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SUBJECT: Policy and Procedures for Overseas Handling, Processing and Reporting on Photographic Results of AQUATONE Operations

- I. **PURPOSE:** To define responsibilities for overseas handling, processing and reporting on photographic results of European AQUATONE operations and to establish policies and procedures pertaining thereto.
- II. **DEFINITIONS:**
 - A. **DETACHMENT A:** The AQUATONE Operational or Project Unit stationed at Giebelstadt.
 - B. **DETACHMENT B:** The AQUATONE Operational or Project Unit stationed at Adana.
 - C. **DETACHMENT COMMANDER:** The individual designated by AQUATONE Project Headquarters as the Commander of an AQUATONE field unit or detachment.
 - D. **URPIC-W:** European Photo Interpretation Center established by Headquarters USAF at Wiesbaden, Germany, which processes and exploits European Area AQUATONE products (primarily those produced by Detachment A) for preliminary photographic interpretation to insure expeditious reporting to Washington and to meet theatre needs. Participation in the Center is open to representatives of CIA, Army and Navy.
 - E. **URPIC-1:** European Photo Interpretation Center established by USAF at Adana, which processes and initially exploits materials produced by Detachment B for preliminary photographic interpretation to insure expeditious reporting to Washington and to meet theatre needs. Participation in the Center is open to representatives of CIA, Army and Navy.
 - F. **URPIC-W COMMANDER:** An Air Force Officer designated by USAF to command the Center at Wiesbaden.
 - G. **DEPUTY COMMANDER, URPIC-W:** A CIA representative designated to serve as Deputy to the Commander, URPIC-W for technical and substantive intelligence matters only.
 - H. **COMMANDER, URPIC-1:** An Air Force officer designated by the DCS/I USAF to command the Center at Adana.

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- I. DEPUTY COMMANDER, URPIC-1: A CIA representative designated to serve as the Deputy Commander of URPIC-1 for technical and substantive intelligence matters only.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES:

- A. DETACHMENT COMMANDER: The prompt handling and shipment of all exposed film, for immediate processing and photo interpretation at the URPIC Centers, will be the responsibility of the Detachment Commander at the base where the mission terminates. The Detachment Commander will, based on instructions from Headquarters AQUATONE, pass the exposed film to the appropriate URPIC Center or ship directly to Headquarters AQUATONE. Upon release of the film at the earliest time possible from an URPIC Center, the Detachment Commander will return the original negative to Headquarters AQUATONE (for HTA) in accordance with instructions from Headquarters AQUATONE.
- B. URPIC-W will be responsible for:
 1. Processing of film and titling of all reproductions retained in the theatre. Titling will be done in accordance with instructions.
 2. Preparation of an immediate PI report (IPIR) (see paragraph IV below) on all missions terminating at Base A or Base B as assigned and its electronic transmission to AQUATONE Headquarters with a precedence of "OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE" priority or routine as instructed. This does not preclude sending the report simultaneously to Headquarters USAF if so desired by USAF.
 3. Preparation of duplicate positives and prints as required to meet theatre needs. In cases where the IPIR is prepared at URPIC-W the determination of the need for and the immediate preparation of a duplicate positive will be made by Commander URPIC-W without reference to Headquarters AQUATONE. When the IPIR is prepared at URPIC-1, URPIC-W will advise the Detachment B Commander and Headquarters AQUATONE simultaneously as to whether there is a requirement for a duplicate positive at USAF. Headquarters AQUATONE in coordination with AFOIN will make the final determination as to whether national security needs at Headquarters will permit delay necessary to make a duplicate positive at URPIC-W. Detachment B Commander will be so advised, with information to USAF.

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4. Prompt return of the original negative to the Detachment Commander upon completion of the foregoing.
5. The preparation of special reports requested from Washington by participating agencies directly to their respective senior representatives provided that the foregoing (paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 above) responsibilities are not impaired.

C. URPIC-1 will be responsible for:

1. Processing film.
2. Preparation of an IPIR (see paragraph IV below) and its electronic transmission to Headquarters AQUATONE and URPIC-W with a precedence of "OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE," priority or routine as instructed. This does not preclude sending the report simultaneously to Headquarters USAF if so desired by USAF.
3. Preparation of prints as necessary for the IPIR and the maintenance of such selected print file as required.
4. Preparation of duplicate positive materials as directed. (This normally will be accomplished at URPIC-W.)
5. Prompt return of the original negative to the Detachment Commander upon completion of the foregoing.

D. The TALENT Control Officer Headquarters USAF is responsible for establishing the necessary control of the products produced from the original negatives by the URPIC Centers in accordance with the TALENT Control Manual. This will include insuring of proper titling.

IV. REPORTS:

A. FORMAT: The IPIR will be prepared in accordance with the following:

Part 1. (Report identifier "URPIC" or "ODE," but not both, followed by sortie number and sortie date. Sortie number serves as report number.)

Part 2. (List of major areas covered by report.)

Part 3. (List of objectives covered with a brief statement of significant information. Wording should not reveal airborne source.)

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Part 4. (State camera position, quality of coverage, and exposure for each objective. Only this part may contain information which reveals airborne source.)

B. CLASSIFICATION:

1. IPIR's and related reports prepared in the field on missions which cover areas other than SOVIET BLOC countries will be designated, unless otherwise instructed, AQUATONE Headquarters as URPIC Reports. Reports on the results of the missions which penetrate SOVIET BLOC area will be identified as ODE Reports.
2. All AQUATONE products and materials and all reports prepared therefrom, so long as such reports indicate an airborne source, will be classified "TOP SECRET CHESS" and will be retained within the TALENT Control System. These reports may be disseminated by the TALENT Control Officer, Headquarters, USAFE within TALENT channels to authorized recipients within the theatre to meet theatre requirements. However, URPIC Reports may be sanitized by USAFE by the deletion of Part 4 of paragraph IV A above and by insuring through review by the Senior Intelligence Officer, USAFE, that there is no indication of or reference to airborne source information. These reports, sanitized in accordance with procedures already established by the U. A. B., will be classified TOP SECRET, NOFORN, and may be disseminated within the theatre through normal TOP SECRET channels. ODE Reports will not be sanitized under the provisions of this standard operating procedure.

V. PERSONNEL:

A. GENERAL: The Army, Navy and CIA are invited to participate in the URPIC Centers by placing personnel on duty with each center. USAFE, in concurrence with the senior service or agency representative concerned, may shift the assigned personnel from one URPIC Center to another, as necessary, to fulfill existing workload requirements. In so doing, USAFE is responsible for effecting any additional administrative coordination required by the individual's parent service (see V B below).

B. SUPPORT:

1. CIA will initially provide six Photo Interpreters. CIA HTAUTOMAT must approve transfers between Wiesbaden and Adana.

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2. ARMY will provide personnel in accordance with specific arrangements between CINCUSAREUR and USAFE.
3. NAVY will provide personnel in accordance with specific arrangements between CINCNELM and USAFE.
4. USAFE will provide personnel support for URPIC-W and URPIC-1 taking into account personnel contributions as outlined above. The maximum complement at URPIC-1 will be 16 personnel except with agreement of Comdr. Detach.
B. A minimum of manning must be maintained to assure capability at all times.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Messages initiated at the Washington level which might affect the operational policy or administrative procedures of the URPIC Centers will be coordinated with all agencies concerned prior to dispatch and will be prefaced with the following phrases: "COORDINATED URPIC INSTRUCTIONS MESSAGE." Such messages may be transmitted to URPIC-W over either CIA or USAFE channels. To URPIC-1 over CIA channels only.
- B. The above requirement does not preclude any participating agency from conducting unilateral liaison with its representatives as necessary so long as such liaison does not constitute a change in the administration of the URPIC Centers.
- C. Information pertaining to daily operational requirements which will provide guidance in preparation of the URPIC reports will be consolidated by CIA and be transmitted in accordance with paragraph A above.

VII. DETACHMENT B--URPIC-1 RELATIONSHIPS: URPIC-1 Commander will report directly to Headquarters USAFE but will be responsible to Detachment B Commander for adherence to Detachment regulations relating to security, billeting and administrative procedures required for integrity or Detachment operation.

VIII. SECURITY:

- A. Those who are participating in AQUATONE operations must have an AQUATONE clearance. Those who use the product of AQUATONE must receive a TALENT clearance. The difference in the nature and quality of these clearances is not one of difference in standards, since they apply substantially

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the same standards, but a difference in certification. Accordingly, those already cleared for TALENT prior to entering AQUATONE operational bases, as in the case of Detachment B at Adana, must also be certified as AQUATONE cleared. This is accomplished by submission of the names of those to be assigned to Adana through AFOIN, G-2, or ONI, as applicable, to the Headquarters AQUATONE. Notification of AQUATONE certification will be made to those requesting as well as to the Detachment Commander in question, who is responsible for indoctrination.

- B. It will be the USAFE responsibility, with the advice of the AQUATONE Security Officer at Wiesbaden, to arrange for sterile TDY orders, mail, paychecks, and other administrative matters for those scheduled to go to Detachment B prior to their departure. USAFE will notify Detachment B in advance of departure of assignees as to such arrangements.

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