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DIRECTIVE NO. 7

CRITICAL INTELLIGENCE COMMUNICATIONS
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Pursuant to Sections 101 and 102, as amended, of the National Security Act of 1947, in order that the President and other members of the National Security Council may be provided with timely critical intelligence, the National Security Council hereby authorizes and directs that:

1. There shall be established communications means for the most timely transmission of critical intelligence, particularly that related to early warning of Soviet attack.

2. The Secretary of Defense shall be the Executive Agent of the Government to provide for the establishment, operation, and perfection of such communications means, necessary to provide the most timely transmission of critical intelligence to higher authorities. In the execution of this responsibility, he shall effect coordination with other Government agencies in order that their communications facilities may be utilized to the extent deemed practicable.

3. The Director of Central Intelligence, with the advice and support of the members of the United States Intelligence Board, shall provide the Secretary of Defense with continuing guidance as to the communications requirements of the intelligence community for the transmission of critical intelligence.

4. The Director of Central Intelligence, in consultation with the members of the United States Intelligence Board, shall define critical intelligence and establish uniform criteria for the identification, selection and designation of relative priority for the transmission of critical intelligence.

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