

While the World Security Council feature in Marvel's The Avengers, S.H.I.E.L.D.'s relationship with the United States government isn't touched upon and is seemingly left intentionally murky. As it turns out, this was a major problem for the organisation which usually works with the makers of films such as Joss Whedon's superhero esemble. "We couldn't reconcile the unreality of this international organization and our place in it," Phil Strub, the Defense Department's Hollywood liaison, told Wired. "To whom did S.H.I.E.L.D. answer? Did we work for S.H.I.E.L.D.? We hit that roadblock and decided we couldn't do anything with the film." Despite the fact that The Avengers features military aircraft on the Helicarrier and during key scenes in the film, these were in fact digitally inserted and not provided by the US military (a common occurrence in the likes of the Transformers trilogy for example). The Defence Department are obviously extremely conscious of the way

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