



# CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF INSTRUCTION

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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. This instruction explains the authority delegated by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to the Combatant Commanders concerning disclosure of classified military information for which they are the originating component to foreign governments and international organizations.

2. Superseded. Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Instruction (CJCSI) 5221.01C, 10 September 2010, is hereby superseded.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 Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff delegates to the Commanders of the Combatant Commands 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, a designated disclosure authority shall be appointed in writing. A copy of the appointment letter will be provided to the Joint Staff Foreign Disclosure Officer, Joint Staff Security Office (JSSO), Pentagon, Room 2D827, Washington, DC, 20318-5154.

b. Disclosure authority delegated by this letter pertains only to classified military information that meets the disclosure limitations, authority levels, criteria, and conditions stipulated in the "National Policy and Procedures for

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criteria, and conditions stipulated in the “National Policy and Procedures for the Disclosure of Classified Military Information to Foreign Governments and International Organizations” (NDP-1). NDP-1 constitutes the national policy and procedures for disclosing classified U.S. military information to representatives of foreign governments and international organizations; however, NDP-1 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, 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 substitutes JSSO as responsible office and directs that designated disclosure authority appointment letters be sent to the Joint Staff Foreign Disclosure Officer.

8. Releasability. This instruction is approved for public release; distribution is unlimited. Department of Defense components (including the Combatant Commands), other Federal Agencies, and the public may obtain copies of this instruction through the Internet from the CJCS Directives Electronic Library at [www.dtic.mil/cjcs\\_directives](http://www.dtic.mil/cjcs_directives).

9. Effective Date. This instruction is effective upon receipt.

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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

ENCLOSURE A

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

1. The Commander of a Combatant Command 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. The commander 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, and research, developments, and technical information on weapon systems.

b. Subparagraph 1c, Above. The commander 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 CJCSI 5714.01 Series.

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

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 be in compliance with references c and e.

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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," 2 October 2000
- c. DoDD C-5230.23, "Intelligence Disclosure Policy," 18 November 1983
- d. CJCSI 5714.01 Series, "Policy for the Release of Joint Information"
- e. Director of Central Intelligence Directive 6/7, "Intelligence Disclosure Policy"

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