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INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY HISTORY PROGRAMS

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A. AUTHORITY: The National Security Act of 1947, as amended, the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004, and other applicable provisions of law.

B. PURPOSE: The United States Intelligence Community (IC) has an obligation to learn from its history and its performance and to document its activities. This Intelligence Community Directive (ICD) establishes policy and outlines responsibilities for the production of historical products and services by IC history programs.

C. APPLICABILITY: This directive applies to the IC, as defined by the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, and other departments or agencies that may be designated by the President, or designated jointly by the Director of National Intelligence and the head of the department or agency concerned, as an element of the IC.

D. POLICY:

1. Each IC agency/organization shall establish and maintain a professional historical capability, consisting of a formal history unit as appropriate, to document, analyze and advance an understanding of the history of the agency or organization and its predecessors.

2. IC history programs will coordinate their activities with other IC components through the IC Senior Historians Panel.

E. RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. The history capability established by each IC agency/organization shall:

a. Provide objective historical support to the agency or organization leadership and workforce to enhance decision-making, historical perspective, and esprit de corps.

b. Advance an understanding of U.S. intelligence history for the IC, other federal government agencies, and within security parameters, and as needs of the mission and availability of resources dictate, with the public, the academic community, and other interested parties.

c. As appropriate, engage in activities such as the publication of historical studies and documentary collections, the provision of historical reference services, the presentation of historical lectures and discussions, the integration of history into appropriate education and training programs, the assembly of oral history collections, the interpretive exhibition of historical artifacts, and outreach programs to the academic community and general public.

d. As appropriate, coordinate with their respective Lessons Learned offices to facilitate the incorporation of historical lessons and best practices into current and future operations of their organizations.

2. The IC Senior Historians Panel shall:

a. Provide a forum for IC historians to share ideas and information on the operation of history programs and how the functioning of the IC as a system can best be documented.

b. Be chaired by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) Historian.

c. Include representatives from each member of the IC.

d. Identify performance standards and best practices for IC agency or organization history programs and products, using, when appropriate, the "Standards of Professional Conduct" maintained by the American Historical Association.

e. Identify obstacles governing historians' access to records and artifacts of both their own agency or organization and other IC components, and recommend changes in IC policy through the appropriate office when warranted.

f. Make recommendations as needed to the appropriate ODNI office in charge of IC policy on IC history-related issues. Those recommendations should ordinarily reflect the majority opinion of all Senior Historians Panel members.

g. Complete, maintain and provide access to an inventory of historical research and publications in order to identify gaps in IC historical coverage and make recommendations on historical projects.

h. Provide opportunities for collaboration and peer-review of historical projects.

F. EFFECTIVE DATE: This ICD becomes effective on the date of signature.

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Director of National Intelligence

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Date