MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
DIRECTOR, NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY/CENTRAL SECURITY SERVICE
DIRECTOR, DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
DIRECTOR, NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE
DIRECTOR, NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL-INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

SUBJECT: Distribution of Memorandum Regarding Department of Defense Compliance with Section 4 of Presidential Policy Directive-28, “Signals Intelligence Activity”

On January 20, 2015, the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence confirmed to the Director of National Intelligence that the Military Departments, DoD Combat Support Agencies, and DoD IC elements are in compliance with Presidential Policy Directive-28, “Signals Intelligence Activities.” The subject memorandum is attached for your records.

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Director for Defense Intelligence
Technical Collection and Special Program

Attachments:
As Stated
MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: DoD Compliance with Section 4 of Presidential Policy Directive-28, "Signals Intelligence Activity"

On April 14, 2014, I confirmed to you that the Military Departments of DoD were in compliance with PPD-28, Section 1 (Principles Governing the Collection of Signals Intelligence) and Section 2 (Limitations on the Use of Signals Intelligence Collected in Bulk). I can now confirm implementation and compliance by all DoD IC elements with PPD-28. Section 4 (Safeguarding Personal Information Collected Through Signals Intelligence), as indicated below.

In October, I directed each Military Department and DoD Combat Support Agency (CSA), including the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), National Reconnaissance Office (NRO), and National Security Agency (NSA), to review their existing policies and procedures and to update such policies and procedures, as appropriate, or establish or adopt, as appropriate, new policies or procedures to apply the PPD-28 principles and requirements. I also required the DoD IC elements to report back to me regarding their PPD-28 compliance status to ensure that the Defense Intelligence Enterprise would be compliant with Section 4 of PPD-28 on or before January 17, 2015, as required. Each DoD IC element has responded and confirmed its compliance with Section 4 of PPD-28.

In order to be compliant with Section 4 of PPD-28, NSA issued new supplemental procedures to United States Signals Intelligence Directives (USSID) SP0018. “Supplemental Procedures for the Collection, Processing, Retention, and Dissemination of Signals Intelligence Information and Data Containing Personal Information of Non-United States Persons.” These supplemental procedures apply to all DoD IC elements and govern the SIGINT activities undertaken by DoD IC elements. By and through each DoD IC element’s implementation of these supplemental procedures, the DoD IC elements have established procedures that apply the principles for safeguarding personal information collected from SIGINT activities that are set forth in Section 4 of PPD-28. Further, as required by PPD-28, each DoD IC element’s policies for data security, access, and quality will be applied equally to personal information of both U.S. and non-United States Persons.

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