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Department of Defense Directive

SUBJECT Responsibilities of the Assistant to the Secretary
of Defense (Special Operations)

- References:**
- (a) SecDef Memorandum to Multiple DoD Addresses, "Reorganization-Office of Special Operations, CSD", July 15, 1953
 - (b) DoD Directive 5105.7, "Departmental Support for DoD Intelligence Responsibilities", June 29, 1954

I. PURPOSE

This directive reissues References (a) and (b) with revisions as are currently appropriate to define the organization, responsibilities, and relationships of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Special Operations).

II. BACKGROUND

- A. Each of the Military Departments and the Joint Chiefs of Staff organizations have under their direction and control organizations concerned with intelligence policy and production, counterintelligence, communications security, CIA affairs, and psychological warfare. These organizations have the primary responsibility of satisfying the requirements of the Department or Agency of which they are part.
- B. In the implementation of his responsibilities as Head of the Department of Defense, however, the Secretary of Defense has a requirement for staff participation and representation in policy matters concerning the fields enumerated under III.A. below. A staff channel is required, in order that he shall have the direction, authority, and control as provided by law. Moreover, in connection with his responsibilities under NSCID No. 9, Revised, NSCID No. 17, and NSC 168, the Secretary requires a means through which to exercise the authority vested in him.

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2. Through staff level collaboration, to maintain over-all cognizance of such activities within the Department of Defense and between Defense activities and other departments and agencies in order to assure the continuous development of effective and integrated Department of Defense policy.
3. To provide, in addition to Service and Joint Staff representation, the principal staff representation for the Secretary of Defense with other departments and agencies of the U. S. Government in all such matters either through his own office or by arrangements with the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Secretaries of the Military Departments for the assignment of representatives from their respective organizations.
4. To exercise the authority vested in the Secretary of Defense by NSCID No. 9 (Revised) and by NSC 168 which relates to the direction and control of the operations of the National Security Agency.
5. To exercise monitorship for the Secretary of Defense over the electronics intelligence responsibilities and activities provided for under NSCID No. 17 which have been delegated to the Secretary of the Air Force.

IV. RELATIONSHIPS

- A. For each of the fields enumerated in III.A., the Secretaries of the Army, Navy, and Air Force are requested to continue the present designation of an Under or Assistant Secretary or another appropriate official as having functional responsibility for matters within that field in their respective departments; and for those fields where such an official is not currently so designated, it is requested such designation be made. These individuals, through collaboration and close contact with the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Special Operations), will provide for the active participation of the resources of the respective Military Departments in the Department of Defense activities in these fields.
- B. For each of the fields enumerated in III.A., above, the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff is requested to continue the present designation of an officer of General or Flag rank serving in the Joint Staff as the specific point of contact within the Joint Staff for, and to provide military advice to the Secretary of Defense in respect to, matters in each field; and for those fields where such an officer is not currently so designated, it is requested such designation be made. These officers will facilitate through the medium of staff level collaboration and of close contact with the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense

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