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Operational Picture (COP) upon which to base their

operational planning and execution. Geospatial Information

Systems (GIS) are a type of CIMS. GIS have been underutilized

by the military which traditionally uses geographic data as

cartographic and imagery support for military intelligence and

maneuver purposes. This monograph provides a framework

for determining the value of using GIS as a tool in

counterinsurgency (COIN). Given the crucial role that

geography plays in the Colombian internal conflict, this case

presents a unique opportunity to evaluate the capabilities that

GIS offer. Recent experience shows that, despite achieving a

significant measure of success on the battlefield, the Armed

Forces of the United States of America face continuing

challenges in adapting to the requirements of a long term

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