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SUBJECT: Policy and Procedures for Overseas Handling, Processing
and Reporting on ELINT Collected by AQUATONE,

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I. PURPOSE: To define responsibilities for overseas handling,
processing and reporting on ELINT collected by AQUATONE,
[Redacted] operations, both in Europe and the
Far East, and to establish policy and procedures pertaining
thereto.

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II. DEFINITIONS:

A. Detachments: AQUATONE operational or Project units
stationed at the following places are identified by letter:

- At Giebelstadt -- Detachment A
- At Adana -- Detachment B
- At Atsugi -- Detachment C

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B. Detachment Commander: The individual designated as
the commander of an AQUATONE field unit or detachment
at Base A, B, and C; [Redacted]

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C. IPC USAFE: The European intermediate ELINT
processing center established by AFL-200-11 at the
Headquarters USAFE Wiesbaden, Germany, which

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processes, analyzes and reports on ELINT to meet Air Force needs in the theatre and ZI. By virtue of this SOP, this facility will also process, analyze and report on the ELINT products of AQUATONE [redacted] to meet certain needs in the theatre as well as in the ZI. Representatives of CIA, Army and Navy will be invited to participate in the analysis of AQUATONE [redacted] products.

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D. IPC FEAF: The Far Eastern intermediate ELINT processing center established by AFL-200-11 at Yokota, Japan, which processes, analyzes and reports on ELINT products to meet Air Force needs in the theatre and ZI. By virtue of this SOP, this facility will also process, analyze and report on the ELINT products of AQUATONE [redacted] to meet certain needs in the theatre as well as in the ZI. Representatives of CIA, Army and Navy will be invited to participate in the analysis of AQUATONE [redacted] products.

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E. It is understood that the term FEAF as used herein will be replaced by the title AFPAC after implementation of the Far East Command Plan. For the purposes of this paper, the terms FEAF and AFPAC are considered synonymous.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES:

A. Detachment Commander:

- 1. The Detachment Commander at Base A and B AQUATONE will be responsible for the reproduction of duplicate tapes at the base and promptly delivering to IPC USAFE one duplicate. The Detachment Commander [redacted] will be responsible for delivering the original tape promptly to the Commander IPC USAFE for reproduction of duplicate tapes. The Detachment Commander at Bases C [redacted] will be responsible for the reproduction of duplicate tapes and the delivery of a duplicate tape to the IPC FEAF.

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2. The Detachment Commanders at Bases A, B, C [] will be responsible for delivery of the original tape as soon as possible to Headquarters AQUATONE. 25X1
3. In all cases, the Detachment Commanders are responsible for transmitting to the appropriate IPC such data as are essential for the analysis of tapes.

B. IPC USAFE will be responsible for:

1. The preparation of duplicate tapes from the original as provided by the Commander [] 25X1
2. Such ELINT read-out and analysis as required by the Commander USAFE and, in addition, shall provide to the Detachment Commander [] such ELINT results as required in order to meet that Detachment Commander's operational needs. In addition, the Commander IPC USAFE will provide such special ELINT studies as may be required by CINCUSAREUR and CINCNELM as are feasible. 25X1
3. The custody of the duplicate tape for future theatre needs.
4. Delivery of the original tape as soon as possible after duping to an authorized AQUATONE representative who will be responsible for transmittal of the original to AQUATONE Headquarters.

C. IPC FEAF will be responsible for:

1. Upon receipt of a duplicate tape from the Detachment Commander Base C [] the preparation of such analyses and studies as required by the Commander FEAF. 25X1

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2. In addition, the preparation of such ELINT analysis for the Detachment Commander [] as is essential for his operational use.

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D. The TALENT Control Officer Headquarters USAFE and FEAF is responsible for establishing the necessary control of the reports produced from the tapes in the respective IPC centers in accordance with the TALENT Control Manual.

IV. LIAISON BETWEEN IPCs AND NSA FIELD UNITS:

A. Daily Mission Reports will be distributed under secure procedures by the 6901st and the 6902nd to IPC USAFE and IPC FEAF respectively.

B. IPC USAFE and IPC FEAF will provide to 6901st and 6902nd respectively as required duplicate tapes of non-ELINT signals encountered in analysis of System Four tapes.

V. PERSONNEL:

A. General: The Army, Navy and CIA are invited to participate in the IPCs (USAFE and FEAF) by placing personnel on duty with each center.

B. Support:

1. CIA will initially provide 1 ELINT analyst at IPC USAFE. CIA at this time does not propose to provide an ELINT analyst at IPC FEAF.

2. The Army will provide personnel in accordance with specific arrangements between the Commanding Officer of the USASA Theatre Field Activity and the appropriate Air Force Commander (USAFE or FEAF).

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- 3. The Navy will provide personnel in accordance with specific arrangements between CINCPACFLT/COMNAVFE and FEAF in the Far East and between CINCNELM and USAFE in Europe.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Messages or correspondence initiated by the parent participating agency at the Washington level to IPC USAFE or IPC FEAF, which are of a policy nature or which pertain to processing procedures, will be coordinated with all agencies concerned prior to dispatch and will be prefaced with the following phrase: "Coordinated IPC Instructions Message". Such messages or correspondence may be transmitted to the IPCs over either CIA or USAF channels.
- B. The above requirement does not preclude any participating agency from conducting unilateral liaison with its representatives stationed in the IPCs as necessary so long as such liaison does not constitute an involvement in the administration of the IPCs themselves.
- C. Guidance from the ZI for prompt analysis and report to meet current intelligence requirements in the ZI will be transmitted in accordance with paragraph A. above.

VII. SECURITY: Those participating in the analysis of AQUATONE, [redacted] ELINT product must have a TALENT clearance. Those already cleared for TALENT prior to entering AQUATONE, [redacted] operational bases must be certified as cleared as required. Such clearance must be obtained by the Base Commander through his appropriate channel. This will be accomplished by submission of names of those to be assigned to IPCs through the Headquarters' parent agency and to the Headquarters AQUATONE. Notification of

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AQUATONE certification will be made to those requesting through the parent agency ZI to the Commander IPC in question as well as to the Detachment Commander or his representative who will in fact be responsible for proper indoctrination of such cleared individuals.

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