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REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR, ARMED FORCES SECURITY AGENCY

to the

JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

on

CHANGE IN TITLE OF "ARMED FORCES COMMUNICATIONS INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COUNCIL"

Reference: J.C.S. 2010

THE PROBLEM

1. In the light of the facts set forth in the Enclosure, to consider a change in the title of the Armed Forces Communications Intelligence Advisory Council.

FACTS BEARING ON THE PROBLEM AND DISCUSSION

2. See the Enclosure.

CONCLUSION

3. The present title "Armed Forces Communications Intelligence Advisory Council" is not desirable either from the standpoint of security or accuracy and should therefore be changed to "Armed Forces Security Agency Council (AFSAC)".

RECOMMENDATION

4. It is recommended that the memorandum in the Enclosure be forwarded to the Secretary of Defense.

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ENCLOSURE

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

1. At the request of the Director, Armed Forces Security Agency (AFSA), the Joint Chiefs of Staff have considered a change in name of the Armed Forces Communication Intelligence Advisory Council (AFCIAC), which was established pursuant to your directive, dated 20 May, 1949.* For your information, the Joint Chiefs of Staff believe that the name of said Council should be changed to the "Armed Forces Security Agency Council (AFSAC)" for the following reasons:

a. An undesirable security risk exists in that a connection might be established between the two activities (AFSA and AFCIAC) which would reveal the communication intelligence aspect of the Agency's activities.

b. The mission of AFCIAC includes the field of communications security as well as communications intelligence, and thus the present title of AFCIAC is semi-complete.

c. The title of the residual communications intelligence activities of each of the armed Services is unclassified, but as a security measure in each case the term "communications intelligence" has not been used.

d. In a similar title problem, the United States Communications Intelligence Board (USCIB) directed that both its full and abbreviated titles be classified RESTRICTED because of retention in the title of the term "communications intelligence".

e. It is difficult in practice to safeguard any classified title which necessarily is used frequently in conversations and correspondence.

* See Enclosure and Appendix to J.C.S. 2010

f. At its 4th meeting, AFCIAC agreed that its title should be changed in order to conform to the Joint Chiefs of Staff practice regarding nonclassification of titles of its subordinate groups, and at the same time preclude any security risk.

2. Accordingly, the Joint Chiefs of Staff recommend that, if you concur, you authorize the change in title as suggested above.