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From: Commander, Navy Personnel Command  
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Subj: POLICY ON THE USE OF RAZOR WIRE CONCERTINA FOR NAVY  
CONFINEMENT FACILITIES

Ref: (a) SECNAVINST 1640.9B

Encl: (1) Concertina Example  
(2) Razor Wire Concertina Example

1. This policy provides guidance regarding the use of razor wire concertina for Navy confinement facilities.

2. Concertina wire is a commercially manufactured wire coil of high strength steel wire/tape with varying blade types. Enclosures (1) and (2) provide visual examples.

3. Articles 2205.3a and 2205.3b of reference (a) require prior approval of the Chief of Naval Personnel (PERS-84) for use of "concertina/razor wire", hereafter referred to as "razor wire concertina", at Navy confinement facilities.

a. Effective upon receipt of this letter, prior approval is no longer required for use of "barbed tape"/"short blade" (approximately 2/5-4/5 inch blade length) and "ripper profile"/"medium blade profile" (approximately 1 1/2 inch blade length) razor wire concertina, as depicted in enclosure (2), for Navy confinement facilities.

b. Prior approval continues to be required for use of "long blade profile" (approximately 2 1/2 inch blade length) razor wire concertina, as depicted in enclosure (2), for Navy confinement facilities.

4. A number of basic principles should be considered when employing razor wire concertina.

a. Razor wire concertina may be installed on perimeter fences, building rooftops, walls and in other locations appropriate to prevent a path for escape.

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b. It is important to realize that fencing provides very little delay when it comes to motivated aggressors, but it can act as a psychological deterrent.

c. Extreme caution and safety precautions should be kept in mind when handling razor wire concertina and adequate use of personal protection equipment in terms of shoes, goggles, hats, overalls and heavy-duty (double palm reinforced) gloves. Always refer to manufacturer guidelines when employing razor wire concertina.

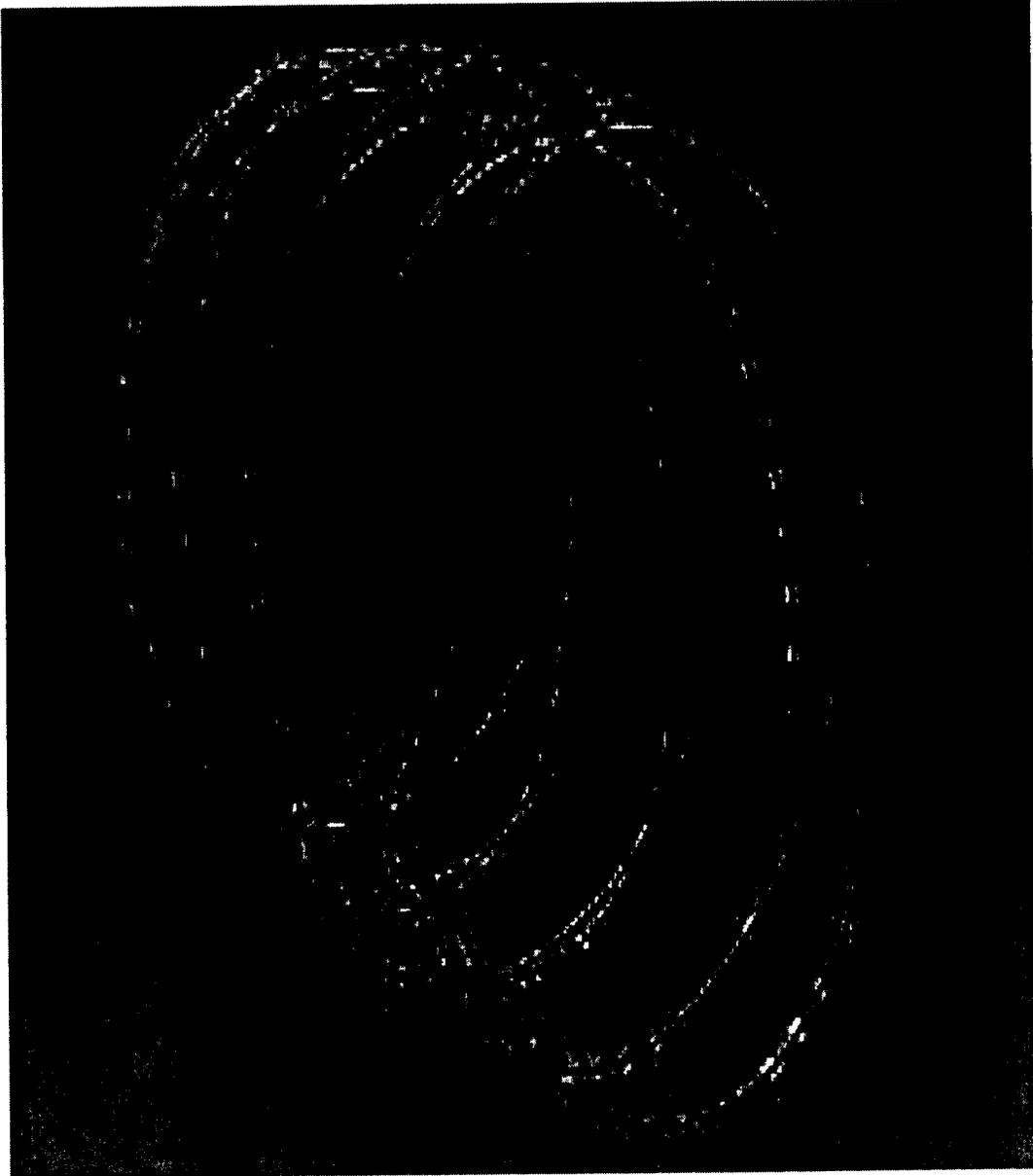
5. This policy is applicable to all Navy brigs, pretrial confinement facilities, and detention facilities. This policy will be reflected in the next change to reference (a). In the interim, file a copy of this letter with reference (a) and ensure all personnel concerned with related issues are aware of the contents.

6. Point of contact for further information is Mr. Tim Purcell, P841, DSN 882-4469 or (901) 874-4469.

  
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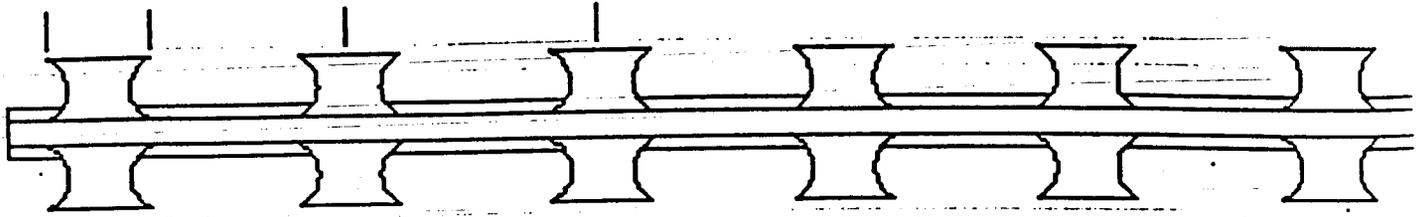
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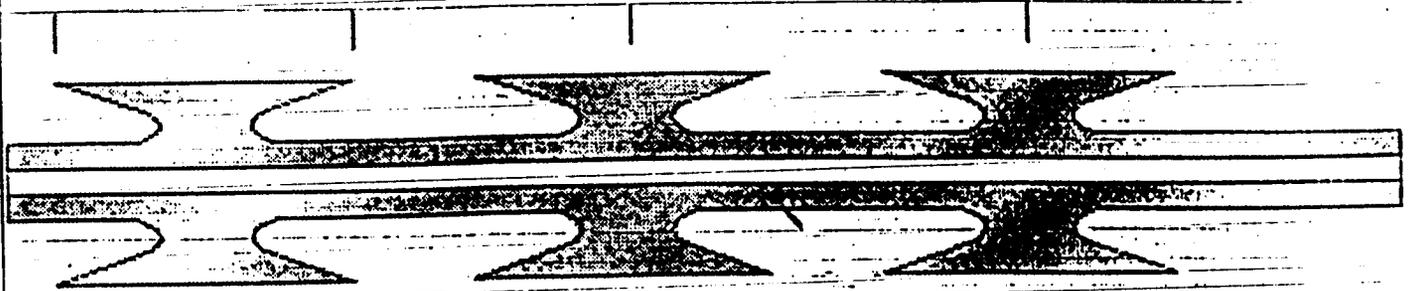
Enclosure (1)

# Razor Wire Concertina

Barbed Tape



Ripper Profile



Long Blade Profile

