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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: Hazardous Activities.

1. The enclosed proposed directive on Hazardous Activities has been approved in substance by USCIBEC. Vote sheet replies indicated that the directive could be construed to require retroactive action insofar as assignment of personnel to groups in accordance with the extent of their knowledge of COMINT is concerned. As this was not the intent of the directive, certain revisions have been made, subsequent to USCIBEC approval, in order to clarify this point. These revisions are not considered to affect the substance of the proposed directive.

2. Accordingly, in the absence of objection by any member prior to 1700, Friday, 25 June 1954, the USCIBEC decision noted above, and the indicated non-substantive amendments thereto will be considered approved, and the enclosed directive will be issued as USCIB policy to all concerned.


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Enclosure
Proposed Directive

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USCIB DIRECTIVE NUMBER 14 (CIBD # 14)

(Approved by USCIB on 25 June 1954)

ASSIGNMENT OF COMINT PERSONNEL TO HAZARDOUS DUTIES

I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this directive is to prescribe USCIB policy concerning engagement in hazardous activities by personnel who are or have been indoctrinated for COMINT.

II. DEFINITIONS

Hazardous Activities - For the purpose of this directive, hazardous activities are those which place a person in a position where he runs a substantial risk of being captured or otherwise subjected to interrogation, e.g.:

- a. Duties behind enemy lines, or in shore operations off an enemy or Iron Curtain country.
- b. Flights over enemy or Iron Curtain territory unless on recognized corridor routes.
- c. Raids, minor formation attacks, underwater demolition operations, and service with a unit or formation forward of Division Headquarters.
- d. Duty in or visits to Iron Curtain countries and also other areas where from time to time local conditions are considered to involve an unacceptable risk.
- e. Transit through the Soviet Zones of Germany and Austria unless in authorized military or diplomatic transport on regular routes.

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A. GENERAL -

1. Whenever the duties of any person who has had access to COMINT are about to be terminated or he is scheduled for reassignment and is deemed to have current knowledge of value about COMINT (whether currently indoctrinated or not) such that his capture or interrogation could be a substantial risk to the security of COMINT, a determination shall be made in accordance with the extent of that knowledge, into which of the groups listed in paragraph B1 below he shall be considered to belong. Every effort shall be made to ensure that such a person is not assigned to, or does not engage in official activities of a hazardous nature prior to expiration of the time limitations specified for that group to which it is determined that he belongs.

2. All possible action shall be taken to discourage or prevent any person who has knowledge of current value about COMINT from engaging in hazardous activities in an unofficial capacity at any time.

B. ASSIGNMENT TO GROUPS -

1. Persons having knowledge of current value about COMINT are divided into four groups as follows:

a. GROUP A - Producers of Category I COMINT who have no knowledge of other Categories are classed as Group A. They may be assigned to hazardous activities only on the authority of senior officers. (No restrictions are applied to the recipients or non-indoctrinated producers of Category I COMINT only.)

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b. GROUP B - Individuals who have knowledge of current value about Category II COMINT are classed as Group B. They may be assigned to hazardous activities only after six months separation from such material.

c. GROUP C - Individuals, other than those specified in subparagraph d. below, who have knowledge of current value about Category III COMINT are classed as Group C. They may be assigned to hazardous activities only after a separation of one year or longer from this type of information.

d. GROUP D - Individuals with precise knowledge of COMINT processing techniques, competence, or potential, regarding the more sensitive Category III COMINT material are classed as Group D. They shall not be assigned to hazardous activities at any time.

2. Responsibility for assignment of persons to Groups A, B, C or D above, and cancellation after appropriate post de-briefing intervals rests with the parent USCIB member. USCIB member departments or agencies using indoctrinated persons from another member department or agency shall, upon release of such individuals to their parent activity, furnish that activity with suitable recommendations regarding the group to which those individuals should be assigned.

C. EXCEPTIONS - Exceptions to the above policy shall be authorized only after careful consideration in each instance of the advantages to be gained, as opposed to the risk involved. In considering

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exceptions to Paragraph II. d. the protection offered by diplomatic status should not automatically be considered sufficient, but should be assessed in the light of the particular circumstances involved.

1. An exception in the case of GROUP A, B or C personnel shall be approved by the USCIB member of the department or agency concerned. The Executive Secretary USCIB shall be promptly notified of each exception approved.

2. An exception in the case of GROUP D personnel shall be approved by USCIB.

D. IMPLEMENTING INSTRUCTIONS -

1. Instructions restricting assignment of personnel as outlined in Paragraph B. 1. above shall be issued by each member department or agency to its appropriate personnel assignment office. These instructions should permit of no exceptions, other than in an emergency, without prior reference to the USCIB member concerned.

2. Copies of such implementing instructions as are issued should be provided the Executive Secretary, USCIB, for information.

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