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SUBJECT: Policy and Procedures for Overseas Handling, Processing and Reporting on Photographic Results of AQUATONE Operations Far East [redacted] 25X1

I. PURPOSE: To define responsibilities for overseas handling, processing and reporting on photographic results of Far East AQUATONE operations and to establish policies and procedures pertaining thereto.

II. DEFINITIONS:

A. DETACHMENT C: The AQUATONE Operational or Project Unit stationed at Atsugi Naval Air Station, Japan.

B. DETACHMENT COMMANDER: The individual designated by AQUATONE Project Headquarters as the Commander of an AQUATONE field unit or detachment.

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25X1 D. [redacted] An Air Force officer designated by FEAF

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F. It is understood that the term FEAF as used herein will be replaced by the title AFPAC after implementation of the Far East Command Plan. For the purposes of this paper, the terms FEAF and AFPAC are considered synonymous.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES:

A. DETACHMENT COMMANDER: The prompt handling and shipment of all exposed film, for immediate processing and photo interpretation at [redacted] will be the responsibility of the Detachment Commander. The Detachment Commander will, based on instructions from Headquarters AQUATONE, pass the exposed film to [redacted] or ship directly to Headquarters AQUATONE. Upon release of the film at the earliest time possible from the [redacted] Center, the Detachment Commander will return the original negatives to Headquarters AQUATONE (for HTA) in accordance with instructions from Headquarters AQUATONE.

B. [redacted] will be responsible for:

1. Processing of film and titling of all reproductions retained in the theater. Titling will be done in accordance with instructions.

2. Preparation of an immediate PI report (IPIR) (see paragraph IV below) on all missions and its electronic transmission to AQUATONE Headquarters with a precedence

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of "OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE" priority or routine as instructed. This does not preclude sending the report simultaneously to Headquarters USAF, if so desired by USAF.

3. Preparation of duplicate positives, prints and reports required to meet needs in the theater.

4. Preparation of prints as necessary for the IPIR and the maintenance of such selected print file as required.

5. Prompt return of the original negative to the Detachment Commander upon completion of the foregoing.

6. The preparation of special reports requested from Washington by participating agencies directly to their respective senior representatives as requested by Theater Commanders provided that the foregoing (paragraphs 2, 3, 4, and 5 above) responsibilities are not impaired.

C. The TALENT Control Officer, Headquarters FEAF, is responsible for establishing the necessary control of the products produced from the original negatives [redacted] in accordance with the TALENT Control Manual. This will include proper titling, as agreed between the ZI and the [redacted] Center. 25X1 25X1

IV. REPORTS:

A. FORMAT: The IPIR will be prepared in accordance with the following:

Part 1. (Report identifier "ODE", followed by sortie number and sortie date. Sortie number serves as report number.)

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Part 2. (List of major areas covered by report.)

Part 3. (List of objectives covered with a brief statement of significant information.)

Part 4. (State camera position, quality of coverage, and exposure for each objective.)

B. CLASSIFICATION:

1. IPIR's and related reports prepared in the field on missions which penetrate Soviet Bloc areas (USSR, Communist China) will be identified as Ode Reports.

2. All AQUATONE products and materials and all reports prepared therefrom will be classified "TOP SECRET CHESS" and will be retained within the TALENT Control System. These reports may be disseminated by the TALENT Control Officer, Headquarters FEAF, within TALENT channels to authorized recipients within the theater to meet requirements in the theater.

V. PERSONNEL:

A. GENERAL: The Army, Navy and CIA are invited to participate in [redacted] Center by placing personnel on duty with the center.

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B. SUPPORT:

1. CIA will initially provide two Photo Interpreters.

2. Army will provide personnel in accordance with specific arrangements between AFFE and FEAF.

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3. Navy will provide personnel in accordance with specific arrangements between CINCPACFLT/COMNAVFE and FEAF.

4. FEAF will provide personnel support for [redacted] taking into account personnel contributions as outlined above. A minimum of manning must be maintained to assure capability at all times. 25X1

VI. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Messages initiated at the Washington level which might affect the operational policy or administrative procedures of the [redacted] Center will be coordinated with all agencies concerned prior to dispatch and will be prefaced with the following phrase: "COORDINATED [redacted] INSTRUCTIONS MESSAGE." Such messages may be transmitted to [redacted] over either CIA or USAF channels. 25X1 25X1 25X1

B. The above requirement does not preclude any participating agency from conducting unilateral liaison with its representatives as necessary so long as such liaison does not constitute a change in the administration of the [redacted] Center. 25X1

VII. SECURITY: Those who are participating in AQUATONE operations must have an AQUATONE clearance. Those who use the product of AQUATONE must receive a TALENT clearance. The difference in the nature and quality of these clearances is not one of difference in standards, since they apply substantially the same standards, but a difference in certification. Accordingly,

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those already cleared for TALENT prior to entering AQUATONE operational bases must also be certified as AQUATONE cleared. This is accomplished by submission of the names of those to be assigned through AFOIN, G-2 or ONI, as applicable, to the Headquarters AQUATONE. Notification of AQUATONE certification will be made to those requesting as well as to the Detachment Commander in question, who is responsible for indoctrination.

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