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Directorate of Intelligence

OFFICE MEMORANDUM NO. 22-5

SUBJECT: (Restricted) Relationship of the ATIC to other Elements of the Directorate of Intelligence

1. Purpose. The purpose of this memorandum is to establish, for the information and guidance of all concerned, specific instructions pertaining to the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio (1125th Field Activities Group, Headquarters Command, USAF). The procedures, responsibilities and specific instructions established, assigned or referenced herein are binding on all staff agencies of the Directorate of Intelligence, Hq USAF including the Air Technical Intelligence Center, effective this date.

2. References and Authority:

a. Hq USAF letter, AFOIN 321.011, to CG, AMC, dated 20 June 1950, subject: "(Restricted) Responsibility of Air Materiel Command in the Production of Air Technical Intelligence."

b. Hq USAF letter, AFOIN-P/PL, to CG, AMC, dated 28 November 1950, subject: "(Restricted) Air Technical Intelligence."

c. Hq AMC letter to Hq USAF, dated 14 March 1951, subject: "Transfer of Technical Intelligence Responsibilities to Air Research and Development Command."

d. Hq USAF letter to CG, AMC, dated 3 May 1951, subject: "(Restricted) Responsibility for the Production of Air Technical Intelligence."

(1) 1st Ind., Hq AMC to Hq USAF to above letter, dated 11 May 1951.

(2) 2nd Ind., Hq USAF to Hq AMC to above letter, dated 29 May 1951.

e. Department of the Air Force letter, 322(AFOJO 267g), dated 18 May 1951 to CG, Hq Command, USAF, subject: "(Unclassified) Designation of the Air Technical Intelligence Center."

f. Hq USAF letter, AFOIN, dated 25 May 1951 to CG Hq Command, USAF, subject: "(Unclassified) Organization of the 1125th Field Activities

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Group (ATIC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio); and the 1126th Air Intelligence Services Squadron."

g. General Orders Number 31, Hq Command, USAF, dated 1 June 1951; AF-TD-N9-(ATIC-1)-HC, USAF, Hq Command, and AF-TD-N0-(ATIC-1-A)-HC, USAF, Hq Command, USAF.

3. General:

u. Definition. The term, Air Technical Intelligence, is defined as information of a technical or scientific nature regarding research and development, processes of manufacture, construction and performance characteristics, of ground and airborne materials and equipment pertinent to air operations of an alien nation, which is collated, evaluated, synthesized and interpreted to determine the present and future capabilities of alien aircraft and air weapons.

b. Relationship to Directorate of Intelligence. Effective 1 June 1951, the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, became an integral element of the Directorate of Intelligence, USAF. Under the operational control of the Director of Intelligence, the ATIC will produce Air Technical Intelligence to prevent technological surprise, to support combat operations, and to provide new ideas for Research and Development and the Air Establishment as a whole.

4. Responsibilities of the ATIC. ATIC mission, functions and responsibilities are prescribed in Inclosure No. 3 to Reference "f" above. Certain specific responsibilities and procedures pertaining to this mission are indicated below:

a. Determine and establish with the Collection Division on a continuing basis specific Air Technical Intelligence collection requirements, the fulfillment of which is considered essential to prevent technological surprise and support air operations;

b. Produce finished Air Technical Intelligence specifically appraising foreign technical advancement and performance characteristics as related to types and items of equipment and materiel, within the aeronautical field, as well as methods, processes, and organizations pertaining to their development and production. Specific examples of data required are:

- (1) Design, performance characteristics, and technical capabilities of major air weapons to include: aircraft, electronics equipment, guided missiles and anti-aircraft artillery.
- (2) Analysis and evaluation of major air weapons components

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to include single items as well as assemblies and special ground handling equipment for air weapons.

- (3) Progress in research, development and production to include indications of technical trends in the air technical and scientific field which indicates new performance characteristics of specific air and counter-air weapons or components and single items thereof.

c. Submit five (5) draft copies of all Air Technical Intelligence studies to the Director of Intelligence, USAF for approval prior to publication, except as specifically noted below:

NOTE: When in the judgment of the ATIC, a given Air Technical Intelligence item is of such extraordinary significance that it should be disseminated to users immediately, the ATIC may publish it prior to forwarding for formal D/I USAF approval.

d. Prepare characteristics and performance handbooks and provide basic data on foreign air weapons necessary to the preparation of recognition manuals.

e. Provide indoctrination training for personnel selected for assignment to Technical Intelligence duties in Air Intelligence Services Squadrons and for such other personnel as may be required.

f. Prepare Air Technical Intelligence publications and Air Technical Intelligence material for inclusion in Air Intelligence publications, as may be required.

g. Participate in certain phases of the domestic exploitation program. (See Memorandum from the Director, Central Intelligence, 17 March 1949, subject: "USAF-AMC Implementation of NSCID-7").

h. Provide limited translation service for the Directorate of Intelligence, USAF (See AFUIN letter from Headquarters, USAF to the Commanding General, AMC, 27 April 1949, subject: "Contractual Translation Service").

i. Maintain direct liaison with Air Force activities and other governmental agencies on matters pertaining to Air Technical Intelligence, and provide D/I representation on Air Force and Joint Boards and Committees concerned with technical or scientific Intelligence as may be required.

j. Distribute Air Technical Intelligence publications in accordance with AFR 205-1.

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k. Perform such other functions as may be assigned by proper authority.

5. Responsibilities of other elements of the Directorate of Intelligence in relation to Air Technical Intelligence and the ATIC are:

a. The Assistant for Production will assist the Director of Intelligence in maintaining staff supervision over and assigning production priorities to the ATIC, as in the case of the other production elements.

b. The Collection Division will establish and monitor Air Technical Intelligence collection requirements with all Air Force and associated Intelligence collection activities, US and allied.

c. The Evaluation, Estimates and Air Targets Division will assure that Air Technical Intelligence produced by the ATIC is integrated with other Intelligence to fulfill their respective Air Intelligence responsibilities.

d. The Policy Division will furnish the ATIC guidance as to Air Intelligence policy, plans, programming and training and assure that the ATIC is kept informed of papers considered on the Joint and Interdepartmental level which pertain to air technical and scientific matters.

e. The Assistant Executive for Administration will render the ATIC administrative support as in the case of other elements of the Directorate of Intelligence, except as noted in paragraph 6 below.

6. Administrative Procedures.

a. Correspondence concerning policy, manpower requirements, organization, mission, functions and responsibilities prepared by the ATIC will be forwarded for signature by the Director of Intelligence, USAF. Authority to sign correspondence within the purview of the ATIC is delegated to the Chief, ATIC as provided for in Directorate of Intelligence Office Memorandums 11-1 and 11-1a.

b. Direct correspondence with Air Technical Liaison Officers (ATLO's) will be confined to subjects outlined in Hq USAF letter, AFOIN-G/CC, to CG, AMC, dated 12 May 1950, subject: "Authorization for Direct Correspondence."

c. The provisions of Hq USAF letter, dated 15 September 1949, subject: "(Restricted) Administration of ATLO Program" will continue to apply.

d. In conformance with Hq USAF Office Instructions No. 10-28,

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Air Force Office Symbol "AFOIN-ATI" is assigned to the ATIC for the purposes indicated.

e. A complete set of Hq Office Instructions and D/I Office Memoranda has been provided the ATIC for its guidance and compliance. Particular reference is made to HOI 10-21a dated 6 October 1950, which prescribes the use of Disposition Forms. Disposition Forms will normally be used in correspondence between the ATIC and other staff agencies of the Directorate of Intelligence. Correspondence directed to the ATIC will be addressed as follows:

Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

f. Assignment and reassignment of personnel; approval of manpower requirements and allocation of personnel authorization; and budgeting and funding for the ATIC, will be accomplished by the responsible staff agencies of Hq USAF as provided for in General Orders No. 31, Headquarters Command, USAF, 1 June 1951.

7. Personnel Procedures for the ATIC:

a. Requisitions for airmen will be submitted by the ATIC monthly in letter form to Director of Military Personnel, Headquarters USAF, ATTN: AFFMP-2-F-2, based on requirements three (3) months in advance. Requisition will contain the following information:

- (1) Number by AFSC required.
- (2) Number airmen authorized in AFSC requisitioned.
- (3) Number assigned in AFSC requisitioned.
- (4) Special qualifications desired in replacement being requisitioned.

b. Requisitions for officer personnel will be submitted by the ATIC to Director of Military Personnel, Headquarters USAF, ATTN: AFFMP-1 in accordance with letter, Hq USAF to CG, ConAC, dated 10 November 1949, Subject: "Officer Personnel Requisitions," (copy of which has been furnished ATIC).

c. Civilian personnel will be requisitioned by the ATIC from the Civilian Personnel Section, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, which section will provide the ATIC with such other civilian personnel services as may be required.

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