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FILE NO	SUBJECT Implementation of NSC COMSEC Directive
TO C/SEC R/D P/P	FROM DCS/P DATE 21 Oct 53 Mr. Larkin/60605 COMMENT NO 1

1. The National Security Council Directive on Communications Security has established the United States Communications Security Board and designated the Department of Defense as Executive Agent of the Government for all COMSEC matters. The Directive further states that the Director of the National Security Agency shall act for the Executive Agent in certain stated COMSEC matters.

2. With respect to the Military Departments, the Director, NSA, is required to perform his COMSEC functions under the immediate direction of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

3. The COMSEC Board will soon be activated and a Chairman pro tem will be named pending the election of a Chairman by the Board.

4. The Director, NSA, has recommended that the Secretary of Defense establish an ad hoc working group, chaired by the Director, NSA, to develop all appropriate and necessary directives for formal implementation within the Department of Defense of the provisions of the COMSEC Directive.

5. It is necessary that the Director be provided with certain initial concepts and plans for guiding his activities with the Board and the working group. The Deputy Chief of Staff/Plans and Operations, has been assigned the task of monitoring NSA activities pertaining to implementation of the NSC Directive on COMSEC. The Chief, Plans and Policy Division, has been directed to establish certain committees and to coordinate the assembly and final production of position papers on subjects to be discussed by the Board and the Working Group.

6. The following Committees and Study Groups are established for the purpose of preparing NSA positions on the tasks assigned:

a. Committee A: Department of Defense Implementing Directive

- (1) Members: Captain D. M. Agnew, DCS/P, Chairman
Colonel John J. Davis, P/P
Mr. James H. Douglas, P/P
Mr. John J. Larkin, P/P
Colonel F. E. Herrelko, C/SEC
Mr. H. L. Clark, C/SEC
Dr. S. Kullback, R/D

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- (2) Task: To prepare NSA versions of Department of Defense Directives implementing the NSC Directive on Communications Security.
- (3) Due Date, initial report: 4 November 1953
- (4) Committee A will be assisted by the following study groups:

(a) Study Group A: JCS - NSA Relationships

1. Members: Mr. James H. Douglas, P/P, Chairman
Major Robert P. Goolsby, P/P
CDR H. V. Wardlow, C/SEC
Mr. C. C. Corry, C/SEC
Miss K. Ross, C/SEC
2. Tasks: To prepare for Committee A recommendations on the manner in which the Director, NSA, will perform his functions with respect to the Military Departments under the immediate direction of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the extent of control to be exercised by the JCS in their direction of the Director, NSA.
3. Due Date, initial report: 30 October 1953

(b) Study Group B: Research and Development

1. Members: Dr. S. Kullback, R/D, Chairman
Mr. Warren H. Turner, Jr., R/D
Mr. H. L. Clark, C/SEC
Mr. C. Werals, C/SEC
Major Robert H. Dean, P/P
2. Tasks: To prepare for Committee A recommendations on the execution of COMSEC research and development in the Department of Defense.
3. Due Date, initial report: 30 October 1953

(c) Study Group C: Conduct of Foreign Liaison

1. Members: Mr. Oliver Kirby, P/P, Chairman
Mr. N. M. Murphy, P/P
Mr. C. C. Corry, C/SEC
Miss K. Ross, C/SEC
Lt. Colonel John J. Courtney, R/D
Mr. George Vergine, PROD

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2. Task: To prepare for Committee A recommendations on the methods and manner of conducting liaison on technical COMSEC and related matters with the cryptologic authorities of foreign nations and international organizations.

3. Due Date, initial report: 30 October 1953

b. Committee B: U.S. Communications Security Board Matters

(1) Members: Colonel J. O. Gregory, P/P, Chairman
Mr. James H. Douglas, P/P
Mr. N. M. Murphy, P/P
Mr. H. L. Clark, C/SEC
Mr. C. C. Corry, C/SEC

(2) Task: To prepare for the Director, position papers pertaining to the organization of the Board, procedures of the Board, Board Directives, and Standing Committees.

(3) Due Date, initial report: 12 November 1953

(4) Committee B will be assisted by the following Study Groups:

(a) Study Group D: Executive Secretary

1. Members: Colonel J. O. Gregory, P/P, Chairman
Mr. J. J. Larkin, P/P
CDR H. V. Wardlow, C/SEC
Mr. D. Crookery, C/SEC

2. Task: To prepare for Committee B recommendations on the functions and duties of the Executive Secretary of the Board.

3. Due Date, initial report: 9 November 1953

(b) Study Group E: Standing Committees

1. Members: Mr. H. L. Clark, C/SEC, Chairman
CDR H. V. Wardlow, C/SEC
Miss K. Ross, C/SEC
Mr. Willis Ryan, P/P
Major W. Carson, P/P

2. Task: To prepare for Committee B recommendations on permanent committees to be established by the Board and their duties and functions.

3. Due Date, initial report: 9 November 1953

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7. The Committees and Study Groups will meet at the call of the Chairman. Committee and Study Group Chairmen are to consider the tasks assigned as broad in scope, and their groups will consider all matters believed to be pertinent to their assigned tasks. The final reports of the Committees and Study Groups are to be forwarded to Plans and Policy Division.



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MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF COMSEC DIRECTIVE

	COMMITTEE A	STUDY GROUP A	STUDY GROUP B	STUDY GROUP C	COMMITTEE B	STUDY GROUP D	STUDY GROUP E
AGNEW	X						
DAVIS	X						
DOUGLAS	X	X			X		
LARKIN	X					X	
HERRICKO	X						
CLARK	X		X		X		X
KULLBACK	X		X		Info		
GOOLSBY		X					
WARDLOW		X				X	X
CORRY		X		X	X		
ROSS		X		X			X
TURNER		Info	X				
WERNLE			X				
DEAN			X				
KIRBY				X			
MURPHY				X	X		
COURTNEY				X			
GREGORY					X	X	
CROSKERY						X	
RYAN							X
CARSON							X

R/D has requested information copies of the papers produced by the committees where "Info" is shown.

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