



# Department of Defense DIRECTIVE

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SUBJECT: Defense Investigative Program

References: (a) DoD Directive 5200.26, "Defense Investigative Program," February 17, 1971 (hereby canceled)  
(b) DoD Directive 5130.2, "Director of Policy Review," June 16, 1977

## 1. REISSUANCE AND PURPOSE

This Directive reissues reference (a), which established a coordinated Defense Investigative Program within the Department of Defense and assigned functions and responsibilities for the administration of the program.

## 2. APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE

The provisions of this Directive apply to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Military Departments, the Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Defense Agencies (hereinafter referred to as the "DoD Components"), and cover investigative activities as defined herein.

## 3. DEFINITION

3.1. The Defense Investigative Program, as used in this Directive, includes those investigative and related counterintelligence activities that:

3.1.1. Safeguard defense information.

3.1.2. Protect DoD personnel against subversion.

3.1.3. Protect DoD functions and property, including facilities that have classified defense contracts or that have been designated officially as key defense facilities.

3.1.4. Conduct personnel security investigations for DoD personnel and contractor employees under the Defense Industrial Security Program.

3.1.5. Conduct counterintelligence surveys, services, and inspections.

3.1.6. Conduct authorized investigative activities in connection with civil disturbances within the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and United States' territories and possessions.

3.2. This Directive does not apply to pretrial investigations required by the Uniform Code of Military Justice, criminal investigations other than those involving the functions enumerated above, and activities incident to the acquisition of foreign intelligence or to the activities involved in ensuring communications security.

#### 4. POLICY

It is the policy of the Department of Defense to establish standards, criteria, and operational guidance under senior civilian cognizance and control for a centralized Defense Investigative Program that protects national security interests while ensuring that the constitutional civil and private rights of individuals and organizations are protected.

#### 5. RESPONSIBILITIES AND FUNCTIONS

5.1. The Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy Review (DUSD(PR)) shall act for the Secretary of Defense in the direction, management, and review of the Defense Investigative Program. In carrying out this responsibility, the DUSD(PR) shall:

5.1.1. Establish policies for the conduct of the Defense Investigative Program.

5.1.2. Provide for program management of all counterintelligence and investigative resources within the Department of Defense.

5.1.3. Conduct or provide for inspections of program activities and monitor program accomplishments.

5.1.4. Assign tasks to the DoD Components to accomplish Defense Investigative Program objectives.

5.1.5. Review programs, budgets, and financial plans that support Defense Investigative Program activities.

5.1.6. Provide representation on boards and committees of the Defense Investigative Program.

5.1.7. Coordinate and supervise relations of the DoD Components with other Government Agencies on Defense Investigative Program matters.

5.1.8. Perform other functions of the Defense Investigative Program that may be assigned by the Secretary of Defense.

5.2. The Secretaries of the Military Departments shall:

5.2.1. Assign the Under Secretary or an Assistant Secretary to be responsible for the conduct of Defense Investigative Program activities.

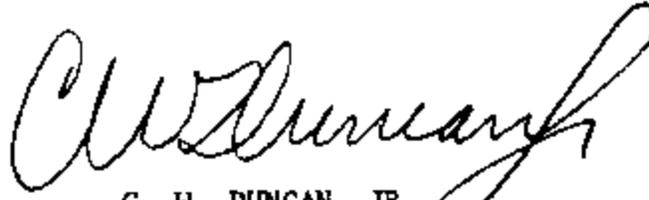
5.2.2. Provide management, review, and inspection of the investigative activities of their Departments, and forward a consolidated report of inspections to the DUSD(PR) annually.

5.2.3. Recommend to the DUSD(PR) changes to prescribed policies, procedures, or practices in the Defense Investigative Program.

5.2.4. Assist as required in the conduct of inspections of Defense Investigative Program activities undertaken by the DUSD(PR).

6. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION

This Directive is effective immediately. Forward two copies of implementing documents to the DUSD(PR) within 60 days.



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