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DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO COMMANDERS OF COMBATANT COMMANDS TO DISCLOSE CLASSIFIED MILITARY INFORMATION TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

References:

See Enclosure B

1. Purpose. In this instruction, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (CJCS) delegates to the Combatant Commanders (CCDRs) the authority to disclose to foreign governments and international organizations classified military information for which they are the originating component.
2. Superseded. Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Instruction (CJCSI) 5221.01D, 1 May 2013, is hereby superseded.
3. Applicability. This instruction applies to the Joint Staff and the Combatant Commands.
4. Policy
 - a. In accordance with guidance contained in reference a, the CJCS delegates to the CCDRs the authority to disclose to foreign governments and international organizations classified military information under the circumstances described in Enclosure A. Unless otherwise stated, commanders may disclose information for which the command is the originating entity to foreign governments and international organizations. They may further delegate this authority to their subordinate commanders whenever it is applicable and appropriate to do so. Accordingly, commanders shall appoint a designated disclosure authority in writing. A copy of the appointment letter will be provided to the Joint Staff Foreign Disclosure Officer, Joint Staff Security Office – Hampton Roads, 114 Lake View Parkway, Suffolk, VA, 23435.

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b. Disclosure authority delegated in this instruction pertains only to classified military information that meets the disclosure limitations, authority levels, criteria, and conditions stipulated in reference b. Reference b constitutes the national policy and procedures for disclosing classified U.S. military information to representatives of foreign governments and international organizations; however, reference b by itself does not authorize the actual disclosure of this information.

5. Definitions. None.

6. Responsibilities. To improve coordination in disclosure matters within Combatant Commands (CCMDs), commanders are encouraged to share this and other disclosure delegation information with their component commanders and appointed foreign disclosure and/or intelligence disclosure officers.

7. Summary of Changes. This updated instruction includes minor clerical changes.

8. Releasability. UNRESTRICTED. This directive is approved for public release; distribution is unlimited on NIPRNET. DoD Components (to include the CCMDs), other Federal agencies, and the public, may obtain copies of this directive through the Internet from the CJCS Directives Electronic Library at: <<http://www.jcs.mil/library>>. Joint Staff activities may also obtain access via the SIPR Directives Electronic Library Web sites.

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Enclosures

- A -- Delegation of Authority to Commanders of Combatant Commands to Disclose Classified Military Information to Foreign Governments and International Organizations
- B -- References

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ENCLOSURE A

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO COMMANDERS OF COMBATANT
COMMANDS TO DISCLOSE CLASSIFIED MILITARY INFORMATION TO
FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

1. A CCCR may disclose:

a. Classified U.S. military information for which the command is the originating entity (see paragraphs 2 and 3 for exclusions and restrictions) to allied or other friendly foreign governments and international organizations.

b. Under conditions of actual or imminent hostilities, U.S. classified military information through TOP SECRET to an actively participating allied force when support of combined combat operations requires the disclosure of that information.

c. Information that has originated wholly within the command and involves joint command operational matters required for combined operations and exercises with military forces of allied nations.

2. Exclusions

a. General. A CCCR may **not** disclose information that has originated within a component command and pertains to purely single-Service matters, such as organization, training, doctrine, combat developments, or research, developments, and technical information on weapon systems, unless the originating component command has delegated such authority in writing.

b. A CCCR may **not** disclose:

(1) Joint Staff military capability information or information from the Joint Strategic Planning System, Joint Operations Planning and Execution System, or Single Integrated Operational Plan. Distribution of this information will be in accordance with reference c.

(2) Operational information received by a component commander from a Service, unless this information also pertains to the mission of the CCMDs under the Unified Command Plan.

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3. Restrictions. As previously noted, all disclosures of classified military information must comply with requirements of references a and b. Disclosure of classified military intelligence information must also comply with reference d.

ENCLOSURE B

REFERENCES

- a. DoDD 5230.11, "Disclosure of Classified Military Information to Foreign Governments and International Organizations," 16 June 1992
- b. NDP-1, "National Policy and Procedures for the Disclosure of Classified Military Information to Foreign Governments and International Organizations," 14 February 2017
- c. CJCSI 5714.01 series, "Policy for the Release of Joint Information"
- d. Intelligence Community Directive 403, "Foreign Disclosure and Release of Classified National Intelligence," 13 March 2013

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