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109. (Update to RSP RFIs 50, 51, 52) Services: Describe the Service’s current SVIP capability and allocation of resources:

a. How are SVIP personnel organized to offer timely, effective worldwide capability? Are SVIP personnel assigned as part of a cohort unit/team or part of a group of SVIP qualified individuals tasked to respond on a case-by-case basis?

USA	<p>In addition to response previously provided in RSP RFI 50, 51 and 52, and attached charts, Army provides the following updates:</p> <p>CID: For investigations, CID has positioned trained and certified agents at all 60 Army installations on which it has an investigative office. The agents are part of a group of SVIP qualified individuals on those installations that are tasked to respond on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>TCAP: The Army JAG Corps currently has seventy professionals exclusively dedicated to ensuring that every special victim crime is properly investigated, charged, and prosecuted. These professionals include twenty-four Special Victim Prosecutors (SVP), twenty-three Special Victim Paralegal Non-Commissioned Officers (SVNCO), and twenty-three Special Victim Witness Liaisons (SVWL). These seventy professionals work together in three-to-four person teams consisting of one SVP, one SVNCO, and one SVWL. The teams are located at the Army’s twenty-one (21) major installations across the world (larger installations, such as Fort Bragg, NC and Fort Hood, TX, have two separate three-person teams of special victim professionals). Although assigned to the United States Army Legal Services Agency and directly supervised by the Army’s Trial Counsel Assistance Program (TCAP), these professionals are fully integrated into each Office of the Staff Judge Advocate (OSJA) and CID office with whom they serve. Working closely with CID’s Sexual Assault Investigators (SAIs) and other victim support professionals, the SVP teams are involved in the investigation and prosecution of every crime arising within their geographic area of responsibility involving sexual assault, domestic violence, and/or child abuse.</p> <p>The Special Victim Prosecution teams are supported by a team of twelve professionals at the Army’s TCAP located at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. The TCAP team consists of seven uniformed attorneys, three civilian attorneys, one uniformed paralegal NCO, and one civilian Special Victim Witness Liaison Program Manager. While the TCAP team’s mission is not limited to assisting with special victim cases, the TCAP team spends a considerable amount of time and resources training, assisting, and advising the Army’s Special Victim Prosecution teams.</p> <p>SHARP: In June 2014, the Army initiated a pilot program at 12 active duty installations called the SHARP Resource Centers (SHARP-RC). The SHARP-RC is a “one-stop shop” designed to coordinate and support all SHARP Program services on the installation. A SHARP-RC is a designated location with segregated Restricted and Unrestricted Areas for report intake and on-going case management functions. Victims, witnesses, and family members can interact with the Army Response System (Advocacy, Investigative, and Legal personnel) in a protected environment as they</p>
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	<p>explore reporting options and coordinate needed referrals and appointments. The SHARP-RC also serves as the installation resource center coordinating prevention, outreach and training activities.</p> <p>ENCLOSURE:</p> <p>USARSHAW SHARP Resource Center CAO, 15 March 16</p>
<p>USAF</p>	<p>The Air Force’s SVIP capability is made of up specially trained AFOSI agents, judge advocates (including trial counsel), paralegals, and victim liaisons. Air Force personnel who constitute the SVIP capability are a group of trained and qualified individuals assigned on a case-by-case basis. Every installation legal office in the Air Force that handles military justice matters has at least one SVIP-capable judge advocate, paralegal, and victim liaison, and the SVIP judge advocate, paralegal, and victim liaison assigned to a case will come from one legal office. Generally, all SVIP personnel assigned to a specific case are located at the same installation, but case-specific circumstances may result in certain individuals not being co-located. For example, if the alleged sexual assault occurred at Alpha Air Force Base (AFB) but the subject is located at Beta Air Force Base, the investigating AFOSI agents will be located at Alpha AFB but the judge advocate, paralegal, and victim liaison at Beta AFB. In the event that all SVIP personnel assigned to a specific case are not located at the same installation, other means of communication such as video teleconference (VTC) may be used to communicate effectively with all parties, and co-located AFOSI and legal office personnel will facilitate as necessary.</p> <p>AFOSI’s dedicated, core SVIP capability consists of 23 civilian criminal investigators positioned at 17 specific Air Force installations around the world. AFOSI selected the 17 installations based on the higher annual average number of adult victim sexual assault incidents at those installations. Of the 23 core SVIP agents, one is designated the lead SVIP investigator for AFOSI. This agent provides subject matter expert (SME) advice and assistance to any SVIP or AFOSI investigator on sexual assault cases. The lead SVIP investigator is also AFOSI’s primary point of contact for senior trial counsel and Air Force Legal Operations Agency (AFLOA) personnel. The 23 core SVIP agents are co-located with other AFOSI agents, many of whom have also received advanced training in investigating sexual assault. Since 2012, over 260 AFOSI special agents have attended the AFOSI Sexual Crimes Investigation Training Program (SCITP). Agents who are SCITP graduates are available for consultation and assistance in AFOSI sexual assault investigations worldwide. SCITP-trained agents are also assigned to one of seven AFOSI intermediate regional offices and the AFOSI Investigations Collections and Operations Nexus (ICON) to provide oversight on sexual assault cases. AFOSI’s ICON is also staffed with psychologists and forensic science specialists who provide support and services to sexual assault investigations.</p> <p>SVIP-capable judge advocates, paralegals, and victim liaisons are assigned to installation legal offices around the world. Each legal office that handles military justice matters has at least one SVIP-capable team of a judge advocate, paralegal, and victim liaison. Furthermore, there are currently 25 senior trial counsel (STC) who have additional training in and advise trial counsel on prosecuting sexual assault cases. During the summer of 2016, all of the STC billets will move to one of five “circuit”</p>

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	<p>locations – Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia; Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas; Travis AFB, California; Kadena Air Base, Japan; and Ramstein Air Base, Germany. Special Victims Unit Senior Trial Counsel (SVU-STC) are designated SVIP-capable prosecutors. Typically, SVU-STCs have completed one year as either an STC or Senior Defense Counsel (SDC); attended two or more advanced courses focused on litigation, e.g., Intermediate Sexual Assault Litigation Course (ISALC) and Advanced Sexual Assault Litigation Course (ASALC); received specialized training in prosecuting or defending sexual assaults; and demonstrated an ability to prosecute or defend sexual assault and complex cases.</p>
<p>USN</p>	<p>Trial counsel personnel: No update.</p> <p>NCIS: Appropriately trained SVIP NCIS personnel are assigned to NCIS field offices worldwide allowing an immediate response to all allegations of sexual assault to include afloat assignments and deployed environments. In larger fleet concentration areas, NCIS personnel are organized in squads with a specific mission to investigate sexual violence crimes. In smaller offices, where organization into separate squads is not feasible, trained NCIS personnel are assigned to each office for an immediate response capability. Each NCIS office worldwide has personnel not specifically assigned to dedicated squads, which are trained in the NCIS Advanced Adult Sexual Assault Investigator Training Program (AASAITP). JPP RFI Attachment 1 (provided in Question 107) includes a geographical breakdown of SVIP personnel.</p>
<p>USMC</p>	<p>The SVIP capability is established by distributing MCIO investigators, judge advocates, paralegals, administrative legal support personnel, victim witness liaisons, and other personnel involved in special victim cases regionally and across Marine Corps installations. Each capability has its own structure and leadership to ensure training, resources, and oversight are provided to implement the SVIP process. However, these capabilities are coordinated in several ways at the installation, regional, and headquarters levels, as described below. SVIP capabilities are present in both cohort teams and task-organized groups that respond on a case-by-case basis, as explained below.</p> <p>For trial counsel personnel, there is no update to the response provided to RSP RFI 50. However, responses relating to other service providers are provided below:</p> <p><u>SAPR</u>. For cases involving adult sexual assault, each installation has a Case Management Group (CMG) that meets monthly. This important meeting allows SVIP personnel to provide key updates and work collaboratively to ensure the victim is supported. Additionally, a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) convenes no less than once a quarter for oversight and to address process improvements.</p> <p><u>FAP</u>. For cases in geographically isolated locations, MCO 1754.11 directs that contact should be made with Marine Corps Base Quantico, VA for incidents involving independent duty personnel east of the Mississippi; and Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, CA for independent duty personnel west of the Mississippi. Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, CA is the point of contact for incidents involving individuals assigned to the Western Recruiting Region; and Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island-Beaufort, SC for incidents involving individuals assigned to the Eastern Recruiting Region. Marine Forces Reserves (MARFORRES) personnel are directed to</p>

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	<p>call the main point of contact that provides support to all entities covered by MARFORRES. In instances where a Marine is assigned to a base belonging to the other branches, the Marine receives services from the assigned base. For more information see question 104, above.</p> <p><u>MCIO (NCIS)</u>. Please see the Navy’s response for further discussion about the organization of MCIO capabilities in the Department of the Navy.</p>
USCG	<p>The Coast Guard does not have policies concerning Special Victim Capability services. Section 573 of NDAA FY 13 mandates that each DoD military department establish a "special victim capability" to investigate and prosecute for specified criminal offenses. Section 573 of the NDAA 2013 does not expressly apply to Department of Homeland Security or the Coast Guard.</p> <p>The Coast Guard has, however, taken steps to improve its capabilities for the investigation and prosecution of sexual assault offenses. For example, the Coast Guard is in the process of centralizing the prosecution of sex crimes cases and other serious offenses within the Legal Service Command (LSC). The LSC has two military justice offices, one located in Alameda, California (staffed by an O4 and four O3s) and the other located in Norfolk, Virginia (staffed by an O4 and six O3s). These two offices provide trial services to all court-martial cases arising from the Pacific and Atlantic Area Commands, including all sex crimes. In addition, the LSC offices provide support upon request to the USCG Academy and District legal offices.</p>

b. Please provide a schematic and/or organizational chart illustrating geographic assignments for worldwide/regional SVIP coverage.

USA	<p>ENCLOSURE:</p> <p>ARMY TCAP ORG Chart and Geographic Distribution of Army SVPs, SVNCOs and SVWLs</p>
USAF	<p>SVIP-capable judge advocates, paralegals, and victim liaisons are assigned to installation legal offices around the world. Each legal office that handles military justice matters has at least one SVIP-capable team of a judge advocate, paralegal, and victim liaison. Furthermore, there are currently 25 STCs who have additional training in and advise trial counsel on prosecuting sexual assault cases. During the summer of 2016, all of the STC billets will move to one of five “circuit” locations – Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia; Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas; Travis AFB, California; Kadena Air Base, Japan; and Ramstein Air Base, Germany (Atch 109.1).</p> <p>Also attached is an organizational chart that shows locations where there are AFOSI agents with advanced training to investigate sexual assault (Atch 109.2).</p> <p>ENCLOSURES:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. STC Organizational Chart 2. AFOSI SVIP Organizational Chart

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USN	<p>Trial counsel personnel: No update.</p> <p>NCIS: See enclosed spreadsheets.</p> <p>ENCLOSURE:</p> <p>SVIP Capability Data</p>
USMC	<p>Enclosure (5) shows that trial counsel are organized regionally and located across the world at all major Marine Corps installations. Within each region, SVIP personnel are assigned to each major Marine Corps installation. Smaller installations lack full SVIP capability. However, the nearest installation with SVIP capability provides the necessary support. Please see the Navy’s response for information pertaining to NCIS’s organization.</p> <p>ENCLOSURE:</p> <p>Trial Counsel Regional Organization Map</p>
USCG	<p>The attached LSC Command Wiring Diagram shows the organization of the Legal Service Command.(Enclosure 2)</p> <p>ENCLOSURE:</p> <p>LSC Military Justice & Command Advice Division</p>

c. Provide information about any initiatives or special teams/units/facilities that incorporate SVIP capability personnel to respond to sexual assault cases. (For example, Army SHARP Resource Centers, Navy ASAP Teams. For Navy/Marine Corps responses, please list NCIS teams on Naval bases with the Navy response, and NCIS agents located on Marine bases with the Marine response.)

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USAF	<p>Each installation legal office that handles military justice matters has an SVIP-capable judge advocate, paralegal, and victim liaison. Furthermore, there are 25 STCs who have additional training in and advise trial counsel on prosecuting sexual assault cases. During the summer of 2016, all of the STC billets will move to one of five “circuit” locations, which will also host senior defense counsel, special victim’s counsel, and military judges. Over 260 AFOSI special agents are SCITP graduates available for consultation and assistance in AFOSI sexual assault investigations worldwide. SCITP-trained agents are also assigned to one of seven AFOSI intermediate regional offices and the AFOSI ICON to provide oversight on sexual assault cases. AFOSI’s dedicated, core SVIP capability consists of 23 civilian criminal investigators positioned at 17 specific Air Force installations around the world.</p> <p>ENCLOSURES:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. STC Organizational Chart 2. AFOSI SVIP Organizational Chart

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USN	<p>Trial counsel personnel: No update.</p> <p>NCIS: NCIS employs a surge team method for responding to contemporaneous reports of sexual assault. Multiple trained NCIS personnel respond to allegations of sexual assault to complete the majority of the investigative steps as soon as feasible. This method has allowed NCIS to significantly reduce the amount of time it takes to deliver a thorough and complete investigation to the command for action deemed appropriate.</p>
USMC	<p>Current SVIP requirements call for specially trained and task-organized personnel from pre-existing units and facilities to ensure the proper reporting, investigation, and prosecution of sexual assault allegations. As described in paragraph 109a, above, a complex trial team is specifically organized from SVIP qualified prosecutors throughout a region to respond to each sexual assault case.</p> <p>NCIS employs a surge team method for responding to contemporaneous reports of sexual assault. Trained NCIS personnel respond to allegations of sexual assault to complete the majority of the investigative steps as soon as feasible. This method has allowed NCIS to significantly reduce the amount of time it takes to deliver a thorough and complete investigation to the command for action deemed appropriate.</p> <p>ENCLOSURE:</p> <p>Trial Counsel Regional Organization Map</p>
USCG	N/A