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## (U) Intelligence Disclosure Policy

(Effective 30 June 1998)

(U) Pursuant to the provisions of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, and Executive Order 12333, policies, responsibilities, and procedures are herewith established governing the disclosure or release of US intelligence to officials of foreign governments, and international organizations or coalition partners consisting of sovereign states. Nothing in this policy is intended to amend, modify, or derogate the authorities of the DCI contained in Statute or Executive Order. *This DCID was previously designated DCID 5/6.*

**1. Purpose**

a. (U) This directive establishes policy for the disclosure or release of classified US intelligence to officials of foreign governments, and international organizations or coalition partners consisting of sovereign states (hereinafter, "foreign governments"). The directive furthers the responsibilities of the Director of Central Intelligence (DCI) to protect intelligence sources and methods and to formulate policies concerning intelligence arrangements with foreign governments.

b. (U) This directive also furthers the policy contained in Director of Central Intelligence Directive 6/6 by defining the categories of intelligence information that may not be disclosed or released to a foreign government.

**2. Policy**

a. (U/~~FOUO~~) US intelligence is a national asset to be conserved and protected and will be shared with foreign governments only when consistent with US national security and foreign policy objectives and when an identifiable benefit can be expected to accrue to the United States. It is the policy of the US Government to share intelligence

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with foreign governments whenever it is consistent with US law and clearly in the national interest to do so.

b. ~~(S)~~ [ ] Disclosure or release of intelligence information to coalition partners will be made pursuant to a Concept of Operations (CONOPS) issued by the DCI. The CONOPS will be coordinated with affected departments and agencies prior to issuance. The CONOPS shall govern the disclosure and release of intelligence information during the period covered by that document. In the absence of a CONOPS, the policies contained in this DCID shall apply, until the DCI determines whether a CONOPS is required.

c. ~~(S)~~ [ ] Proposals to disclose or release intelligence to foreign governments that are contrary to this Intelligence Disclosure Policy shall be submitted to the DCI for approval. Existing intelligence arrangements and directives, upon which such proposals are based, need not be modified, unless inconsistent with this DCID.

d. ~~(U//FOUO)~~ Information marked NOFORN or REL TO (and country(ies)) may not be disclosed or released to foreign governments not stipulated in the marking without originator approval.

e. ~~(U//FOUO)~~ Whenever feasible, intelligence that cannot be disclosed or released shall be separated by the use of tear lines, portion marking, and/or segregable annexes, from that which may be released, in accordance with the policies contained in DCID 6/6.

### 3. Applicability

(U) Except as expressly authorized by the DCI, the policy, procedures, and criteria set forth in this directive and its attachment shall be uniformly applied to the disclosure or release of US intelligence to foreign governments.

### 4. Responsibilities

a. (U) The DCI shall formulate policies concerning foreign intelligence and counterintelligence arrangements and relationships with foreign governments.

b. (U) Only Designated Intelligence Disclosure Officials (DIDO) may authorize the dissemination of intelligence to cooperating foreign governments under arrangements established or agreed to by the DCI.

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c. (U) Officials of organizations that are not part of the Intelligence Community, as defined in the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, 50 USC 401a(4), and Executive Order 12333, intending to disclose or release US intelligence to foreign governments shall obtain permission from the DIDO of the organization that originated the information.

#### 5. Definitions

(U) **Disclosure:** Showing or revealing classified intelligence, whether orally, in writing or any other medium, without providing the recipient with a copy of such information for retention.

(U) **Release:** Providing the recipient of classified information with a copy, whether in writing or any other medium, of such information for retention.

(U) **Sharing:** Activities involving the disclosure or release of intelligence.

(U) **Intelligence (and Related Materials):** Includes the following information, whether written or in any other medium, classified pursuant to Executive Order 12958 or any predecessor or successor Executive Order:

a. (U) Foreign intelligence and counterintelligence defined in the National Security Act of 1947, as amended and Executive Order 12333;

b. (U//~~FOUO~~) Information describing US foreign intelligence and counterintelligence activities, sources, methods, equipment, or methodology used for the acquisition, processing, or exploitation of such intelligence; foreign military hardware obtained through intelligence activities for exploitation and the results of the exploitation; and any other data resulting from US intelligence collection efforts; and

c. (U//~~FOUO~~) Information on Intelligence Community protective security programs (e.g. personnel, physical, technical, and information security).

(U) **Designated Intelligence Disclosure Officials (DIDOs):** The heads of departments and agencies with organizations in the Intelligence Community or the heads of such organizations, and their specifically designated subordinates whose names and positions are certified to the DCI in writing,

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and other US officials designated by the DCI. (See Attachment A, section B for DIDO authorities and responsibilities.)

(U) **Senior Official of the Intelligence Community (SOIC):**  
A SOIC is the head of an agency, office, bureau, or other intelligence element as identified in Section 3 of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, 50 USC 401a(4), and Section 3.4(f) (1 through 6) of Executive Order 12333.

(U) **Sanitization:** The process of editing or otherwise altering intelligence information or reports to protect sensitive intelligence sources and methods, capabilities, and analytical procedures in order to permit wider dissemination.

(U) **Coalition:**

- a. (U) An arrangement between one or more nations for common action;
- b. (U) Multi-national action outside the bounds of established alliances, usually for single occasions or longer cooperation in a narrow sector of common interest; or
- c. (U) A force composed of military elements of nations that have formed a temporary alliance for some specific purpose.

(U) **Senior Foreign Officials:** Responsible foreign officials or individuals who, by virtue of their positions or access, may directly affect policy making of recipient foreign governments. This includes, but is not limited to, officials of ministerial rank and above; national department, agency and service chiefs; and representatives of ambassadorial rank and above.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ / [ ] /X1**6. Procedures**

(U//~~FOUO~~) Attachment A to this directive sets forth implementing procedures,<sup>2</sup> including special procedures to be followed in coordinating, approving, and recording disclosures or releases to senior foreign officials or of analytical or estimative products of the Central Intelligence Agency or the National Intelligence Council to foreign governments.

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 Director of Central Intelligence

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<sup>2</sup> (U) These procedures derive from and have the authority of the DCI Directive on Intelligence Disclosure Policy.

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## ATTACHMENT A

(U//~~FOUO~~) CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES CONCERNING  
DISCLOSURE OF US INTELLIGENCE

(Effective 30 June 1998)

Nothing in this policy is intended to amend, modify, or derogate the authorities of the DCI contained in Statute or Executive Order.

A. (U//~~FOUO~~) Intelligence Disclosure and Release Criteria

(U//~~FOUO~~) In accordance with the Director of Central Intelligence Directive, Intelligence Disclosure Policy, Designated Intelligence Disclosure Officials (DIDO) will use all of the following general criteria in determining the appropriateness and suitability of intelligence disclosures or releases to foreign governments:

1. (U//~~FOUO~~) Disclosure or release is consistent with United States foreign policy and national security objectives concerning the recipient foreign government.
2. (U//~~FOUO~~) Disclosure or release can be expected to result in a clearly identifiable benefit to the United States, such as:
  - a. (U//~~FOUO~~) Serving a specific US national purpose-- political, economic, or military.
  - b. (U//~~FOUO~~) Obtaining commensurate information or services from the proposed recipient.
  - c. (U//~~FOUO~~) Supporting specific bilateral or multilateral plans, arrangements, treaties or alliances.
  - d. (U//~~FOUO~~) Aiding US intelligence or counterintelligence activities.
3. (U) It is determined that the disclosed or released intelligence is not likely to be used by the recipient in a manner harmful to US interests. In particular:

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- a. (U) The intelligence will not be disclosed or released to a third government or any other party without the approval of the releasing US department or agency.
- b. (U) The recipient foreign government has the capability and intent to provide to US intelligence the same degree of protection provided it by the United States.
- c. (U) The intelligence will not be used for other than the stated purpose without the approval of the releasing department or agency.<sup>3</sup>

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**B. (U) General Procedures for the Disclosure or Release of US Intelligence**

1. (U//~~FOUO~~) In implementing the policies, procedures, and criteria contained herein for the disclosure or release of intelligence, DIDOs also will be governed by procedures and guidance contained in the documents below, and other DCI procedures and guidance. The provisions of this DCID will take precedence.

- a. (U//~~FOUO~~) Signals Intelligence Security Regulations (SISR) issued by the DCI, which provide guidance on the release of signals intelligence;
- b. (U//~~FOUO~~) DCI Directive 6/6: Security Controls on the Dissemination of Intelligence Information, which establishes common controls and procedures for the dissemination and use of intelligence;

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- d. (U//~~FOUO~~) National Imagery and Mapping Agency (NIMA) Imagery Policy Series (IPS), which contains detailed guidance on the disclosure and release of imagery intelligence;

<sup>3</sup> (U//~~FOUO~~) In documentary releases a statement will be included in transmittal correspondence or affixed to the document itself indicating that the information is provided with the understanding that the recipient will comply with the conditions above. Whenever appropriate, a similar statement of caution will be included in oral/visual disclosures.

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e. (U//~~FOUO~~) National Policy and Procedures for the Disclosure of Classified Military Information to Foreign Governments and International Organizations (NDP-1), issued pursuant to National Security Decision Memorandum 119, which governs the release of classified military information including military intelligence;

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g. (U//~~FOUO~~) National Policy Governing the Disclosure or Release of Communications Security Information to Foreign Governments and International Organizations, issued by the National Security Telecommunications and Information Systems Security Committee (NSTISSC) which provides release requirements for Communications Security;

h. (C) [ ] DCI issued Concept of Operations (CONOPS) for US intelligence support; and

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j. (U//~~FOUO~~) Measurement and Signature Intelligence (MASINT) Policy Series, issued by the Central MASINT Office (CMO), which provide guidance on the release of MASINT.

2. (U//~~FOUO~~) DIDOs may authorize the release or disclosure of unclassified intelligence to foreign governments in accordance with the criteria in paragraph A above and Section VII.B, DCID 6/6.

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4. (U) DIDOs will, in addition:

a. (U) Follow disclosure and release guidelines issued by the DCI to cover specific situations.

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C. (U) Intelligence Which May Not Be Disclosed or Released

(2) [ ] The following intelligence may not be disclosed or released to a foreign government in accordance with DCID 6/6:

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6. [Redacted]

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d. (c) [Redacted] Identification of a specific source, either by name, title, or position, as the provider of intelligence information; or the disclosure of other information that reasonably could be expected to jeopardize sources and methods.

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D. (U) Special Procedures for Disclosures or Releases to Senior Foreign Officials or of Analytical and Estimative Products of the Central Intelligence Agency and the National Intelligence Council to Foreign Governments

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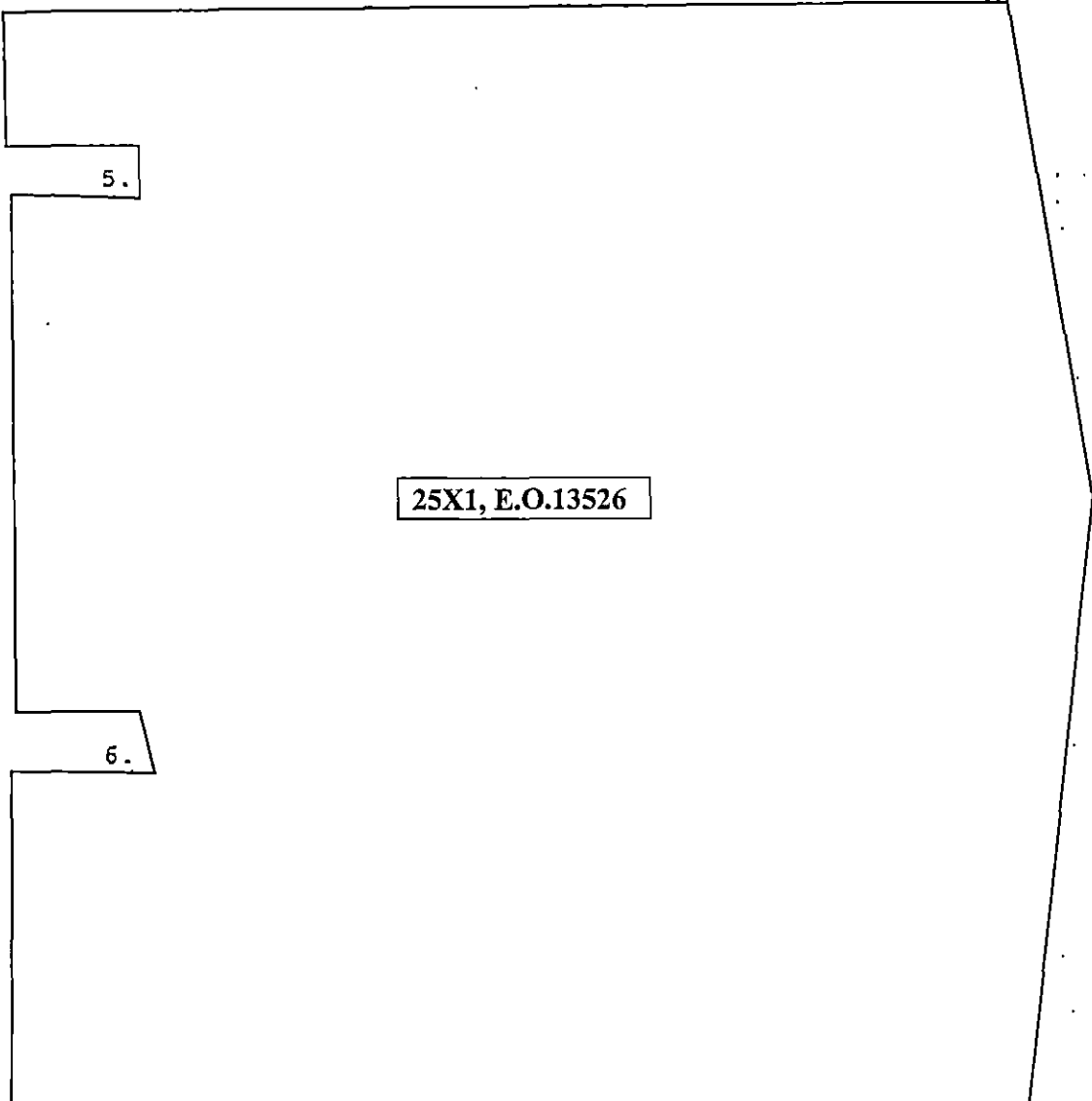
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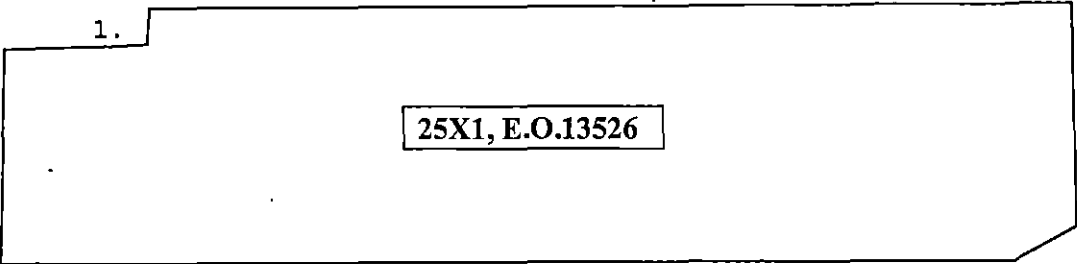


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E. (U) Oversight and Recordkeeping Provisions



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3. (U) Failure to comply with the provisions of this DCID could result in the loss of intelligence access for the officials involved.

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