

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE NO. 1/10

SECURITY POLICY GUIDANCE ON LIAISON RELATIONSHIPS WITH
FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATIONS AND FOREIGN
SECURITY SERVICES

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Pursuant to the provisions of NSCID No. 1, and in order to provide security guidance to representatives of US departments, agencies and military commands who conduct, supervise or coordinate liaison with foreign intelligence and security services, the following is established:

1. The fact of broad, general intelligence cooperation with countries or groups of countries with which the United States maintains formal military alliances or agreements (e.g., NATO) is unclassified.

2. The fact of intelligence cooperation between the United States and a specific governmental component in an allied country (see 1 above), or description of the nature of intelligence cooperation between the United States and any allied country, is classified Secret unless a different classification is specified.

3. The fact of intelligence cooperation between the United States and specifically named foreign countries and governmental components thereof with which the United States is not allied is normally classified not less than Secret.

4. Details of or specifics concerning any intelligence exchange agreement will be classified according to content.

5. The identities of foreign governmental or military personnel who provide intelligence pursuant to such agreements or liaison relationships will be protected at the same level of classification which applies to the fact of the intelligence cooperation, or at such different level as may be required by their governments or individual circumstances.

6. Information classified in accordance with paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 5 above shall not be released to any foreign country or its representatives except by the mutual agreement of the United States and the foreign country whose intelligence cooperation is involved.

7. Information classified in accordance with this guidance shall be exempt from the provisions of the General Declassification Schedule of Executive Order 11652 under exemptions 5B(1) or 5B(3). Information about the nature of a relationship may be declassified only in accordance with the mutual desires of the United States and the foreign government.

8. This Directive does not apply to any liaison relationship that is concerned with US internal security functions, or with criminal or disciplinary matters that are not directly related to foreign intelligence.

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