Military Problem-Solving Hierarchy

Problem: threat to national security

Nature of threat unclear
- Facts available but not gathered
  - Specific data sources not identified
    - Inability to access
      - Access to data not permitted
    - Access to data not possible
  - Specific data sources identified but not accessed
- Facts unavailable and assumptions not substituting for facts
  - No assumptions made yet
    - Assumptions made but demonstrably false
- Nature of threat clear but solution not forthcoming
  - End state not defined
    - Broader strategic objectives unclear
      - Broader strategic objectives clear but lack of consensus on end state
    - Solution generated but deficient
      - Solutions evaluated but fail criteria
        - Criteria for evaluation not identified
          - Too time consuming
            - Too expensive
        - Criteria identified but evaluation postponed
          - Unacceptable
            - Infeasible
            - Unsuitable
    - Solution not generated
      - Lack of ability to generate solution
        - Insufficient effort to generate solution

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