SUBJECT: DoD Document and Media Exploitation (DOMEX)

References: See Enclosure 1

1. PURPOSE. This Directive:

   a. Establishes policy, assigns responsibilities, and provides direction for DoD DOMEX in accordance with DoD Directive (DoDD) 5105.21 and Intelligence Community (IC) Directive Number 302 (References (a) and (b)).

   b. Implements the DoD responsibilities in Reference (b) for national intelligence DOMEX, including the responsibility to support the IC DOMEX Committee (DOMEXCOM).

   c. Establishes the Defense DOMEX Council (DDC) to coordinate DoD DOMEX matters that fall outside the purview of the DOMEXCOM. (See Enclosure 2.)

2. APPLICABILITY

   a. This Directive applies to OSD, the Military Departments, the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all other organizational entities within the Department of Defense (hereafter referred to collectively as the “DoD Components”).

   b. Nothing in this Directive shall alter or supersede the existing authorities of the Director of National Intelligence regarding national intelligence DOMEX.

3. DEFINITIONS. See Glossary.
4. **POLICY.** It is DoD policy that:

   a. DoD DOMEX capabilities shall be maintained at all times. While emphasizing support for current military, intelligence, DoD law enforcement, and security operations, the Department of Defense shall expand and deploy DOMEX capabilities to support its future needs as an independent DOMEX provider and as a community leader in DOMEX activities involving other Federal departments and agencies, and State or local government operations.

   b. The processes for collection, analysis, and dissemination of DoD DOMEX-derived information shall:

      (1) Be integrated into military operational planning and execution at all levels, to include:

          (a) Training U.S. combatants on the collection and handling of DOMEX materials.

          (b) Providing the means for identifying, exploiting, and producing reports on documents and electronic media of immediate tactical value at the lowest appropriate operational echelon.

      (2) Be based upon standardized methods of collecting and processing documents and media captured or otherwise acquired during DoD operations, with a focus on rapid and broad dissemination of both raw data and finished exploitation products to tactical, operational, strategic, and national customers.

      (3) Be in accordance with national DOMEX activities in Reference (b) by:

          (a) Using the National Media Exploitation Center (NMEC) as the central DoD clearinghouse for processing DoD-collected documents and media.

          (b) Maintaining technical interoperability and adhering to data and other standards of the national DOMEX system architecture, as developed by the IC DOMEXCOM.

      (4) Comply with DoDD 5240.01 and DoD 5240.1-R (References (c) and (d)) in executing intelligence activities, with DoD Instruction 3025.21 (Reference (e)) in support of law enforcement officials and activities, and with DoD Instruction 5400.11, DoD 5400.11-R, and section 803 of Public Law 100-53 (References (f), (g), and (h)) with respect to privacy and civil liberties.

      (5) Support all OSD Principal Staff Assistants in fulfilling their responsibilities, including responsibilities related to counterterrorism, law enforcement, intelligence, and homeland defense, to leverage the use of DOMEX capabilities to support the widest range of DoD needs.

   c. Standards and procedures for maintenance, collection, use, or dissemination of DOMEX products shall seek to balance the goal of maximizing the availability of DOMEX materials and
products with the need to identify and protect materials that require protection under law or policy.

(1) Documents and media that are or have been involved in DoD DOMEX processing shall be withheld from any dissemination system that may reveal sources or methods that would endanger any DoD, law enforcement, intelligence, or homeland security operation.

(2) Information derived from DOMEX shall be processed in a manner that maximizes release to U.S. Federal, State, local, and tribal authorities, as well as foreign partners, while protecting sources and methods; complying with all applicable laws, regulations, and policies concerning U.S. persons; and in accordance with the provisions of Reference (d).

d. Information derived from DOMEX shall be made available for use in military operations as rapidly as feasible.

e. The collection, use, and release of personally identifiable information derived from DOMEX shall comply with the requirements of References (f) and (g).

5. RESPONSIBILITIES. See Enclosure 3.

6. INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS. The reporting requirements in this Directive are exempt from licensing in accordance with Paragraph 1.b.(9) of Enclosure 3 in Volume 1 of DoD Manual 8910.01 (Reference (i)).

7. RELEASABILITY. Cleared for public release. This Directive is available on the Directives Division Website at https://www.esd.whs.mil/DD.

8. SUMMARY OF CHANGE 2. This administrative change:

a. Updates the title of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence to the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security in accordance with Public Law 116-92 (Reference (j)).

b. Updates references.
9. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Directive is effective January 11, 2011.

Enclosures

1. References
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ENCLOSURE 1

REFERENCES

(b) Intelligence Community Directive Number 302, “Document and Media Exploitation,” July 6, 2007
(c) DoD Directive 5240.01, “DoD Intelligence Activities,” August 27, 2007, as amended
(e) DoD Instruction 3025.21, “Defense Support of Civilian Law Enforcement Agencies,” February 27, 2013, as amended
(f) DoD Instruction 5400.11, “DoD Privacy and Civil Liberties Programs,” January 29, 2019
(g) DoD 5400.11-R, “DoD Privacy Program,” May 14, 2007
(p) DoD Instruction 8330.01, “Interoperability and Supportability of Information Technology (IT) and National Security Systems (NSS),” May 21, 2014, as amended
(r) DoD Directive 5505.13E, “DoD Executive Agent (EA) for the DoD Cyber Crime Center (DC3),” March 1, 2010, as amended
ENCLOSURE 2

DDC

1. PURPOSE. The DDC shall:
   
a. Be the primary forum for coordinating activities and resolving issues related to DoD DOMEX.
   
b. Identify the best practices of DoD DOMEX operations and appropriately document and disseminate these practices throughout the Department of Defense, the IC, and the law enforcement and homeland security communities.
   
c. Identify gaps in DoD DOMEX capabilities and develop recommendations on policy changes or other initiatives to improve DoD DOMEX activities or programs.
   
d. Refer DoD DOMEX issues or problems on which consensus cannot be reached to the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security (USD(I&S)) for resolution.

2. MANAGEMENT AND MEMBERSHIP
   
a. The USD(I&S) shall select the DDC Chair from within the Office of the USD(I&S). The Director, Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), shall provide administrative and management support to the DDC.
   
b. The membership of the DDC shall be limited to full-time or permanent part-time Government employees or military members and shall consist of:
      
      (1) General or flag officers or equivalent civilian representatives provided by the:

         (a) Director, DIA.

         (b) Director, National Security Agency/Chief, Central Security Service (DIRNSA/CHCSS).

         (c) Director, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA).

         (d) Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics (USD(AT&L)).

         (e) Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (USD(P&R)).

         (f) DoD Chief Information Officer (DoD CIO).
(g) Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and Global Security (ASD(HD&GS)).

(h) Secretaries of the Military Departments.

(i) Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

(j) Commanders of the Combatant Commands, when requested by the USD(I&S).

(2) Such other members as selected by the USD(I&S) based on DoD DOMEX operations and activities.
ENCLOSURE 3

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. USD(I&S). The USD(I&S), in addition to the responsibilities in section 9 of this enclosure, shall:

   a. Establish policy and provide oversight for all DoD DOMEX programs and activities.

   b. Review funding, activities, and programs across the Department of Defense in support of DoD DOMEX requirements. In accordance with DoDD 7045.14 (Reference (k)), make recommendations to the DoD Components engaged in DOMEX activities and programs on adjustments to plans, programs, and budgets for DoD DOMEX capabilities to maintain responsiveness to DoD mission needs.

   c. Serve as the primary DoD point of contact with Government, IC, and international entities on all DOMEX-related activities unless otherwise specified in this Directive or existing statutes.

   d. Approve the DoD DOMEX Classification Guide.

   e. Appoint a representative from the Office of the USD(I&S) to chair the DDC; select DDC members in addition to those set forth in Enclosure 2, based upon DoD DOMEX operations and activities.

   f. Resolve DoD DOMEX issues or problems on which the DDC cannot reach consensus.

2. DIRECTOR, DIA. The Director, DIA, under the authority, direction, and control of the USD(I&S) and in addition to the responsibilities in section 9 of this enclosure, shall:

   a. Appoint a representative to the DDC and provide administrative and management support to the DDC.

   b. Assist the DDC Chair in presenting the results of DDC actions and recommendations to the USD(I&S) to assist in DOMEX oversight and to provide context for DOMEX planning, programming, and budgeting reviews.

   c. Staff and operate theater joint document exploitation centers and provide other support as needed to implement Joint Publication 2-01 (Reference (l)).

   d. As the IC Executive Agent for the NMEC pursuant to References (a) and (b), and subject to applicable legal and policy restrictions, provide NMEC support to the DoD Components, including dissemination of national DOMEX-derived information according to Component requirements.
e. Develop the DOMEX Classification Guide and provide to the USD(I&S) for approval; review the guide annually and provide necessary updates to the USD(I&S) for approval.

f. As the Director, Defense Intelligence Operations Coordination Center, pursuant to Reference (a), support coordination, planning, assessment, and advocacy for DoD DOMEX collection requirements and capabilities in support of the Combatant Commands.

3. DIRNSA/CHCSS. The DIRNSA/CHCSS, under the authority, direction, and control of the USD(I&S) and pursuant to National Security Directive 42 (Reference (m)), shall, in addition to the responsibilities in section 9 of this enclosure:

   a. Provide a representative to the DDC.

   b. Support the development and execution of signals intelligence-related portions of DOMEX operational plans and procedures.

   c. Advise the DDC on DOMEX systems, data, and architecture to protect National Security Systems.

4. DIRECTOR, NGA. The Director, NGA, under the authority, direction, and control of the USD(I&S) and in addition to the responsibilities in section 9 of this enclosure, shall:

   a. Provide a representative to the DDC.

   b. Support the development and execution of geospatial intelligence-related portions of DOMEX operational plans and procedures.

5. USD(AT&L). The USD(AT&L), in addition to the responsibilities in section 9 of this enclosure, shall:

   a. Provide a representative to the DDC.

   b. Establish procedures to review information and media received through international cooperative research and development programs in accordance with DoDD 5134.01 (Reference (n)) for its potential value in DOMEX, and, subject to the provisions of the applicable international agreement(s) concerning disclosure and use of information exchanged or generated under the agreement(s), ensure that the media is made available to the NMEC for DOMEX processing.

   c. Ensure that DoD biometrics, in accordance with DoDD 8521.01E (Reference (o)), and forensics databases can accommodate biometric and forensic data that may be obtained through DOMEX processing of documents such as passports, passport applications, photos, videos, and other captured media.
6. **USD(P&R).** The USD(P&R), in addition to the responsibilities in section 9 of this enclosure, shall:

   a. Provide a representative to the DDC.

   b. Advise the DDC on policies and processes to further DoD DOMEX support to civilian law enforcement officials pursuant to Reference (e).

7. **DoD CIO.** The DoD CIO, in addition to the responsibilities in section 9 of this enclosure, shall:

   a. Provide a representative to the DDC.

   b. Pursuant to DoDD 4630.05 (Reference (p)) and in coordination with the USD(I&S), advise the DDC on DOMEX systems, data, and architectures to maximize interoperability and supportability for DoD and interagency information technology and National Security Systems supporting DOMEX within the Department of Defense and across the IC.

8. **ASD(HD&GS).** The ASD(HD&GS), under the authority, direction, and control of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy and in addition to the responsibilities in section 9 of this enclosure, shall:

   a. Provide a representative to the DDC.

   b. Pursuant to DoDD 5111.13 (Reference (q)) and in coordination with the USD(I&S), advise the DDC on development of DoD policies and procedures related to DOMEX capabilities in support of homeland defense.

   c. As required, provide program advice and assistance to the DDC to help further DOMEX support of civil authorities.

9. **HEADS OF THE OSD AND DoD COMPONENTS ENGAGED IN DOMEX ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS.** The Heads of the OSD and DoD Components engaged in DOMEX activities and programs shall:

   a. Include resources for DoD DOMEX capabilities in their planning, programming, and budgeting processes.

   b. Make optimal use of Government resources and commercially available products and services, including hardware, software, forensics, and translation support.
c. Share DOMEX capabilities among their Components to the fullest extent feasible; coordinate all sharing arrangements through the DDC.

10. SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS. The Secretaries of the Military Departments, in addition to the responsibilities in section 9 of this enclosure, shall:

a. Provide a representative to the DDC for each Military Service.

b. Establish and maintain DOMEX capabilities in support of national intelligence needs and military operations.

c. Develop and maintain Service-unique standardized DOMEX training curricula focused on the skills required by combat unit site exploitation teams, military intelligence analysts, and unit staffs.

d. Develop and maintain close operational ties with the NMEC.

11. SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE. The Secretary of the Air Force, in addition to the responsibilities in sections 9 and 10 of this enclosure, and as the designated DoD Executive Agent for the DoD Cyber Crime Center pursuant to DoDD 5505.13E (Reference (r)), shall program for and budget sufficient resources to meet DOMEX digital and multimedia (D/MM) forensics requirements. These requirements include:

a. Establishing and maintaining a DoD D/MM laboratory that can provide reach back for NMEC.

b. Developing and providing D/MM forensics training and certification for DoD DOMEX personnel.

c. Operating a research, development, test, and evaluation (RDT&E) program for D/MM forensics and making RDT&E program products and tools available to all organizations performing DoD DOMEX missions.

12. CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in addition to the responsibilities in section 9 of this enclosure, shall:

a. Provide a representative to the DDC.

b. Validate joint requirements for DOMEX capabilities for the joint force.

c. Review and assess the adequacy of DOMEX programs and budgets to support joint objectives and operational plans, and ensure the integration of DOMEX capabilities into strategic and operational plans as applicable.
d. Develop and maintain joint operational DoD DOMEX doctrine.

13. COMMANDERS OF THE COMBATANT COMMANDS. The Commanders of the Combatant Commands, through the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, as appropriate, and in addition to the responsibilities in section 9 of this enclosure, shall provide a representative to the DDC as requested by the USD(I&S).

14. COMMANDERS OF THE GEOGRAPHIC COMBATANT COMMANDS. The Commanders of the geographic Combatant Commands, through the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, as appropriate, and in addition to the responsibilities in sections 9 and 13 of this enclosure, shall, in coordination with the Director, DIA, develop and implement Command-specific plans, concepts of operation, and procedures on the conduct of DOMEX activities in their theaters of operations.
GLOSSARY

PART I. ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

ASD(HD&GS) Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and Global Security
DoD CIO DoD Chief Information Officer
D/MM digital and multimedia
DDC Defense DOMEX Council
DIA Defense Intelligence Agency
DoDD DoD directive
DOMEX document and media exploitation
DOMEXCOM DOMEX Committee

IC intelligence community
NGA National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency
NMEC National Media Exploitation Center
NSA National Security Agency
RDT&E research, development, test, and evaluation
USD(AT&L) Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics
USD(I&S) Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security
USD(P&R) Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness

PART II. DEFINITIONS

DOMEX. For the purpose of this Directive, the processing, translation, analysis, and dissemination of collected hard-copy documents and electronic media that are under U.S. Government physical control and are not publicly available. In the Department of Defense this includes the handling of documents and media during their collection, initial review, inventory, and input to a database.