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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT CHIEF OF AIR STAFF-1
ASSISTANT CHIEF OF AIR STAFF-2
ASSISTANT CHIEF OF AIR STAFF-3
ASSISTANT CHIEF OF AIR STAFF-4
ASSISTANT CHIEF OF AIR STAFF-5

Subject: Establishment of Headquarters, Army Air Forces Cover and Deception Organization

1. It is directed that an organization be established within Headquarters, Army Air Forces, to plan, recommend, train personnel for, and assist in the implementation of Army Air Force cover and deception measures and to advise the Commanding General, Army Air Forces, in discharging his responsibilities regarding training for, or employment of, tactical cover and deception.

2. This organization will have a thorough continuing knowledge of the application, capabilities, and limitations of military cover and deception with relation to air strategy, tactics, and air war plans.

3. a. This organization will be composed of a representative of each Assistant Chief of Air Staff plus a representative from the Air Communications Office and the Office of the Air Engineer, whose membership in this organization may be in addition to other duties.

b. Responsibilities of the individual representatives will include:

- (1) Assistant Chief of Air Staff-5 -- chairman or steering member, planning.
 - (2) Assistant Chief of Air Staff-2 -- deputy chairman or deputy steering member, intelligence and planning.
 - (3) Assistant Chief of Air Staff-3 -- implementation of planned operations.
 - (4) Assistant Chief of Air Staff-1 and Assistant Chief of Air Staff-4 -- personnel and material required to implement cover and deception plans.
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- (5) Air Communications Office -- director of communications cover and deception, signal counter intelligence, and liaison officer with Army Security Agency.
 - (6) Office of the Air Engineer -- planning and development of field layout, devices relating to visual deception, including camouflage.

4. This organization will meet at the call of the chairman and will establish its own procedures for carrying out the responsibilities herein described.