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MEMORANDUM

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Encl (A) Chart of proposed C.I.Coordination Plan

1. In order to insure thorough integration of Army and Navy Communication Intelligence Activities for the performance of those tasks which by mutual agreement are a joint responsibility, it is proposed that the resent STANCIB-STANCICC organization be modified as indicated in enclosure (A) to provide for a "Coordinator of Joint Operations". This plan pertains only to the collection, production and exchange of information derived from foreign or [redacted] communications and is not concerned with its evaluation or dissemination as intelligence.

2. The Coordinator of Joint Operations shall function, as shown in enclosure (A), under the control of STANCIB-STANCICC as executor of policies and directives formulated by STANCIB-STANCICC for the allocation of tasks for such intercept and processing capacities as may be made available for joint use by ASA and Op-20-G, and for coordination of all joint projects with other U.S. and foreign intelligence agencies. The operating heads of ASA and Op-20-G will be responsible to the Coordinator for accomplishment of the tasks allocated by him.

3. The Army will continue to be responsible for work on [redacted] attache systems and the Navy for work on [redacted] systems. Work on other systems will be a joint responsibility and shared accordingly. It is expected that a certain percentage of the intercept and processing capacities will be reserved and controlled entirely by ASA and Op-20-G respectively for the performance of the strictly military or naval tasks. The remaining capacities will be placed at the disposal of the Coordinator for accomplishing the other tasks as he may direct. In the utilization of the joint capacities thus made available to him to accomplish joint tasks directed by STANCIB-STANCICC, he shall be guided by the principle of (1) obtaining the maximun of intelligence in the minimum of time, (2) maintaining technical continuity,

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and (3) providing continued training of the personnel of both Communication Intelligence organizations on all types of communications intelligence problems. It is not required that all capacities allocated to the coordinator necessarily be used on problems of joing interest. For example, it may become desirable for naval supplementary stations to intercept traffic of a purely [redacted] nature in which the Navy would have no interest other than furnishing assistance.

4. To assist him in carrying out his duties, there will be a Joint Intercept Control Group, a Joint Processing Allocation Group, and a Joint Liaison Group. In addition, he shall have assigned to him the necessary clerical, administrative, and analytical assistance from each service, but in the interest of minimizing requirements he will endeavor to utilize existing facilities wherever practicable.

5. In order to insure the assignment of an officer of adequate rank and technical experience and to simplify control problems and minimize control personnel, the Chief of the Army Security Agency and the Assistant Chief of Naval Communications for Communication Intelligence will alternate as "Coordinator of Joint Operations" for a term of one year, or other period as agreed upon by STANCIB. The Coordinator's sernior assistant shall be an officer of suitable rank and technical qualifications from the opposite Service who normally will head the Joint Processing Allocation Group. The officer in charge of the Liaison Group shall also be from the opposite Service. The officer in charge of the Intercept Control Group shall be from the same Service as the Coordinator.

6. Upon adoption of this plan in principle, the Chief of ASA and Op-20-G will jointly draw up for STANCIB approval an agreement as to general principles governing the duties and responsibilities of the Coordinator in allocating intercept and processing tasks.

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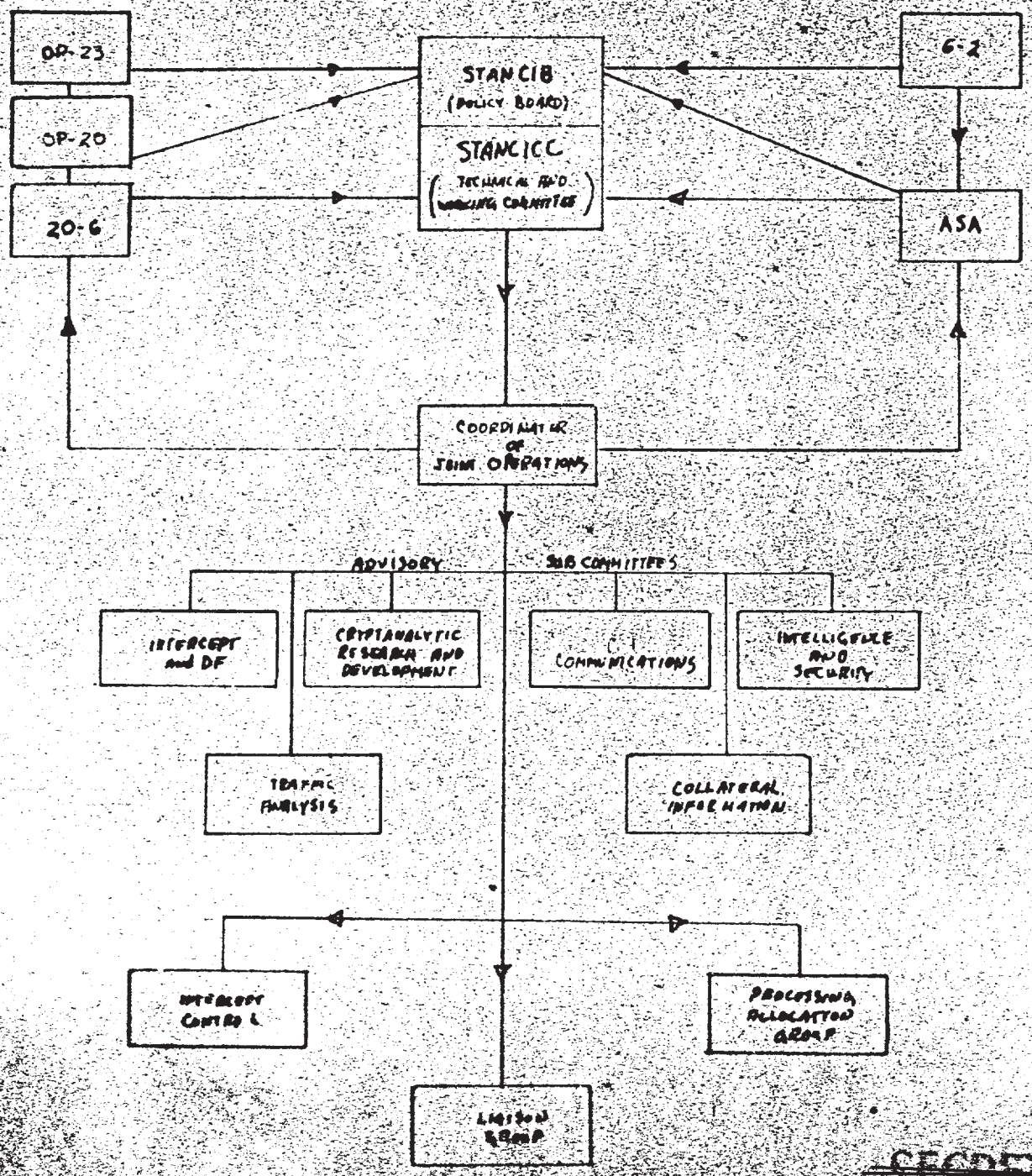

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