionally, we included the JSOU Special Operations Research Topics 2017 page numbers to assist our students in referencing the JSOU publication for the topic descriptions that provide further information for each SOF research topic. Good luck, and happy SOF researching!

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