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**DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE 1/8
MANAGEMENT OF NATIONAL IMAGERY, IMAGERY INTELLIGENCE,
GEOSPATIAL ACTIVITIES, AND RELATED INFORMATION**

(EFFECTIVE 21 March 2001)

(U//~~FOUO~~) Pursuant to the National Security Act of 1947, as amended; the National Imagery and Mapping Agency Act of 1996; Executive Order 12333; Executive Order 12591; Presidential Decision Directive 49, and other applicable statutes, Presidential orders, and directives, the Director of Central Intelligence (DCI) establishes these policies and procedures for the management of national imagery, imagery intelligence, geospatial activities, and related matters. Applicable provisions cited in DCID 1/1 (19 November 1998) and the *Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), Between The Secretary of Defense and The Director of Central Intelligence on The National Imagery and Mapping Agency* dated 16 October 1998 and 11 February 2000, respectively, are included by reference.¹

I. (U//~~FOUO~~) Purpose

This directive sets forth responsibilities and policies of the DCI and Intelligence Community (IC) elements and establishes DCI policies and procedures for managing national imagery, imagery intelligence, and geospatial activities and information to satisfy the US Government's intelligence needs consistent with the protection of intelligence sources and methods. Nothing in this directive is intended to modify the authorities of the heads of executive departments or agencies, consistent with the authorities and responsibilities of the DCI, to manage elements of the IC under their responsibilities.

II. (U//~~FOUO~~) Policy

Imagery, imagery intelligence, geospatial activities, related information, and assets must be managed to provide timely and accurate support to the President, National Security Council, the departments and agencies of the United States and the Congress. With due regard for the protection of intelligence sources and methods, the DCI will foster and support IC collaboration and innovation across intelligence

¹ This Directive rescinds DCID 2/4, dated 9 September 1982, and DCID 2/9, dated 1 June 1992.

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disciplines, recognize the needs of national and departmental intelligence consumers, establish a framework for national and international relationships, and ensure elimination of waste and unnecessary duplication. All IC elements with responsibilities for overseeing and conducting activities relating to intelligence requirements and the application of IC collection, analytic, and production capabilities will play an integral, mutually supportive role under this and other applicable directives. These elements shall collaborate to ensure that activities addressed by this directive and other intelligence activities are consistent and complementary, and shall refer ambiguities in responsibilities or missions to the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence for Community Management (DDCI/CM) for resolution.

III. ~~(S)~~ Responsibilities

A. ~~(S)~~ General

Consistent with applicable law, the DCI will establish, approve, and support policies, prioritized requirements, and collaborative mechanisms to govern, oversee, and clarify responsibilities relating to national imagery collection, analytic, and production resources and activities, including foreign intelligence-sharing arrangements; support national policymakers and other intelligence customers; support all-source analysis and production and clandestine operations; develop and implement programs and policies to review and correct deficiencies in the national imagery missions; eliminate waste and unnecessary duplication; integrate imagery operations across the IC and consumer communities; and provide for appropriate dissemination and release of imagery and related information.

B. ~~(S)~~ Deputy Director of Central Intelligence for Community Management (DDCI/CM)

1. (U//~~FOUO~~) The DDCI/CM, subject to the guidance and direction of the DCI and, as appropriate, through the Assistant Director of Central Intelligence for Analysis and Production (ADCI/AP) and the Assistant Director of Central Intelligence for Collection (ADCI/C), shall:

- a. Advise and assist the DCI in carrying out the DCI's Community-wide management responsibilities related to this directive, to include ensuring and overseeing the efficient and effective tasking, collection, analysis, production, and dissemination of imagery and imagery intelligence.

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b. Serve as the principal officer for coordination, approval, and oversight of IC imagery, imagery intelligence, and related policies and activities involving foreign cooperative arrangements.

c. Provide policy guidance and direction to DCI committees.

2. ~~(S)~~ The ADCI/AP and the ADCI/C are the DCI's designees for establishing priorities and resolution of conflicts regarding the prioritization of national imagery requirements and collection tasking priorities, respectively, if these requirements and priorities cannot be resolved in Community fora.

C. ~~(S)~~ DCI Committees

1. ~~(S)~~ The Remote Sensing Committee (RSCOM) is the principal Intelligence Community policy and planning group for imagery, imagery intelligence, and related geospatial activities under this directive and shall carry out its assigned functions pursuant to the "DCI Implementation of Foreign Remote Sensing Policy," dated 15 June 1998, or successor direction. The RSCOM shall:

a. ~~(S)~~ Advise and support the DDCI/CM and the IC Deputies and Principals Committees on policy issues and oversight of assigned remote sensing and related activities, to include programs for sharing national imagery, remote sensing technology, and related capabilities with allies, coalition partners, international organizations, and others, as appropriate.

b. (U//~~FOUO~~) Serve as the principal IC vehicle to coordinate remote sensing policy and will, as appropriate, commission and review assessments of remote sensing capabilities, risks, and forecasts conducted by member organizations.

2. (U//~~FOUO~~) The Operations Committee (OPSCOM) is the DCI's Community forum responsible for:

a. Reviewing and advising the DCI's designees on imagery collection priorities and tasking.

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b. Supporting, as appropriate, the effective management of the collection tasking, processing, production, exploitation, and dissemination processes.

D. ~~(S)~~ National Imagery and Mapping Agency

1. (U//~~FOUO~~) The National Imagery and Mapping Agency (NIMA) is the principal IC element with responsibilities relating to national imagery, imagery intelligence, and geospatial activities and related matters.

2. (U//~~FOUO~~) The Director, NIMA (D/NIMA), in accordance with applicable laws, policies, and DCI and other applicable directives and guidance, and as appropriate on behalf of the Secretary of Defense and pursuant to agreement between the DCI and the Secretary of Defense, is the DCI's principal imagery advisor and shall:

a. (U//~~FOUO~~) Support the approved imagery intelligence requirements of the IC and other US departments, agencies, and customers, to include provision of timely and accurate processing, production, exploitation, and dissemination of imagery, imagery intelligence, and geospatial information, consistent with the protection of intelligence sources and methods.

b. (U//~~FOUO~~) To help ensure the promulgation and implementation of DCI policies related to imagery, imagery intelligence, and related geospatial activities and information:

i. Formulate, coordinate and, upon DCI approval, implement policies, directives, manuals, and guidance relating to national imagery and imagery intelligence activities and related information and derived product, including related geospatial product.

ii. Formulate, coordinate and, upon DCI approval, implement national imagery policy, to include national imagery security policy, governing the use of products from national satellite and airborne reconnaissance systems for intelligence policy and geospatial applications, and for other appropriate functions in support of Federal departments and agencies.

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- iii. Maintain the DCI's Imagery Policy Series (IPS) and implement DCI policies relating to imagery-derived products, historical satellite and airborne imagery, sensitive signatures, domestic imagery, data releasability, and related functions.
- iv. Coordinate special controls on various imagery products through the Controlled Access Program Coordination Office (CAPCO) in the Community Management Staff (CMS).
- v. Establish and maintain IC fora, such as the Imagery Policy and Security Committee (IPSCOM) or other committees and processes, as needed, to assist in the formulation and implementation of DCI imagery policies and forward matters that cannot be resolved in Community fora to the DCI or designee for decision.
- c. ~~(S)~~ Ensure the effective management of processes for the collection tasking, processing, production, exploitation, and dissemination of imagery; to include implementing decisions of the DCI's designees for the approval of collection requirements levied on national imagery assets, determination of priorities for such requirements, and resolution of conflicts in such priorities except as may be agreed between the DCI and the Secretary of Defense pursuant to the direction of the President.
- d. (U//~~FOUO~~) Serve as the Program Manager for the National Imagery and Mapping Program within the National Foreign Intelligence Program (NFIP).
- e. (U//~~FOUO~~) Serve as the IC Functional Manager for imagery, imagery intelligence, and geospatial investment activities.
- f. (U//~~FOUO~~) Manage an archive of national and commercial imagery, imagery intelligence, and geospatial information on behalf of the IC and authorized users.
- g. (U//~~FOUO~~) Perform such other functions related to national imagery, imagery intelligence, and geospatial activities and information as set forth in applicable directive, MOA, or as assigned pursuant to applicable authorities.

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E. (S) Imagery Requirements and Collection Tasking, Analysis, and Production

1. (U//~~FOUO~~) Imagery and Imagery Intelligence Requirements

With the advice of the OPSCOM, the D/NIMA will:

a. Review substantive imagery, imagery intelligence, and geospatial information collection, exploitation, and analytic and production requirements and priorities.

b. Develop and submit to the National Intelligence Production Board a consolidated statement of these requirements and priorities in accordance with the policies and procedures established by the ADCI/AP.

2. (S) Collection Tasking

a. (U//~~FOUO~~) The Chairman, OPSCOM, appointed by the DCI after consideration of candidates recommended by the D/NIMA, is responsible for the day-to-day approval of collection requirements levied on national imagery collection assets; determination of priorities for such requirements; and resolution of conflicts in such priorities in accordance with applicable law, presidential directive, and MOA.

b. (U//~~FOUO~~) The Chairman, OPSCOM, shall resolve conflicts in collection tasking priorities subject to the guidance and direction of the ADCI/C and the ADCI/AP, except as otherwise agreed between the DCI and the Secretary of Defense pursuant to the direction of the President.

c. (S) The Chairman, OPSCOM, shall make recommendations to the D/NIMA and the ADCI/C on advisory tasking for theater and tactical assets and on opportunities for Department of Defense imagery collection elements to meet national intelligence and other imagery requirements when these elements are assigned to or under the operational control of the Secretary of a Military Department or the Commander of a Combatant Command.

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a. The ADCI/AP and D/NIMA shall keep the DCI advised of efforts to ensure that imagery intelligence support to all-source analysis and production is in no way degraded or compromised, and advised of the adequacy of existing capabilities, processes, and infrastructure.

b. The D/NIMA will support the DDCI/CM and the designee of the Secretary of Defense in their joint responsibilities to determine policies and programs necessary to review and correct deficiencies identified in the capabilities of the imagery and geospatial communities to accomplish assigned national missions, including support to the all-source analysis and production process.

F. (S) Foreign Disclosure or Dissemination of Imagery, Imagery Intelligence, and Related Geospatial Information

1. (U//~~FOUO~~) The foreign disclosure or release of imagery, imagery intelligence, and imagery derived products, including related geospatial information and support will be governed by DCID 6/7: Intelligence Disclosure Policy, and other applicable policies, directives, and procedures.

2. (S) The RSCOM is the DCI's policy forum for the development of remote sensing cooperative arrangements as well as remote sensing exports and transfers. Lead agencies shall coordinate with the RSCOM regarding potential foreign cooperative arrangements and support relating to imagery, imagery intelligence, and imagery derived product, including related geospatial information, and related support to intelligence or security services or other entities of foreign countries and international organizations.

3. (U//~~FOUO~~) The IPSCOM is the Community forum for review and coordination of imagery classification and handling guidance, including guidelines and techniques for processing and marking imagery and derived product for disclosure or release.

4. (U//~~FOUO~~) Requests for foreign disclosure or release of imagery, imagery intelligence, or related derived product that cannot be resolved in Community fora consistent with DCID 6/7 must be submitted to the DCI or designee for approval.

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5. (U//~~FOUO~~) The D/NIMA shall, in coordination with appropriate IC elements, develop for DCI approval policies, procedures, and guidance, consistent with DCID 6/7 and policy guidance from the RSCOM, for the disclosure and release of imagery, imagery intelligence, related geospatial information, derived product, and related activities and information to foreign countries, entities, or persons.

G. (U//~~FOUO~~) Architecture, Interoperability, and Acquisitions

Subject to applicable guidance of the DCI and the Secretary of Defense, or their designees, and consistent with the protection of sources and methods, the D/NIMA shall:

1. Formulate and implement policies, plans, standards, and end-to-end architectures for integrated operations across all facets of the imagery and geospatial information process among national, theater, and tactical programs, to include integration of civil and commercial imagery.

2. Gather and compile imagery, imagery intelligence and geospatial information requirements; prescribe and mandate system and data standards and end-to-end technical architectures related to interoperability among diverse users.

3. Perform, direct, or coordinate the research, design, development, deployment, operation, and maintenance of systems related to the collection, tasking, processing, exploitation, dissemination, and archiving of imagery, imagery intelligence, and geospatial information.

4. Transfer or otherwise provide such systems as appropriate.

5. Develop and field systems of common concern related to imagery, imagery intelligence, and geospatial information.

6. Coordinate, on behalf of the IC, advanced research and development activities and related technology initiatives and investments in the imagery and geospatial community; identify opportunities for high-risk R&D investments and innovations leading to fundamental changes and significant improvements in processes and practices; and leverage expertise and capabilities through partnerships among elements in the IC, industry and academia.

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7. Support the Mission Requirements Board, the Executive Director, Intelligence Community Affairs, and the Senior Acquisition Executive, in the Office of the DDCI/CM, to enable them to provide timely, comprehensive, independent, and informed advice and perform their assigned responsibilities with respect to imagery activities and related matters.

8. Advise the DCI on the ability of existing imagery collection systems to meet IC priorities and on future needs for imagery, imagery intelligence, and geospatial information capabilities and systems to meet national missions.

9. Identify and analyze the industrial base to meet essential imagery requirements of national customers and to ensure that industrial base effects on NIMA functions are considered.

10. Assess commercial sector capability to meet imagery, imagery intelligence, and geospatial information needs of the IC.

H. (~~U//FOUO~~) Civil Applications and Domestic Imagery

The D/NIMA shall establish procedures to ensure legal review of requests for the tasking of national imagery assets to collect domestic imagery, the tasking of such assets to collect imagery for civil agencies, the dissemination of national imagery pursuant to collection or from archives to civil agencies or for assistance to law enforcement, or any other collection or dissemination of imagery from national assets or archives involving US persons or assistance to law enforcement. Prior to submission to the Chairman, OPSCOM, or his designee for approval, such requests shall be referred to the DCI's Office of General Counsel for concurrence, unless the DCI's General Counsel agrees such concurrence is not required.

Director of Central Intelligence

21 March 2001
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