

C O P Y

C O P Y

C O P Y

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
Washington

SECRET

S E C R E T

30 March 1948

SUBJECT: Collection of Foreign and Domestic Intelligence
Information within the United States.

TO: Commanding Generals, Major Air Commands, Z. I.

1. The National Security Council, by its Intelligence Directive No. 7, dated 12 Feb. 1948, has directed that the Central Intelligence Agency shall be responsible for the exploitation, within the U. S., of business concerns, other non-governmental organizations and individuals as sources of foreign intelligence information.
2. This responsibility of the Central Intelligence Agency includes collection on its own initiative, in the interests of the national security, and to satisfy specific requests from individual intelligence agencies and departments.
3. This Headquarters' letter, dated 5 Mar. 1947, subj. as above, is therefore rescinded effective 1 April 1948.
4. With the exception of the Air Materiel Command, the Major Air Commands, ZI, will make no further contacts with business concerns, other non-governmental organizations and individuals within the U.S., for the purpose of intelligence exploitation, without the prior approval of the Director of Intelligence, U. S. Air Force.
5. All foreign intelligence information which the Major Air Commands, ZI, may receive as a by-product of their normal relationship with business concerns, other non-governmental organizations and individuals in the U. S. in connection with non-intelligence activities will be transmitted to the Director of Intelligence, United States Air Force.
6. Major Air Commands, ZI, will furnish the Director of Intelligence, U. S. Air Force, with all pertinent information which comes to their attention in the future concerning any business concerns, other non-governmental organizations and individuals deemed suitable for foreign intelligence exploitation.
7. Nothing in National Security Council Intelligence Directive #7 is interpreted to affect the established relationships of Commands with non-governmental organizations and individuals in the U. S. for purposes other than the procurement of foreign intelligence information.

SECRET

SECRET

DECLASSIFIED
Authority NND 907031

Reproduced from the Unclassified / Declassified Holdings of the National Archives

SECRET

8. In view of the numerous contacts of various Air Materiel Command staff sections within the aviation industry and associated industries, and the unusual opportunities provided thereby for exploiting business concerns, other non-governmental organizations and individuals in the field of foreign intelligence as a by-product of its command mission, National Security Council Intelligence Directive #7 imposes a responsibility on the Air Materiel Command which is not common to the other Major Air Commands, ZI.

9. The Air Materiel Command, therefore, will develop a program, within the provisions of National Security Council Intelligence Directive #7, which will enable it to fully exploit its existing contacts within the aviation industry and associated industries for the purpose of collecting such foreign intelligence information, resultant from its normal relationship, as can be secured consistent with its command mission.

10. Subject to its approval by this Headquarters and the Central Intelligence Agency, this plan will be integrated into the Central Intelligence Agency's nation-wide implementation of National Security Council Intelligence Directive #7.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

George C. McDonald
Major General, USAF
Director of Intelligence, Office
of Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations

DISTRIBUTION:

- CG, Strategic Air Command
- CG, Air Defense Command
- CG, Tactical Air Command
- CG, Air Materiel Command
- CG, Air Training Command
- CG, Air University
- CG, Air Transport Command
- Director of Central Intelligence
- Director of Intelligence, Dept. of the Army
- Chief of Naval Intelligence, Dept. of the Navy
- Special Asst. for Research and Intelligence, Dept. of State

SECRET

DECLASSIFIED
Authority NND 907031