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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS  
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MCO 3850.1A CH 2  
A02-pah  
28 May 1962

MARINE CORPS ORDER 3850.1A CH 2

From: Commandant of the Marine Corps  
To: Distribution List

Subj: Counterintelligence

1. Purpose. To effect certain pen changes to Marine Corps Order 3850.1A.

2. Action

a. Delete paragraph 1 and substitute the following:

"1. Purpose. This order provides counterintelligence guidance to field activities."

b. Paragraph 3, line 2, delete "inimical".

c. Delete paragraph 7.c.

d. Delete paragraph 10 and substitute the following:

"10. Screening of Applicants. All personnel being considered for counterintelligence training will be screened by this Headquarters. Personnel selected for formal training must have been the subject of a satisfactory Background Investigation."

3. Filing Instructions. This Change will be filed immediately following the preceding change to the basic order.

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ADDITIONAL ABP COMMENT:

Subj: Proposed CH 2 to MCO 3850.1A; subj: Counterintelligence

1. In further reference to previous comments on the subject Change, information is furnished that this office had no way of knowing of the plan to incorporate the subject matter into an LFB. Of a 6-page Order, 3 pages plus format are involved, hence previous remarks.

2. The correct page number is "9" (8 will be blank), since new changes and directives always start on an uneven page.

3. In view of reasons for the Change, this office defers to A02 in its publication.

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ADDITIONAL G-2 COMMENT:

1. Non-concur in recommended "Revision" of MCO 3850.1A as opposed to attached "pen changes".
2. Change #1 to MCO 3850.1A was based on the premise that an LFB on Counterintelligence would have been promulgated by that date with subsequent cancellation of MCO 3850.1A. Events have since overtaken the original intent of an LFB on Counterintelligence. The basic material for the LFB will be incorporated into FMFM-3 publication date of which is not known.
3. The basic guidance contained in MCO 3850.1A is still valid. In the interest of economy, and in the absence of a Doctrinal publication on Counterintelligence, this Division cannot support the recommendation that MCO 3850.1A be revised merely on the basis of an obsolete format.
4. Para 3 of the attached Change #2 has been revised in consonance with the remarks contained in para 3 of ABP comments.
5. The proposed Change #2 to MCO 3850.1A is referred once again to ABP for such comment as deemed appropriate.

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COMMENTS

From: Head, Publications and Printing Branch (ABP)  
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, (A02)

Subj: Proposed CH 2 to MCO 3850.1A; subj: Counterintelligence

Ref: (a) MCO P5215.1B, The Marine Corps Directives System

1. In view of the number of pages involved in the current changes, and the fact that the basic Order is in obsolete format, recommend that subject Order be brought up to date by a Revision rather than pen changes. (See par 9b of reference (a).) It is also noted that CH 1 to the subject Order stated "Estimated date of substantial change to this order is 1 March 1958."
2. In a revision, the "To" line should be corrected to read:  
"To: Distribution List" and a Distribution Section added at the end.
3. The contents of par 3 of this subject CH 2 should have read:  
"This Change will be filed immediately following the preceding change to the basic Order" since there is a previous change in existence.
4. A directive is dated the date it is signed.

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MARINE CORPS ORDER 3850.1A *Wch 11.2*

From: Commandant of the Marine Corps  
To: All Commanding Officers

Subj: Counterintelligence

1. Purpose. This Order provides interim counterintelligence guidance to field activities pending completion of a current study being conducted by representatives of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps, and the Director of Naval Intelligence. Completion of study and subsequent implementation thereof should greatly enhance the stature and operations of Marine Corps counterintelligence in the field and should permit a more effective and closely coordinated counterintelligence service. Estimated date of substantial change to this order is 1 September 1957.

2. Cancellation. MCO 3850.1

3. Background. Counterintelligence is that phase of intelligence covering all activity devoted to destroying the effectiveness of inimical foreign intelligence activities and to the protection of information against espionage, personnel against subversion, and installations or material against sabotage. The mission of counterintelligence is to adopt all security control measures designed to discover, neutralize, or destroy the effectiveness of actual or potential hostile intelligence and subversive activities. Measures adopted relative to the investigation of espionage, sabotage and subversion must conform to the Executive Memorandum of 26 June 1939, and the Delimitation Agreement promulgated pursuant thereto, as revised, existing international agreements, policies of the Department of Defense and the Department of the Navy, and directives issued by higher operational commanders.

4. General. Commanding officers of Marine Corps activities will effect the counterintelligence measures required to insure the security of their commands. In the exercise of these control measures, a commander's responsibilities include the following:

a. Military Security:

- (1) Indoctrination of all military personnel in security control measures.
- (2) Initiation of requests for personnel security investigations and the granting and termination of personnel security clearances in the case of military and civilian personnel under his jurisdiction.
- (3) Maintenance of communications security in accordance with current directives and the investigation and reporting of violations thereof.
- (4) Imposition, supervision, and coordination of military censorship measures when required in accordance with current directives.
- (5) Safeguarding of classified matter as prescribed in current regulations.
- (6) In matters of actual, attempted or suspected espionage, sabotage and subversion, the initiation of such preliminary inquiry or other action deemed necessary to prevent serious or irreparable damage to his command. An immediate report will be made to the authority having responsibility for the formal investigation thereof in accordance with the Delimitation Agreement, and no further investigation will be conducted by Marine counterintelligence personnel except by specific request of this responsible authority.

(a) Within Naval Districts and River Naval Commands:

1. The Office of Naval Intelligence is responsible for the investigation and

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disposal of all cases of espionage, sabotage and subversion involving naval personnel.

2. The Federal Bureau of Investigation is responsible for the investigation of espionage, sabotage and subversion involving all classes of civilians and foreign nationals. However, reports of such occurrences or activities involving persons for whom the Federal Bureau of Investigation has investigative responsibility shall be made via the District Intelligence Officer or Intelligence Officer, River Naval Command.

(b) Outside the geographical limits of the United States and its territories, investigations will be conducted in accordance with the Delimitation Agreement and the directives of higher operational authority.

(7) Security control of visitors, military or civilian.

(8) When so ordered, the administrative processing and disposition of Marine Corps personnel whose retention in the Marine Corps is not clearly consistent with the interests of national security.

(9) Planning, supervision, and coordination of the training and employment of counter-intelligence personnel under his command.

b. Civil Security.

(1) Establishment and maintenance of security control over nonmilitary personnel permanently or temporarily residing in areas or employed by activities under his command jurisdiction.

(2) Counterintelligence control of restricted or prohibited areas.

(3) Imposition, supervision, and coordination of civil censorship measures when directed.

5. Counterintelligence Responsibilities Peculiar to a Commander of a Supporting Establishment.

a. Military Security.

(1) Keeping the Commandant of the Marine Corps informed of matters relating to counter-intelligence and security.

(2) Coordination of intelligence and security matters with the Commandant of the Naval District or River Naval Command.

(3) Commanders of activities physically located within Naval Districts or River Naval Commands will require Marine Corps counterintelligence personnel to report in person to the appropriate District Intelligence Officer or Intelligence Officer, River Naval Command upon their assignment to counterintelligence duties for instructions concerning the extent of their participation in investigations for which the Office of Naval Intelligence is responsible in accordance with the Delimitation Agreement and for technical control and guidance in other counterintelligence matters. This close personal relationship should be maintained on a continuing basis.

(4) Coordination with commanders of Fleet Marine Force units in counterintelligence matters of common interest.

b. Civil Security. Reporting to the Commandant of the Marine Corps and the local Office of Naval Intelligence representative, activities or attitudes in the local communities adjacent to his command which constitute a security threat to the Naval establishment.

6. Counterintelligence Responsibilities Peculiar to a Commander of the Fleet Marine Force.

a. Military Security.

(1) Planning, supervision and coordination of the counterintelligence aspects of guerilla warfare, escape and evasion, counterpropaganda, psychological warfare, handling of prisoners of war and friendly agents, counterreconnaissance, troop movements, camouflage, and other tactical measures as required in combat situations.

(2) Conduct of such deceptive activities, countermeasures activities, and offensive counterintelligence operations as circumstances require.

(3) Operation of special interrogation facilities in operational areas for the collection of counterintelligence information from selected individuals such as enemy agents, prisoner of war returnees, civilians recovered from enemy occupied territory, and informants.

(4) Collection and dissemination of counterintelligence information.

(5) Assistance to the commander of a Supporting Establishment in coordinating counterintelligence matters when located at a Supporting Establishment.

b. Civil Security

(1) Investigation and screening of indigenous civilian personnel in foreign areas who are being considered for positions of trust by the command.

(2) Establishment of maximum control over refugees, displaced persons and other civilians to insure the successful completion of the combat mission.

(3) Investigation and removal of questionable civil officials in areas of combat operation.

c. Port, Frontier, and Travel Security. Coordination with appropriate authorities of port, frontier, and travel security control in territory under the jurisdiction of the command as directed.

7. General Counterintelligence Operations. Counterintelligence operations are for the most part active rather than passive, preventive rather than punitive. Counterintelligence personnel are assigned to a command to assist in counterintelligence matters. They are responsible to the Commander or his designated representative.

a. In accordance with the Delimitation Agreement between the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the military departments, responsibility for the investigation of activities coming under the categories of espionage, counterespionage, subversion, and sabotage is divided between four government agencies. The Office of Naval Intelligence was designated as being responsible for: (a) the investigation and disposal of all cases in these categories involving active and retired personnel of the naval service; (b) the disposal, but not investigation, of all cases in these categories involving civilian employees of the Navy in the United States, the territories of Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands; (c) the investigation and disposal of all cases in these categories involving civilian employees of the naval service stationed in areas other than the United States and the territories listed above, except that part of such investigations as have ramifications in the United States and aforementioned territories; (d) the investigation of all cases in these categories involving civilians and foreign nationals who are not employees of other subscribing organizations in areas where the Navy Commander has supreme jurisdiction over the armed forces stationed therein, including possessions of the United States other than the territories of Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

b. Counterintelligence personnel may be assigned any or all of the following general duties:

(1) Deliver security lectures to troops and perform other duties required for general security indoctrination.

(2) Analysis of investigative reports and the supervision of the administrative procedures incident to the granting and termination of security clearances in the case of military and civilian personnel.

(3) Conduct security surveys and inspections of installations, offices, and activities, and recommend any remedial action.

(4) Conduct investigations of actual, attempted or suspected espionage, sabotage and subversion when specifically requested by the Office of Naval Intelligence. In areas where facilities of Naval Intelligence do not exist, such investigations should be undertaken on the direct



and specific request of the authority designated in the Delimitation Agreement as responsible.

- (5) Advise and assist in the planning and control of censorship.
- (6) Plan and participate in a continuous counterintelligence training program.
- (7) Keep commanders informed concerning subversive individuals, groups, and political parties that constitute a threat to the security of the Marine Corps activity or operation.
- (8) Conduct counterintelligence planning as required.
- (9) Keep records and files as necessary to accomplish assigned missions.
- (10) Perform such other duties as command authority may determine to be within the counterintelligence mission.

c. Counterintelligence personnel filling table of organization counterintelligence billets should be qualified for and possess the requisite Military Occupational Specialty and should not be employed for combat intelligence duties; routine prisoner of war interrogations; investigations involving black market activities, vice, atrocities, war crimes, or criminal activities; activities involving the welfare of the civilian population; searches for missing members of United States forces; prisoner of war guards; escorts for arrested persons or witnesses in connection with trials or investigations not within the scope of the counterintelligence mission; or investigations which are the proper function of another military agency. Counterintelligence personnel in excess of authorized billets may be assigned to other duties, preferably, however, in intelligence sections.

8. Counterintelligence Operations Peculiar to Supporting Establishments. In the conduct of investigations by the Office of Naval Intelligence involving known, attempted or suspected espionage, sabotage or subversion the District Intelligence Officer or Intelligence Officer, River Naval Command may request, through the commanding officer, the assistance of Marine counterintelligence personnel, providing that such assistance is confined geographically to the limits of the establishment for which the commanding officer is responsible, and such adjacent cities, towns or communities as designated by the commanding officer.

a. Commanders of Supporting Establishments will require representatives of government investigative agencies to secure their permission prior to conducting investigations within their commands.

b. Counterintelligence personnel of Supporting Establishments should be assigned in the intelligence section to operate under the control of the Intelligence Officer.

c. Counterintelligence personnel may be assigned the following duties in addition to those listed in paragraph 7.b.:

- (1) Advise and assist commanders in establishing and maintaining security control of visitors - military or civilian, citizen or foreign national.
- (2) Advise and assist commanders in the security control of foreign nationals undergoing training or indoctrination.

9. Counterintelligence Operations Peculiar to the Fleet Marine Forces. The jurisdiction of counterintelligence personnel assigned to the Fleet Marine Force is dependent upon the limitations imposed by their immediate commander, by the counterintelligence responsibility of the command with which they are serving, by policies of higher commanders, existing international agreements, and the Delimitation Agreement.

a. Fleet Marine Force units within the boundaries of Naval Districts or River Naval Commands and not located at a Marine Corps Supporting Establishment will establish the relationships required of Supporting Establishments. Fleet Marine Force units within the boundaries of Naval Districts or River Naval Commands and located at a Marine Corps Supporting Establishments will coordinate such relationships with the commander of that Supporting Establishment. Fleet Marine Force units outside these boundaries will report matters of counterintelligence interest through



established Fleet command channels making appropriate Fleet Marine Force Commanders cognizant. Unless specifically prohibited, commanders may direct, without reference to Fleet commands, the exploitation of certain information sources and/or the exchange of counterintelligence information with friendly agencies outside the Fleet chain of command when such exchanges will facilitate the accomplishment of assigned missions.

b. Table of organization counterintelligence billets within Marine divisions, aircraft wings, and smaller units provide only the personnel required for planning and garrison operations. For operations and extensive training activities, counterintelligence teams must be attached to Marine divisions, aircraft wings, and other major commands to permit accomplishment of the counterintelligence mission. Fleet Marine Force Headquarters should attach such teams sufficiently in advance to permit their participation in the planning and training phases prior to an operation. Under normal circumstances counterintelligence personnel are not attached to subordinate echelons of Marine divisions, and aircraft wings, but are employed under the centralized control of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2.

c. Fleet Marine Force counterintelligence personnel may be assigned the following duties in addition to those listed in paragraph 7.b dependent upon the operational mission assigned the command.

(1) Collect, collate, and evaluate information regarding counterintelligence targets in enemy-held territory.

(2) Secure and exploit counterintelligence targets such as enemy agents, collaborationists, sympathizers, officials, communication centers, offices occupied by enemy intelligence services, police organizations, semi-military organizations, collaborationist bodies and the records or documents they may contain; also buildings, billets, and installations known or suspected to contain records of counterintelligence value.

(3) Prepare and maintain black, grey, and white lists. (Lists of persons whose attitude toward allied forces is known to be unfriendly, is unknown, is known to be friendly, respectively.)

(4) Establish and maintain informant networks outside United States forces.

(5) Assist in the discovery and collection of hidden armaments, equipment, or contraband.

(6) Take over signal communication centers and arrange for protection until arrival of communications personnel.

(7) Impound all captured mail.

(8) Stop or control publication of newspapers and other periodicals pending arrival of censors.

(9) Coordinate with military police in the prevention of looting and destruction of enemy material and documents by United States troops.

(10) Advise and assist in securing against sabotage, all public and private installations, the continued operation of which is essential to United States forces.

(11) In the event of evacuation or withdrawal of United States forces, search headquarters, bivouac areas, supply points, and other installations to insure removal or destruction of documents and materials that might be of intelligence value to the enemy.

(12) Assist and coordinate with military government units, military police, local authorities, and other appropriate units in the establishment of civil, port, frontier, and travel security control measures in the area of operation.

10. Screening of Applicants. Commanders will initiate a Background Investigation on all personnel at the time of selection for counterintelligence training.

11. Training. In addition to the basic training given to all Marines, counterintelligence personnel should receive team training incident to employment in combat operations. Every effort

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should be made to inject counterintelligence planning and operations into the unit training program to include field maneuvers. Commanders are also responsible for such additional training of their counterintelligence personnel as may be required to maintain their proficiency in counterintelligence duties.

12. Credentials. Special counterintelligence credentials will be furnished by this Headquarters for issue to authorized personnel, but are to be issued and restricted in their use in accordance with current directives.

13. Special Equipment and Civilian Clothing Allowance. Special counterintelligence equipment will be requisitioned through regular Marine Corps supply channels. Requests for civilian clothing allowances, required in the performance of counterintelligence duty will be forwarded to the Commandant of the Marine Corps in accordance with current instructions. Each request for such allowance will bear a justification for this special expenditure.

14. Special Funds. Funds allocated to the Commandant of the Marine Corps for use in connection with counterintelligence activities will be maintained and accounted for in accordance with special instructions promulgated by this Headquarters.

15. Identity of Personnel. The fact that the U. S. Marine Corps has counterintelligence personnel will not be considered classified information. Information concerning the number and names of personnel assigned to counterintelligence duty and their methods of operation will be released to the public only by authorization of this Headquarters. Counterintelligence methods of operation will be safeguarded in accordance with the regulations for security of classified matter. Emphasis, when necessary, will be placed upon the protection of the identity of counterintelligence personnel to insure the success of assigned missions.

16. Reserve Applicability. This Order is applicable to the Marine Corps Reserve.



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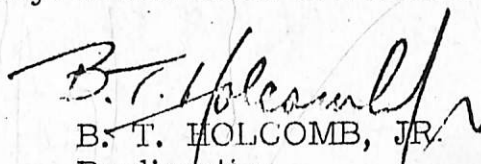
From: Commandant of the Marine Corps  
To: All Commanding Officers

Subj: Counterintelligence

1. Purpose. To change the estimated date of revision of Marine Corps Order 3850.1A.

2. Action. Make the following change to the basic order:

a. Page 1. Paragraph 1. Purpose. Change last sentence to read: Estimated date of substantial change to this order is 1 March 1958.

  
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