

issues, improve the priority and funding issues, and better identify the problems involved in providing adequate intelligence support to the test and evaluation community.

In our review of Army test and evaluation agencies, we are concentrating on how their contribution can be enhanced through more comprehensive operational evaluations. We are finding in our review that evaluators of test results are not adequately addressing the impact of fielding a system with the shortcomings found in testing. We believe that better integration and focus of the many Army test and analysis agencies could set the stage for providing adequate operational evaluators.

Finally, we plan to initiate an assignment concerning the effectiveness of current test and evaluation being performed on weapon systems in light of the recent DOD initiatives to improve the weapons acquisition process. Our concern is that required test and evaluation may be reduced because of the desire by DOD and others to shorten the time it takes for a weapon system to be developed, produced, and deployed.