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CHRONOLOGICAL INDEX OF THE LIAISON FUNCTION WITHIN THE DDI

<u>Year</u>	<u>Comment</u>
1947 - May 1948	Within the Collection Branch of OCD, liaison and assignment of collection action was conducted by and for that Office and the DDI area.
May 1948	A Liaison Division was formed involving coordination of requirements, liaison, assignment of collection action and dissemination.
1 July 1948	Four desks were set up in the new Liaison Division and were designated as State, Army-Air, CIA and Navy-Non-IAC. Shortly thereafter inter-office and inter-agency coordination of requirements were added to the responsibilities of this Division.
1949 - 1950	Activities remained essentially the same as described previously.
28 February 1951	The Cable Branch (which had previously been in ONE and prior to that in ORE) was placed in the Liaison Division.
* 1 June 1951	The three Service desks (Army, Air, and Navy) were combined into one branch designated the Defense Branch and the Non-IAC activities operated as a separate Non-IAC Branch. Each Branch handled requirements and dissemination matters which related to its own activities.
1952	The Division assumed the responsibility of bringing to the Agency Ambassadors and selected Foreign Service Officers for debriefing by the DDI offices.
November 1952	The International Conferences Branch was created and added to the Division

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1953 - 1955

The mission and functions of the Division and the number of Branches therein remained essentially the same. However, the debriefing of Ambassadors, etc., described above was expanded to include briefing and debriefing of military attaches. In addition, in August 1955 the former Office known as OCD was changed to Office of Central Reference (OCR).

* 1956 - 1957 (estimated)

The Division was reorganized and the Cable Branch was transferred out of the Division; the CIA, Defense, and State Branches were abolished and a new branch was formed known as the IAC Branch. The Division's main mission continued to be the coordination of intelligence requirements, the collecting of intelligence information, and the conduct and maintenance of liaison with various

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However, the Division embarked upon a new mission of producing a CR information report series based on intelligence information collected from Non-IAC Agencies [REDACTED]

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* May 1958

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This Branch replaced the International Conferences Branch which was abolished. In addition, a new branch was formed designated the Liaison Branch which handled the requirements coordination function. The Division, which now consisted of only two branches, was called Liaison and Collection Division.

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1959 - July 1961

Activities and functions of LCD remained essentially the same with the exception that the briefing and debriefing program continued to expand and now embraced Directors of the Foreign Aid Program (then ICA).

* 1 July 1961

In addition, the function of reporting preliminary information on International Conferences (CR-C information report series) was assigned to the Biographic Register, OCR. Also effective 1 July 1961 the Liaison and Collection Division was re-designated the Liaison Staff.

* 1 July 1961 to date

The Liaison Staff having been divested of the report writing and requirements coordination functions presently directs its energies and activities to a mission which might be termed "pure liaison". The workload and scope of the Staff's mission has continually broadened with new agencies being formed requiring intelligence support and contact, e.g. Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), Office of Emergency Planning (OEP), Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA), etc.

The briefing and debriefing program has expanded considerably within the past five years and many activities have been added such as the briefing of Country Inspection Teams, the addition of Deputy Mission Directors from the Foreign Aid Program (AID) and arranging visits ^{to CIA} and orientation tours for the National War College and the FSI Senior Seminar in Foreign Policy. The Program assumes responsibility for overall DDI area coordination in connection with this mission.