INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY DIRECTIVE
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PROGRAM MANAGEMENT POSTURE ADJUSTMENT NOTIFICATION
(EFFECTIVE: 23 JUNE 2008)

A. AUTHORITY: The National Security Act of 1947, as amended; Executive Order 12333, as amended; and other applicable provisions of law.

B. APPLICABILITY: This Intelligence Community Directive (ICD) applies to the Intelligence Community (IC), as defined in the National Security Act of 1947, as amended; and to other departments or agencies that may be designated by the President, or designated jointly by the Director of National Intelligence (DNI) and the head of the executive department or independent agency concerned, as an element of the IC. The notification requirement applies to all programs within the National Intelligence Program (NIP) and all IC Program Managers.

C. PURPOSE: The numerous demands placed on today’s IC require that agencies balance finite resources against competing priorities. This ICD establishes overarching DNI policy directing IC Program Managers (defined as the heads of IC elements) to notify the DNI whenever they decide to significantly adjust or realign existing analytic and/or collection capabilities when those decisions could affect coverage of national intelligence priorities. This ICD establishes a process to notify the DNI and affected IC partners when analytic and/or collection capabilities are being adjusted or realigned. The policy applies to significant adjustments or realignments in the execution year that would not require NIP resources to be reprogrammed or transferred. This ICD does not alter the responsibility of IC Program Managers to comply with existing reporting requirements on reprogramming or transferring NIP resources. The IC Program Managers will determine whether an adjustment or realignment is “significant” under the terms of this ICD.

D. POLICY: IC Program Managers will inform the DNI and affected IC partners of major adjustments or realignments in collection, analysis, language resources, or policies that could affect coverage of national intelligence priorities. Notification to the DNI and affected IC partners will occur as far in advance as possible before the planned major adjustments or
realignments are implemented. Adequate advance notification will enable the DNI and Executive Committee to consider proposed changes, as appropriate. IC Program Managers will inform the DNI by memorandum, titled “Program Management Posture Adjustment Notification.”

E. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. IC Program Managers will notify the DNI of their plans to adjust or realign analytic and/or collection postures within their programs whenever that adjustment or realignment could significantly affect collection, analysis, the distribution of language skills, other activities within other IC agencies, the activities of policy customers or war fighters; or significantly alter either coverage of national intelligence priorities, or an IC component’s ability to perform an assigned Community function.

2. IC Program Managers who intend to adjust or realign analytic and/or collection capabilities within their programs will submit to the DNI a “Program Management Posture Adjustment Notification” memorandum which will address:

   a. Adjustments to or realignments of operations under consideration or planned;

   b. Reasons for the proposed adjustments or realignments, and

   c. The expected impact on other agencies’ activities or customers’ reliance on those products.

3. Whenever possible, IC Program Managers will make the notification as soon as they determine that a significant adjustment or realignment of analytic and/or collection capabilities needs to be implemented. IC Program Managers are encouraged to collaborate and vet such decisions with IC partners as far in advance as possible.

4. IC Program Managers will make the notification by submitting the “Program Management Posture Adjustment Notification” to the DNI’s Director of the Intelligence Staff (DIS). The DIS will ensure that all appropriate offices within the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, including DNI-designated Mission Managers, as appropriate, and relevant IC Program Managers receive notifications that are relevant to their mission areas and that the IC Program Managers providing notification are advised of the end result.

5. Where the realignments trigger existing reporting requirements on reprogramming or transfer of NIP resources, IC Program Managers will comply with the existing requirements.

F. EFFECTIVE DATE: This ICD becomes effective on the date of signature.

Director of National Intelligence

Date