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➤ **Statement of Purpose**

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➤ Mission Preparation

Disciplined personal preparation reduces stress and error and thereby enhances field survival and operability. Detailed core packing and task lists are critical.

There are two major domains of preparation—information and personal effects. These domains are outlined below.

Information

- A. **Geography, Climate, & Weather**
- B. **Situation Reports**
- C. **Socioeconomic, Consular, & Cultural Reports**
- D. **Health**
- E. **Linguistic**
- F. **Administrative**
- G. **Technical References**

Personal Effects

- A. **Clothing**
- B. **Toiletries**

C. **Activities of Daily Living**

D. **Medications**

1. Analgesics
2. Anaphylaxis/atopy
3. Antibiotics
4. Antiparasitics
5. Antivirals
6. Cardiac
7. Dental
8. Dermatologics
9. ENT
10. Gastrointestinal
11. Gyn
12. Psychiatric
13. Miscellaneous

E. **Medical Supplies**

1. Wound Care
2. General Medical

F. **Survival Supplies**

1. Currency & Documentation
2. Communication
3. Site
4. Safety
5. Security
6. Water
7. Sanitation
8. Food
9. Clothing
10. Shelter
11. Vector Control
12. Mechanical Advantage
13. Drugs, Supplies, & First Aid
14. Relaxation Aids
15. Gifts
16. Emergency Evacuation

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