

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL INTELLIGENCE
DIRECTIVE NO. 2¹

COORDINATION OF COLLECTION ACTIVITIES
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To promote sound and efficient utilization of the several departmental and agency collecting and reporting facilities, in the interests of national security, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 102 of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, the National Security Council hereby authorizes and directs that the following over-all policies and objectives shall apply to the interdepartmental coordination of foreign intelligence collection activities not covered by other National Security Council Directives.

1. The Director of Central Intelligence, in consultation with the Intelligence Advisory Committee or individual members of the intelligence community, shall ensure that planning for the utilization of the collecting and reporting capabilities for intelligence purposes of each of the several departments and agencies avoids undesirable duplication and uncoordinated overlap and provides adequate coverage for national security purposes.

2. The Department of State shall have primary responsibility for, and shall perform as a service of common concern, the collection abroad² of political, sociological, economic, scientific and technical information.

3. The Departments of the Army, Navy and Air Force shall have primary responsibility for, and shall perform as a service of common concern, the collection abroad of Army, Naval, and Air intelligence information, respectively. Owing to the importance of scientific and technical intelligence to the military services, this collection responsibility shall include scientific and technical, as well as economic information pertinent to departmental missions.

4. The Central Intelligence Agency may collect abroad intelligence information in support of assigned functions or as a by-product of the assigned functions: *Provided*, That this collection involves no undesirable duplication of any of the specific assignments in paragraphs 2 or 3 above, and *Provided*, That any such overt collection is coordinated with the Department of State or with the Senior U. S. Representative.

5. The senior U.S. representative in each nation or foreign jurisdiction where the United States maintains official representation shall coordinate in his area the collection activities not covered by other National Security Council Directives. Full utilization shall be made of the assigned duties, individual initiative, or favorable contacts of departmental and agency representatives.

¹This Directive supersedes NSCID No. 2 of 1/13/48; NSCID No. 6 of 12/12/47; NSCID No. 7 of 2/12/48; NSCID No. 10 of 1/18/49 and NSCID No. 16 of 3/7/53.

²I.e., outside the United States and its possessions.

6. Intelligence information collected abroad in accordance with the terms of this Directive by any agency in the field shall, wherever possible, be transmitted immediately to the field representatives of the agency carrying out the foreign collection activity mentioned in paragraphs 2, 3, or 4, above, who shall then be responsible for its onward transmission: *Provided*, That the original collector shall not be enjoined from transmitting the information to his own headquarters.

7. The Central Intelligence Agency, as a service of common concern, shall be responsible for the selective exploitation within the United States of non-governmental organizations and individuals as sources of foreign intelligence information, in accordance with policies, procedures and practices established as provided in paragraph 5 of NSCID No. 1, by the Director of Central Intelligence with the concurrence of the Intelligence Advisory Committee.

8. The Central Intelligence Agency shall conduct, as a service of common concern, monitoring of foreign radio and television propaganda and press broadcasts required for the collection of intelligence information to meet the needs of all departments and agencies in connection with the national security and shall disseminate such intelligence information to the several departments and agencies which have an authorized interest therein.

9. The Central Intelligence Agency shall conduct the exploitation of foreign language publications for intelligence purposes, as appropriate, as a service of common concern. The Director of Central Intelligence shall coordinate this activity with similar activities maintained by the departments and agencies to satisfy their own requirements.

10. Departments and agencies carrying out the collection activities mentioned above shall recognize, in establishing collection programs, the needs of the other departments and agencies.