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CONTROL OF ASSIGNMENT TO HAZARDOUS ACTIVITIES

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SECTION I - SUPERSESSON

This regulation supersedes NSA Regulation Number 31-1 dated 21 December 1954.

SECTION II - PURPOSE

The purpose of this Regulation is to establish guidance and to delineate the policy and procedures governing the reassignment to hazardous activities of National Security Agency military personnel who are, or have been, indoctrinated for COMINT.

SECTION III - DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Regulation, 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.

SECTION IV - GROUP ASSIGNMENTS

1. Whenever any individual in the military service, who is assigned to NSA and who has had access to COMINT material, is scheduled for reassignment or termination of duty, an evaluation will be made as to the extent and value of his current knowledge of COMINT. Individuals having knowledge of current value about COMINT are divided into four groups:

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a. Group "A" - Producers of Category I COMINT who have no knowledge of other Categories are classified as Group "A". Personnel in this group may be assigned to hazardous activities on the recommendation of the Director, National Security Agency, to the parent service concerned.

b. Group "B" - Individuals who have knowledge of current value about Category II COMINT are classified as Group "B". Personnel in this group may be assigned to hazardous activities only after six months separation from such material.

c. Group "C" - Individuals, other than those specified in sub-paragraph d. below, who have knowledge of current value about Category III COMINT, are classified as Group "C". Personnel in this group 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 materials are classified as Group "D". Personnel in this group shall not be assigned to hazardous activities at any time.

2. Further delineation of the guides for categorization of groups may be found in USCIB Directive No. 7 of 16 May 1955.

SECTION V - IMPLEMENTATION

1. Policy - When an individual in the military service is scheduled for release from NSA for reassignment, suitable recommendations with regard to limitations on assignment to hazardous activities will be made to the parent service.

2. Responsibility and Procedures:

a. The Chief, Security Division, is responsible for insuring that a report with appropriate recommendations as to limitations on assignment to hazardous duty is made to the parent service. Such a report shall be made in sufficient time to permit the information to be utilized in the preparation of orders.

b. The Chief, Personnel Division, is responsible for forwarding monthly to the Chiefs of Staff Elements and of Major Operating Elements concerned a machine roster. (RCS-NSA-245 Revised 5 Apr 55) listing those individuals who will complete their NSA tour or Estimated Tour of Service seven months subsequent to the current month. Two copies of this machine run will be returned to the Personnel Division not later than the first working day of the following calendar month and will indicate the following:

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- (1) The group in which the individual is classified as defined in Section III of this regulation.
- (2) Remark stating an extension of NSA tour either personal or operational is being requested. When an extension is required, full justification for the extension will be forwarded on a separate Disposition Form to the Chief, Personnel Division.

c. The Chief, Personnel Division, will forward a copy of the aforesaid machine run to the Chief, Security Division, who will, in turn, forward to the parent service the recommendations regarding limitations of assignments to hazardous activities.

3. Unscheduled Release - In the event of an unscheduled release of an individual (quick release), the notification pertaining to assignment to hazardous activities will become a part of the NSA clearance procedure prior to release from the Agency.

SECTION VI - SUPERVISION

Staff supervision of the policy established herein is the responsibility of the Chief, Security Division.

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