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1. Your comments on the attached plan are requested by 31 July.

2. It will be noted that this is a revision of Enclosure "C" to the draft staff study circulated to all addressees on 27 June 1951.

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A PLAN FOR AFSA FIELD ACTIVITIES OVERSEAS

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ENCLOSURE "A"

MISSION

The mission of an AFSA Field Activity will be to:

1. Coordinate the operations of Service COMINT activities in the area; coordinate these activities with those of AFSA; and, coordinate these activities with the COMINT activities of any foreign power in the area with whom COMINT collaboration is authorized by the United States Communications Intelligence Board (USCIB) or the Joint Chiefs of Staff.
2. Provide technical support, including specialized training and personnel, to Service COMINT activities in the area.
3. Conduct field solution and exploitation, within its capabilities and as directed by the Director, AFSA, on material obtained from intercept in the area of its location, whenever it is determined by joint agreement that such solution and exploitation is beyond the capabilities of individual Service units in the area and that such solution and exploitation can be most effectively and efficiently accomplished in the AFSA Field Activity.
4. Conduct cryptologic interrogation of prisoners of war or other foreign personnel, and conduct the integrated collection and examination of captured cryptologic documents and equipment, in the area.
5. Support any Unified Commander in the area as required by him, and provide COMINT information which it produces to authorized recipients in integrated, Unified, and individual Service commands in the area.

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1. All officers and personnel of an AFSA Field Activity will be selected from military and civilian personnel assigned to AFSA.
2. An AFSA Field Activity will consist of:
  - a. An officer-in-charge selected by the Director, AFSA, in accordance with the principle of primary Service interest in the area, as described in paragraph 5 of the Appendix to Enclosure "A" to J.C.S. 1259/27.
  - b. Two assistant officers-in-charge, one from each of the other two Services, also selected by the Director, AFSA.
  - c. Adequate technical personnel from the authorized strength of AFSA to carry out the operations described in Enclosure "C", including personnel for coordination functions, communications, intercept control, traffic analysis, cryptanalysis, machine operations, translation, and information and collateral activities.
  - d. Such communications and specialized equipment as are required to carry out the operations described in Enclosure "C".

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## 1. An AFSA Field Activity will:

a. Coordinate the COMINT activities of AFSA and the AFSA Field Activity with those of the individual Services in the area. Such coordination is to have as its principal purpose the goal of placing COMINT production as close as practicable to the field commander who will utilize the COMINT product operationally, with adequate insurance that this product will also be available to any Unified or Service commander in the area who may require it.

b. Coordinate all Service COMINT activities in the area, in order to insure that the full benefits of COMINT are available to all commanders in the area. Such coordination will consist of recommendations to the Service COMINT activities concerning the utilization of intercept and processing resources, and concerning the exchange of personnel, equipment, techniques, and technical information (keys, codebooks, casebook information, traffic analysis data, etc.) among the Services. If coordinating recommendations are not effective, the recommendations shall be presented to the Unified Commander in the area or his designated intelligence officer. Matters unresolved by this procedure shall be presented to AFSAAC through the Director, AFSA.

c. Provide technical support and technical information including specialized training, specialized equipment, and technical personnel to all Service field processing units in the area. This assistance will normally be provided upon the request of and through the senior

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cryptologic unit of the requesting Service in the area, and will be distributed as equitably as possible, with due regard to the operational and strategic interest, and to the COMINT effort, of the individual Services in an area.

d. Advise the Unified or Service commanders in the area on COMINT matters.

e. Provide the personnel and staff to perform such functions as are required by the Director, AFSA, in his capacity as USCIB Coordinator. These functions will include the authoritative coordination of all COMINT liaison in the area between U.S. units or personnel with those of any collaborating foreign power. The Officer-in-Charge of an AFSA Field Activity will normally be empowered to act for the USCIB Coordinator, in accordance with current USCIB policies, on all matters affecting COMINT liaison.

f. Interrogate prisoners of war and other foreign personnel in the area who may have information of value to any U.S. COMINT activity, and forward the results of such interrogations through appropriate Service and AFSA channels; and conduct the integrated collection and examination of captured cryptologic documents and equipment in the area.

g. Exercise intercept control for the Director, AFSA, over such local intercept sources as may be allocated to the AFSA Field Activity by the Director, AFSA, from those controlled by AFSA.

h. Perform cryptanalytic operations (isolation, identification, and solution), as may be authorized by the Director, AFSA, upon pertinent traffic intercepted in the area of its location.

i. Within its capabilities and as authorized by the Director, AFSA, perform traffic analysis upon, and otherwise exploit for intelligence purposes (including decryption and translation), all foreign communications intercepted under direction of the AFSA Field Activity or referred to it by Service field COMINT activities or by

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AFSA, or as required by the intelligence interests of a Unified Commander or an individual U.S. Service commander in the area.

1. Perform centralized plotting of direction-finding operations in the area.

k. Perform radio-finger-printing analysis upon all available targets in the area.

l. Distribute the final product of the operations of the AFSA Field Activity to the Special Security Officer or other designated intelligence officer of the Unified or Service commanders in the area.

m. Maintain and operate an information and collateral service for its own technical personnel and for interpretive personnel of the intelligence units whom it serves, and maintain contact with local document centers of all Services to obtain such collateral information.

n. Maintain and operate ancillary facilities unique to, or having unique application to, COMINT processing (specialized IBM equipment, specialized electronic equipment, specialized photographic equipment, etc.).

2. Control and logistic support of each AFSA Field Activity will be as agreed in each specific instance between the Director, AFSA, and the Unified Commander near whose Headquarters the activity is located. Personnel and facilities may be assigned temporarily to the operational control of individual Service cryptologic units in the area, as mutually

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agreed. AFSA Field Activities will not exercise operational control or direction over Service COMINT activities, except over those intercept positions allocated to AFSA and those activities temporarily placed under operational control of an AFSA Field Activity by a Service.

3. AFSA Field Activities will provide COMINT support directly to Unified and Service commanders in a general area, which may or may not coincide with those of a Service or Unified Command.

4. Upon establishment of an AFSA Field Activity in an area, it will absorb any AFSA Field Weather Processing Unit (FWPU) in that area.

5. AFSA Field Activities will communicate and exchange COMINT material directly with each other and with AFSA Headquarters and with Service COMINT field organizations.

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1. Responsibility for logistic support of an AFSA Field Activity will be assigned as agreed by the Director, AFSA, and the Unified Commander near whose Headquarters the AFSA Field Activity is located.

2. Budget requests for the operation and maintenance of an AFSA Field Activity shall be included in AFSA budget presentations. Funds shall be transferred to appropriate accounts for provision of the logistic support described in paragraph 1 above.

3. Specialized intercept and analytic equipment shall be supplied by the AFSA Field Activity to any Service field activity requiring such equipment, within the limits of the capabilities of AFSA.

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