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APOE aerial port of embarkation

BHR Bureau of Humanitarian Response

JLOC joint logistics operations center

MILOB military observer

NATO North Atlantic Treaty Organization

RFID radio frequency identification

SOFAR sound fixing and ranging

TLAM Tomahawk land attack missile

TGIF thank goodness it’s Friday

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ZULU time zone indicator for Universal Time

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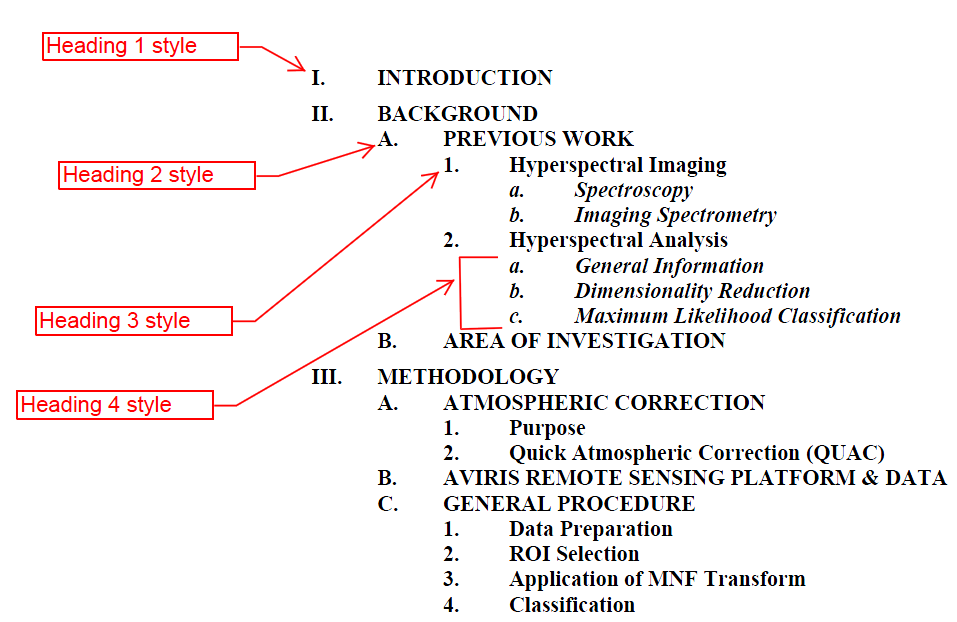
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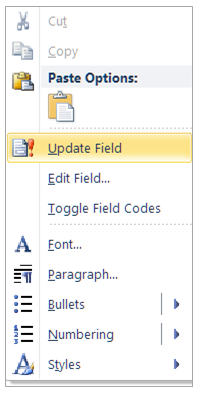
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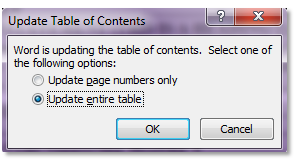
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