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COORDINATION OF OVERT COLLECTION ACTIVITIES ABROAD*

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 102 of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, and for the purposes enunciated in paragraphs (d) and (e) thereof, the National Security Council hereby authorizes and directs that the following over-all policies and objectives shall apply to the interdepartmental coordination of overt foreign intelligence collection activities to effect sound and efficient utilization of the various departmental and agency collecting and reporting facilities abroad:

1. There shall be an allocation of primary responsibility, within the following broad categories, for overt collection of intelligence information abroad.

- Political Department of State
- Sociological Department of State
- Economic Department of State
- Army** Department of the Army
- Naval** Department of the Navy
- Air** Department of the Air Force
- Scientific and Technical Department of State

Intelligence information may be collected by the Central Intelligence Agency overtly in support of assigned functions or as a by-product of the assigned

* Outside the United States and its possessions.

** Including scientific, technical, and economic information pertinent to the departmental mission.

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functions: Provided, That no undesirable duplication of any of the specific assignments in paragraph 1 above is involved.

2. The Director of Central Intelligence, in consultation with the Intelligence Advisory Committee or individual members thereof, shall insure that planning for the utilization of the collecting and reporting capabilities of each of the agencies avoids undesirable duplication and uncoordinated overlap and provide adequate coverage for national security purposes.*

3. The senior U.S. representative in each nation where the United States maintains a foreign post shall coordinate all overt collection activities in his area. Full utilization shall be made of the assigned duties, individual initiative, or favorable contacts of departmental and agency representatives.

4. All available intelligence information obtained by overt means by any agency in the field shall, wherever possible, be transmitted immediately to the field representative of the agency having the primary collection responsibility assigned in paragraph 1 above, who shall then be primarily responsible for its onward transmission: Provided, That the original collector shall not be enjoined from transmitting the information to his own headquarters.

5. Departments and Agencies assigned primary collection responsibilities under paragraph 1 above shall recognize the needs of the other Departments and Agencies in establishing collection programs.

* The Special Assistant, Intelligence, Department of State, reserves his position on this paragraph.

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