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Organization

1. Joint Security Control (J.S.C.) is the agency of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Organization charged, in so far as is set forth hereafter, with:

a. Preventing information of military value from falling into the hands of the enemy.

b. Timing the implementation of those portions of cover and deception plans which must be performed by military and non-military agencies in the United States.

Membership

2. Joint Security Control will consist of:

a. Two officers of the Army, one of whom will be from the Army Air Forces.

b. Not more than two officers of the Navy.

Functions

3. Joint Security Control shall:

a. With regard to the prevention of information of military value falling into the hands of the enemy:

(1) Recommend to appropriate officials the security measures to be carried out within the Joint Chiefs of Staff organization and the War and Navy Departments. These will include measures to:

(a) Determine who shall be furnished information concerning specific places, dates, and plans for current and projected operations, and when information is to be given.

(b) Veto publicity which may jeopardize the success of current or projected operations or procedure incident thereto.

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(c) Control the reference to current or projected operations in correspondence by any available means of communication.

(d) Guard the secrecy of new weapons, inventions, projects and other military secrets directly or indirectly connected with military and naval materiel and operations.

b. With regard to timing the implementation of those portions of cover and deception plans which must be performed by military and non-military agencies in the United States:

(1) Inform military and non-military governmental agencies within the United States of missions assigned to them by the Joint Chiefs of Staff in carrying out portions of cover and deception plans prepared by the Joint Staff Planners or the commanders of the operation concerned.

(2) Follow up on the execution of the mission assigned in (1) above.

(3) Recommend to the Joint Staff Planners any action which it (Joint Security Control) believes would further the cover and deception desired for current or projected operations.

c. With regard to questions of security classification:

(1) Act for the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the settlement of such matters between the U.S. military services.

(2) Represent and act for the Joint Chiefs of Staff in settlement of such matters affecting other government agencies, utilizing the services of the Security Advisory Board as appropriate.

(3) Represent and act for the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the settlement of such matters between the United States military services and foreign government agencies.

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Procedure

4. Joint Security Control shall:

a. With regard to the prevention of information of military value falling in the hands of the enemy:

(1) With periodic incidental inspections to see that security measures which have been adopted by the Joint Chiefs of Staff organization and the War and Navy Departments are complied with.

(2) Report to appropriate officials violations of security regulations which have been adopted by the Joint Chiefs of Staff organization and the War and Navy Departments.

b. With regard to timing the implementation of those portions of cover and deception plans which must be performed by military and non-military agencies in the United States:

(1) Furnish such information to non-military war agencies such as the State Department, Office of War Information, Board of Economic Warfare, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Treasury Department, Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, War Shipping Administration, as may be necessary for them to have in order to carry out missions assigned to them in the implementation of cover and deception plans.

(2) Carry out its functions by the issuance of directives to military agencies and by cooperation with non-military agencies.

(3) In utilizing any of the non-military agencies listed in (1) above, deal only with one or two persons on the highest level of the agency concerned. If assistance is to be sought from these agencies pertaining to cover and deception plans, these specially selected persons will be given only such information as is necessary for them to

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have in order to carry out the mission assigned to them. They in turn will impart to subordinates only such information as may be necessary for them to carry out their instructions.

(4) Advise non-military agencies with regard to any project which they are contemplating which would interfere with current or projected military or naval operations.

(5) Coordinate its activities, through the commanders in the field, with corresponding Security Control agencies of Allied nations involved in the military operations concerned.

(6) Obtain such strategic and tactical guidance from the Joint Staff Planners as is necessary to carry out its functions.