

Subject: Fair Use Guidelines for Educational Multimedia

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Dear Sir:

I am writing you as the educational technology advisor to the Deputy Assistant Commandant of the US Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca to express my support for inclusion of the Fair Use Guidelines for Educational Multimedia in the final CONFU report. My installation provides professional education and training to all Military Intelligence soldiers in the United States Army (and certain Marines, seamen, airmen, and national agency personnel as well). Military Intelligence, by its nature today, is an Information Age discipline, and we rely heavily on use of multimedia training materials in the conduct of our instruction. The widest possible accreditation and dissemination of guidelines for fair use in such materials is of great concern to us, as the Guidelines hold the potential to greatly simplify the bureaucratic aspects surrounding development of quality multimedia training products under the austere financial and personnel conditions we now face.

Having reviewed the Guidelines at several times during their development, I feel strongly that they represent the best compromise between the public good and the proprietary rights of authors. As a steward of the former in my Army duties and a party to the latter as an educational researcher and author myself, I urge you to include these guidelines in your final report. Thank you for your time and efforts (throughout this process!).

Sincerely,

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