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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

(ATTN: General G. B. Erskine, USMC-Ret,
 Assistant to the Secretary of Defense,
 Special Operations)

SUBJECT: External Support of the National Security Agency (U)

REFERENCES: (a) NSCID #6 dtd 15 Sep 58

(b) DOD DIR S-5100.19 dtd 19 Mar 59

(c) DOD DIR S-5100.20 dtd 19 Mar 59

(d) DOD DIR S-3115.2 dtd 19 Mar 59

(e) DOD DIR S-3115.4 dtd 19 Mar 59

(f) DOD DIR 5100.23 dtd 25 Aug 59

(g) DOD DIR 4000.19 dtd 26 Mar 60

1. Under the terms of reference (a) and its implementing directives, references (b) through (f), the Director of the National Security Agency is charged with making maximum use of established facilities and resources of departments and agencies within the Department of Defense for the support of this Agency. In turn, the military departments are charged with providing support on the basis of the annual requirements as determined and submitted by the Director, NSA.

2. Reference (g) established policies and principles for interservice support. Although this directive indicates applicability to all elements of DOD, this Agency interprets it to apply only to the military departments because it conflicts with policies established for NSA by references (a) through (f). Before the issuance of reference (g), a clear understanding existed between the supporting departments and NSA that the support of NSA was to be funded by the respective supporting element and furnished on a nonreimbursable basis to NSA. Since the establishment of this Agency in 1952, the accepted practice has been for the military departments to provide NSA with external support on a nonreimbursable basis. By such an arrangement, NSA has been able to concentrate its own funds on operational aspects directly related to the SIGINT and COMSEC missions of the Agency.

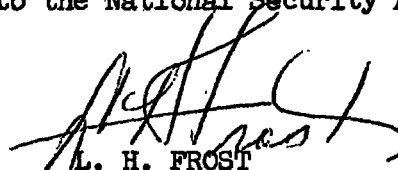
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3. Conforming with reference (g), the military departments responsible for the support of NSA are placing certain requested items of support on a cross-servicing basis which will require funding by this Agency. Cross-service support will necessitate increased manpower for this Agency in the areas of programming and accounting and will cause duplication of those efforts now in existence. This procedure is in positive disagreement with the tasking of references (a) through (f).

4. It is requested that the Secretary of Defense indicate the continued applicability of references (a) through (f) and non-applicability of reference (g) to the National Security Agency.



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M/R: Since the issuance of references (b) through (e), the Services have attempted to interpret the broadly written directives as a means of establishing a cross-service type of support for NSA. The publication of DOD DIR 4000.19 (without coordination with NSA) has provided the Services the means, even though tenuous, to establish cross-service support practices. Through support letters and tenant-unit agreements, NSA has been told that beginning FY-63 certain of common-service support items will become cross-service (reimbursable) items. Attempts have been made also in this direction for FY-62. A clear-cut decision on the nonreimbursable concept of support for NSA is required. The entire vehicle for planning and programming external support should be reviewed with the idea of placing the program on a more permanent basis. But prior to such a review, NSA either must be exempt from meeting the support policies of DOD DIR 4000.19 or must be prepared to pay for support. Coordinated w/COMP, PROD-02, LOG, and OPS/Policy.

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