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## **FACT SHEET**

President Clinton signed a Presidential Decision Directive (PDD) entitled 'U.S. Counterintelligence Effectiveness -- Counterintelligence for the 21st Century.' The PDD outlines specific steps that will enable the U.S. counterintelligence (CI) community to better fulfill its mission of identifying, understanding, prioritizing and counteracting the intelligence threats faced by the United States. The system will be predictive, proactive and will provide integrated oversight of counterintelligence issues across the national security agencies.

Specifically, the PDD directs the following structure be established to continue the task of improving U.S. counterintelligence effectiveness:

### **Counterintelligence Board of Directors**

- A National Counterintelligence Board of Directors, chaired by the Director, FBI and composed of the Deputy Secretary of Defense, Deputy Director of Central Intelligence and a senior representative of the Department of Justice is hereby established.
- The Board, chaired by the Director of the FBI, will operate by consensus, and will select, oversee and evaluate the National Counterintelligence Executive (CI Executive) and will promulgate the mission, role and responsibilities of the CI Executive.
- The Board will approve the National Counterintelligence Strategy drawn from the annual National Threat Identification and Prioritization Assessment, ensuring the integration of government and private sector interests.
- The Board working with Congress, OMB, and other Executive Branch agencies will ensure the CI Executive has adequate resources to carry out his/her responsibilities and duties.

### **NSC Deputies Committee**

- The NSC Deputies Committee, to include the Director of the FBI, will review the annual National Threat Identification and Prioritization Assessment and will meet at least semiannually, to review progress in implementing the National Counterintelligence Strategy.
- The Deputies Committee will ensure that the strategy, priorities and activities of the CI Community are grounded in national policy goals and objectives; the Deputies Committee shall also ensure that CI analysis and information is

provided to assist national policy deliberations as appropriate. The Board of Directors through the CI Executive will be responsible for ensuring the implementation of these decisions.

### **The National Counterintelligence Executive**

- The position of CI Executive is established and empowered to execute certain responsibilities on behalf of the Board of Directors and will serve as the substantive leader of national-level counterintelligence. The CI Executive will be a federal employee, selected by the Board of Directors with the concurrence of the Attorney General, DCI and the Secretary of Defense.
- The CI Executive will report to the FBI Director, as Chairman of the Board of Directors, but will be responsible to the Board of Directors as a whole. The Board will, through the Chairman, oversee and evaluate the CI Executive.
- The CI Executive and the National Coordinator for Security, Infrastructure Protection and Counterterrorism will work together to insure that both of their programs are well coordinated with each other.
- The CI Executive, in carrying out the duties and responsibilities of the position, will advise members of the Board on counterintelligence programs and policies.

### **The National Counterintelligence Policy Board**

- The CI Executive will chair the National Counterintelligence Policy Board. Senior counterintelligence officials from State, Defense, Justice, Energy, JCS, CIA, FBI and NSC Staff, at a minimum will serve on the Policy Board. The NSC Deputies Committee will approve the composition, functions and duties of the Policy Board which will be consistent with the statutorily defined functions of the Policy Board. The Policy Board will establish, with the approval of the Board of Directors, other interagency boards and working groups as necessary.
- The Policy Board, under the chairmanship of the CI Executive, will serve as an Interagency Working Group to prepare issues relating to the full implementation of this PDD for Deputies discussions and review, as well as a forum to provide advice to the CI Executive on priorities with respect to the National Counterintelligence Strategy.

### **Office of the CI Executive**

- The CI Executive, on behalf of the Board of Directors, will head the Office of the National Counterintelligence Executive, which will among its other functions assume the functions previously exercised by the NACIC. To the extent permitted by law, resources previously assigned to the NACIC will become the initial resource base for the Office of the CI Executive. The Office will develop and deploy the following capabilities:
  - **National CI Strategic Planning**
    - The Office, in consultation with United States government agencies and the private sector, will produce an annual report entitled The National Threat Identification and Prioritization Assessment for review by the Deputies Committee.

- The Office, drawing on this Assessment and working with the policy community, appropriate Government counterintelligence organizations and the private sector, will formulate and, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, publish the National Counterintelligence Strategy.
- **National CI Strategic Analysis**
  - The Office will oversee and coordinate the production of strategic national CI analysis and will be supported in this endeavor by all components of the Executive Branch.
  - The Office will oversee and coordinate the production of CI damage assessments and 'lessons learned' papers with full support from Executive Branch components.
- **National CI Program Budget and Evaluation**
  - The Office, working with the DCI's Community Management Staff, will review, evaluate, and coordinate the integration of CI budget and resource plans of, initially, the DOD, CIA and FBI. It will report to the Board of Directors and the Deputies Committee on how those plans meet the objectives and priorities of the National CI Strategy.
  - The Office will evaluate the implementation of the National CI Strategy by the CI community agencies and report to the Board of Directors and Deputies Committee. The Office will also identify shortfalls, gaps and weaknesses in agency programs and recommend remedies.
- **National CI Collection and Targeting Coordination**
  - The Office will develop for approval by the Board of Directors strategic CI investigative, operational and collection objectives and priorities that implement the National CI Strategy.
  - The Office will not have an operational role in CI operations and investigations and no independent contacts or activities with foreign intelligence services.
- **National CI Outreach, Watch and Warning Capability**
  - The Office will conduct and coordinate CI vulnerability surveys throughout government, and with the private sector as appropriate, while working with the Security Policy community. It will engage government and private sector entities to identify more clearly and completely what must be protected.
  - The Office will conduct and coordinate CI community outreach programs in the government and private sector. It will serve as the national coordination mechanism for issuing warnings of counterintelligence threats to the national security.
  - The Office will work with various government and private sector R&D centers to explore technology needs and solutions for the CI community. The Office will ensure that emerging technology and products and services are used effectively. In addition, the Office will develop policies for CI training and professional development for CI investigators, operators, and analysts. It will also develop and manage joint training exercises, and assess

the need for a National CI Training Academy. Also, the CI Executive and the Office will have a Principal Legal Advisor who will ensure that all activities of the Executive and the office comport with the law, Executive Orders and Attorney General Guidelines. The Principal Legal Advisor will provide advice and counsel to the Executive and the Office regarding national security law issues. The Advisor will coordinate with the appropriate law enforcement, intelligence and defense agencies' General Counsels and Legal Advisors in providing legal advice, guidance and representation to the Executive and the Office.