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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF THE NAVY  
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SUBJECT: Maritime Prepositioning Force -- Future (MPF(F)) Analysis of Alternatives (AoA)

A recent internal PA&E update on the MPF(F) AoA and related studies highlighted a potential gap between the AoA Guidance Memorandum, the MPF(F) Mission Needs Statement (MNS), and the Navy's AoA efforts to date.

The MPF(F) AoA guidance either explicitly or by referencing the MNS addresses the following:

- Capability to support at-sea arrival and assembly
- Capability for sea-based logistics support
- Interoperability with Amphibious Task Forces, including the capability to reinforce the assault echelon of an ATF
- Susceptibility and vulnerability, including against asymmetric threats

Even though the MNS states "MPF(F) will not possess a forcible entry capability," this does not preclude the AoA from evaluating MPF(F) as an augmenting forcible entry capability. The context of the AoA guidance emphasizes that a MPF(F) system should be designed to achieve applicable capabilities across the full spectrum of warfighting functions. While MPF(F) would have no independent forcible entry capability, participation in assaults was explicitly envisioned in the guidance.

While I applaud the Navy's efforts to date in this AoA, we need to ensure the MPF(F) analysis also emphasizes end to end logistics in support of forcible entry operations. Failing to evaluate MPF(F) in the full context of forcible entry operations would greatly diminish the value of the AoA to senior leadership. It is critical that all potential MPF(F) roles and missions be considered as the analysis continues and design options evolve.

I look forward to your comments. My staff stands ready to provide the necessary support.

  
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Director

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