SUBJECT: (U) DoD Cover and Cover Support Activities

References: (U) See Enclosure 1

1. (U) PURPOSE. This directive reissues and renumbers DoD Directive (DoDD) S-5105.61 (Reference (a)) to update established policy and assign responsibilities for all DoD cover and cover support activities.

2. (U) APPLICABILITY. This directive:

   a. (U) Applies to OSD, the Military Departments, the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all other organizational entities in the Department of Defense (referred to collectively in this directive as the “DoD Components”).

   b. (U) Does not apply to:

      (1) (U) Defense criminal investigative organizations (DCIOs) when they are conducting criminal or law enforcement investigations and other law enforcement activities within their respective jurisdictions.

3. (U) POLICY

   (b)(1)
f. (U) Cover in support of intelligence or intelligence-related activities is conducted in accordance with DoDD 5240.01 (Reference (d)) and DoD 5240.1-R (Reference (e)).

g. (U) DoD Component employees report any cover or cover support activity that may violate U.S. law, Executive order or Presidential directive, or DoD policy to:

(1) (U) The Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence (USD(I)); and either

(2) (U) The Inspector General of the DoD Component concerned; or

(3) (U) In cases involving intelligence activities, the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Intelligence Oversight in accordance with References (d), (e), and Directive-type Memorandum 08-052 (Reference (f)).
k. (U) An executive council (ExCon), comprised of senior representatives from the DoD Components (b)(4) and senior representatives from other interested DoD Components, convenes periodically, as required, to resolve issues affecting the defense community.

4. (U) RESPONSIBILITIES. See Enclosure 2.

5. (U) RELEASABILITY. Not cleared for public release.

b. (U) Although certain information in this directive may be unclassified, this information may not be released automatically to the public. Information that has not been given a security classification pursuant to the criteria in Volume 1 of DoD Manual 5200.01 (Reference (g)) and DoD Manual 5105.63-M (Reference (h)), but may be withheld from the public for one or more reasons cited in DoD 5400.7-R (Reference (i)), exemptions 2 through 9, will be marked FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY (FOUO).

6. (U) EFFECTIVE DATE. This directive:

b. (U) Will expire effective July 15, 2024 if it hasn’t been reissued or cancelled by this date in accordance with DoD Instruction (DoDI) 5025.01 (Reference (j)).

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(U) Enclosures
   1. (U) References
   2. (U) Responsibilities
   3. (C)

(U) Glossary
ENCLOSURE 1

REFERENCES

This enclosure is UNCLASSIFIED.
ENCLOSURE 2

RESPONSIBILITIES (U)

1. (U) USD(I). In accordance with DoDD 5143.01 (Reference (k)), the USD(I):

   g. (U) On behalf of the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense, approves exceptions to this directive, except as otherwise prohibited by law, Executive order, or DoD issuance. Whenever the USD(I) approves such an exception, the USD(I) will notify the Secretary of Defense in a timely manner, to include the rationale for the exception and its duration.

2. (U) DIRECTOR, DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (DIA). In accordance with DoDD 5105.21 (Reference (m)), Executive Order 12333 (Reference (n)), under the authority, direction, and control of the USD(I), and in addition to the responsibilities in section 4 of this enclosure, the Director, DIA:
(6) (U) Providing timely notifications to the DoD Components of emerging threats to cover.
b. (U) Classify cover-related information in accordance with References (g) and (h).
5. (U) CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff facilitates communications between the Combatant Commanders and the USD(I) to optimize resources for cover support and capabilities.
GLOSSARY

PART I. ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

All abbreviations and acronyms in this Glossary are UNCLASSIFIED.

DCIO  defense criminal investigative organization

DIA  Defense Intelligence Agency
DoDD  Department of Defense Directive
DoDI  Department of Defense Instruction
ExCon  Executive Council
FOUO  For Official Use Only

PSR  policy and standards review
SOF  special operations forces
TSOC  theater special operations command
TSR  technical supportability review
USD(I)  Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence
USSOCOM  United States Special Operations Command

PART II. DEFINITIONS (U)

(U) These terms and their definitions are for the purpose of this directive.
(U) DCI Os. The Naval Criminal Investigative Service, the Air Force Office of Special Investigations, the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, the Defense Criminal Investigative Service, and any successor organizations.
(U) detail. The temporary assignment of a military member or DoD civilian employee to perform duties in an NDFDA under the authority, direction, and control of the NDFDA.