

## **NETWORKING IN LOGISTICS**

Memories of the Office of Logistics' 8th Mid-Career Experience

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The 8th OL Mid-Career Course began on 12 November 1989 epresentatives from each of the OL career groups participating in the eight day event. The course is designed to provide a networking experience for logistics careerists and to broaden their view of

the opportunities available in Logistics. We, the participants, came to the course with a wide range of prior experience, in terms of education or training, age and years of service with the Agency, but all of us were eager to learn more about each other and the Office of Logistics.

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(b)(3)(b)(6)Our course coordinator, Chief, Services Division, Facilities Management Group, (b)(3)had arranged a full schedule of opportunities for (b)(6)us to interact with OL senior management, a (b)(1)variety of guest speakers, and most importantly, (b)(3)with our fellow logisticians. During the week at each of us presented an overview of the job we do complete with vu-graphs, diagrams, pictures, and tools of the trade. Everyone seemed to feel good about his or her job and the message (b)(3)that came through, loud and clear, was that each (b)(6)person and every job in OL is important. Our evening "fireside" chats with the speakers of the day were both casual and candid. We heard an entertaining and informative history of OL by (b)(3)"Mr. Logistics" and listened to the (b)(6)experiences of an Allied contractor on the Tiger (b)(3)Team. (b)(6)Other highlights were special demonstrations by (b)(1)(b)(3)(what a blast!); and a new networking experience with our counterparts in the Office of Installations and Logistics at the National Security Agency. On our last day we met with the DDA in his conference room and heard his views on current projects and future trends of the Agency. (b)(3)(b)(6)

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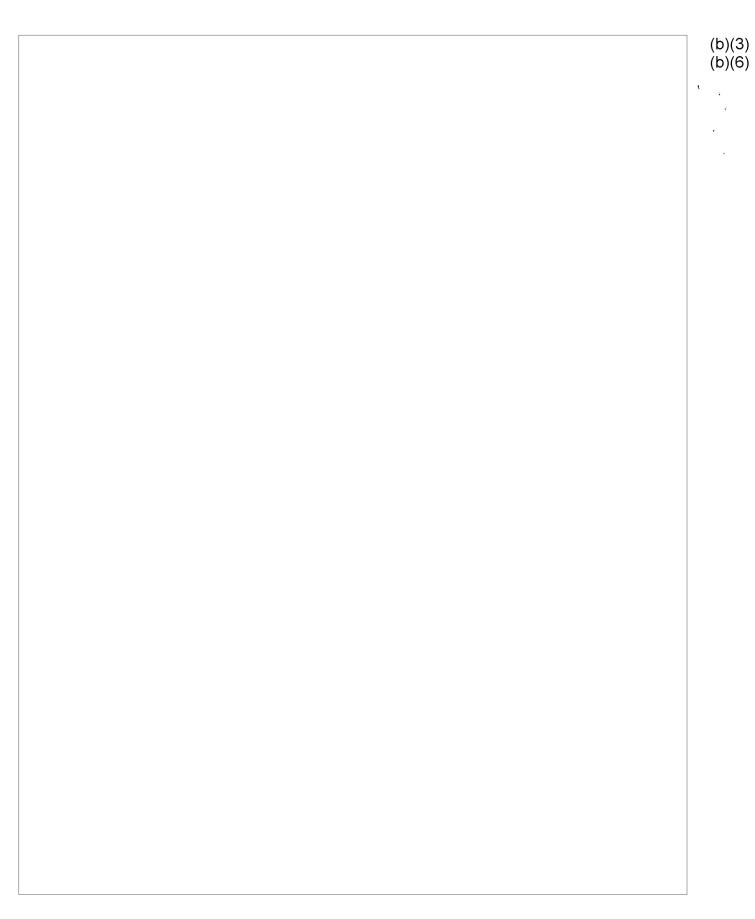
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We all arrived  According to our course master To share with peers our expertise And network to be faster  At getting our jobs done for all The Agency's components We even took some coffee breaks To enjoy the daily donuts!	(b)(1) (b)(3) (b)(6)
The offsite trip on Tuesday night In the middle of November The crowded van, the switch of rides something - I can't remember The speeches made by all of us Were so interesting to hear	r! (b)(3)
They all deserved the loud applause And of course - a round of beer!  Remembering the bus trips That were back to back What time did you say we have to leav You really can't mean that!	ve? (b)(3)
The contrast of the field trips Both topics and the weather Tripping on wire and holding our ears And rushing around together  To absorb all the sights there were to a At each unique installation And share the memorable experience	
With much jubilation.  Our invited guests were well received We learned a lot from them The program was delightful From beginning to the end.	(b)(3) (b)(6)
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The course concluded with a graduation ceremony and a cocktail party in the Executive Dining Room. It was serious, happy, and a little bit crazy, but we all agreed: The OL Mid-Career Course was a great experience which provided an opportunity to		careers take us. We wish to thank our friend and capable leader, and everyone else who	

