Charter of U.S. Army Intelligence Support Activity (U)

1. (U) Purpose. To establish policies and procedures for the administration, operations, and oversight of the U.S. Army Intelligence Support Activity (USAISA).

2. (U) References. See Annex A - References.

3. (U) Definitions. The definitions contained in references a.1, c.12, and c.26, Annex A, should be consulted to define terms used in this Charter.

4. (U) Responsibilities.

   a. (U) The following responsibilities are established in addition to those approval and oversight responsibilities articulated in paragraphs 8 and 11, respectively.

      (1) (U) The Secretary of the Army (SA) exercises general supervision over all Army intelligence activities and special operations.
(2) (U) The Army General Counsel (AGC) is the primary advisor to the SA with regard to all USAISA activities and administration which raise questions of legality and propriety. The AGC will review any future proposed changes to this Charter and any requests for exceptions to current policy.

(3) (U) The Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence (ACSI) will:

   (a) Exercise Army Staff responsibility for the intelligence support activities and administration of USAISA;

   (b) Ensure that all USAISA personnel comply with this Charter and other directives and regulations governing USAISA activities;

   (c) Report suspected violations and raise legal, propriety, and policy questions to the SA or the AGC.

(4) (U) The Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans (DCSOPS) will:

   (a) Exercise Army Staff responsibility for the operational support activities of USAISA thru ACSI;
bb. (U) Report suspected violations and raise legal, propriety, and policy questions to the ACSI, the AGC, or the SA.

(5) (U) The Cdr, USAISA will:

aa. (U) Ensure that the ACSI and DCSOPS are fully and currently informed on all aspects of USAISA;

bb. (U) Maintain a file documenting all activities and their written authorization;

c. (U) Establish written operational and administrative controls over projects, operations, administration, logistics, funding, and support.

5. (U) Command Relationship. USAISA is a Field Operating Agency of Headquarters, Department of the Army under the operational control of the ACSI.


a. (TS)

b. (TS)
7. (U) General Policies.

a. (S) All USAISA activities will be conducted in strict accordance with all applicable Federal statutes, Executive Orders, Executive Branch directives, DCI directives, and DOD, DIA, and DA policies and regulations. Requests for exceptions to policy will be submitted in accordance with applicable directives and regulations. All exceptions requiring SA waiver will be submitted through the AGC.

USAISA activities be pursued in a responsible manner that is consistent with the Constitution and respectful of the principles upon which the United States was founded.

b. (TS)
d. (U) USAISA will engage only in those activities or functions which are authorized within this Charter.

8. (U) Approval Authorities
a. (U) All USAISA operations will be submitted, coordinated, and approved in accordance with this paragraph and paragraph 9.c., below.

b. (S) Operational Support. In accordance with paragraph 8.d., below, all operational support will be forwarded to the ACSI and coordinated with the DCSOPS in accordance with internal Army Staff procedures.

c. (S)

(1) (S) In accordance with paragraph 8.d., below, will be developed and coordinated in strict compliance with DOD, DIA, and DCI directives.

(2) (JS) In accordance with paragraph 8.d. below, requests will be submitted to and approved by the ACSI
d. (U) SA/CSA Review and Approval.

(1) (S) which the DCSOPS/ACSI determine may involve:

aa. (U) A report to Congress pursuant to the War Powers Resolution (P.L. 93-148);

bb. (S) cc. (S) cc.

dd. (U) Questions of policy or propriety;

ee. (S) ff. (U) An exception to policy or regulation requiring Secretariat or higher waiver;

gg. (U) Engagement in or support of activities undertaken pursuant to the authority of paragraph 7.c. above;
(2) (U) All activities which require SA approval will be submitted through the ASC.

9. (U) Guidelines.

a. (U) The ACSI will prepare, and coordinate with the DCSOPS, annual guidelines stating objectives priorities of USAISA activities in furtherance of its missions. As part of the annual guidelines preparation process, the ACSI with DCSOPS coordination will review and evaluate past USAISA activities.
USAISA will not engage in any activity beyond the scope of a properly approved tasking without the express approval of the ACSI who shall evaluate any amended tasking pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 8, above.

d. (U) The Cdr, USAISA, will ensure that a training program is instituted and maintained. The Cdr, USAISA, will prepare an annual training program, including essential skills to be taught, costs to be incurred, facilities to be used, and submit it to the ACSI for approval prior to implementation of the program.

e. (U) An OACSI/ODCOPS staff coordination element will be established to coordinate all taskings of USAISA. This element will also provide staff supervision of USAISA and monitor its activities for the ACSI and DCSOPS.
10. (U) Administrative and Management.

a. (U) Personnel.

   (1) (U) Personnel administration matters will be addressed 
   the Cdr., USAISA.
(2) (☐) 

(3) (☑) Personnel selection, testing, and recruitment will be 

(4) (☐) The personnel strength of USAISA will be authorized in a classified Table of Distribution and Allowances (TDA) indicating spaces requiring SCI access.

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b. (☐) Security 

(☐) Security, counterintelligence, and operational security (OPSEC) support will be provided by INSCOM. Support requirements will be coordinated through ACSI.
(2) (5) Requirements will be coordinated with INSCOM.

(3) (5) USAISA will, as necessary, improve its operational security.

(4) (5) In accordance with the USAISA TDA, INSCOM will establish SCI billets. These billets will be managed by the Special Security Group, INSCOM.

c. (U) Logistics and Procurement.

(1) (U) All procurements will be conducted through an appropriate procuring activity and will comply with the Defense Acquisition Regulations.

(2) (5) USAISA logistic and procurement activities will be managed through the appropriate offices at DARCOM and INSCOM and in accordance with their procedures and regulations.
(3) Property accountability will be maintained in accordance with AR 735-5.

(4) USAISA will forward to OACSI for coordination, as appropriate, with ODCSOPS requirements.
(6) Self-service supplies and other services will be purchased.

(7) Equipment maintenance support may be requested from DARCOM Repair of Intelligence property will be in accordance with AR 381-143.

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(9) Fiscal Management.

(1) All disbursement of funds will adhere to AR 381-141 and will be subject to audit on a quarterly basis by the Comptroller of the Army.
(2) (U) USAISA finance and accounting support will be provided by the INSCOM Resource Manager.

(3) (U)

(4) (U)

e. (U) Budget Review.

(1) (U)

(2) (U) Unless otherwise authorized by law, no funds may be made available to USAISA through transfer, reprogramming, or other means for any intelligence activity other than as previously justified.
to Congress unless the DCI or the SecDef has notified the House and Senate Intelligence and Appropriations Committees of the intent to make such funds available for such activity. The SA shall be notified of each proposed notification to be instituted through the DCI or SecDef.

(3) (U) A semi-annual budget execution review will be conducted by the ACSI and DCSOPS or their designated representatives to ensure compliance with budget guidance, law, regulations, and adjust the USAISA to current priorities.

f. (U) Administration.

(3) (U) Non-judicial and judicial punishments will be handled in accordance with the UCMJ and applicable Army
regulations. Special Court Martial convening authority will be exercised by the Cdr, USAISA. General Courts Martial convening authority will be exercised by the CG, INSCOM.

h. (U) Legal. The SJA, INSCOM will serve as the primary legal advisor to the USAISA for both its intelligence and operational support activities and its administration. Matters for which SA or AGC review is required pursuant to this Charter shall first be coordinated with and reviewed by the SJA, INSCOM.

i. (U)
11. (U) Oversight Responsibilities.

a. (U) The SA/CSA will:

(1) (U) Receive from the ACSI a monthly report which shall have the concurrence of the DCSOPS on both the status of activities engaged in by USAISA and any significant administrative or fiscal problems.

(2) (U) Ensure that the AGC, DAIG, Comptroller of the Army, and other appropriate oversight offices have complete access to and assistance from USAISA in fulfilling their respective oversight functions.

b. (U) The AGC will:

(1) (U) Provide legal and policy advice, as appropriate.

(2) (U) Conduct other oversight activities as assigned by the SA or as otherwise deemed necessary and appropriate by the AGC.

c. (U) The DAIG will ensure that all aspects of USAISA are inspected annually.
d. (U) The ACSI in coordination with the DCSOPS will:

(1) (U) Ensure that all activities of USAISA, as well as its administration, comply with all relevant statutes, policies, and procedures;

(2) (U) Ensure that all USAISA activities are coordinated and approved,

(3) (U) Ensure, in coordination with OCLL, that all congressional committees having pertinent legislative or appropriations oversight responsibilities are kept fully and currently informed of USAISA activities in accordance with applicable statutes, Executive Orders, and DOD directives and regulations.

(4) (U) Ensure that the SA and the CSA are informed of all congressional notifications and of any significant responses to those notifications.
ANNEX A - References

a. (U) Statutes, Executive Orders, and Directives


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6. (S)

7. (S)


b. (U) Authorities

1. (U) Chief of Staff Memorandum, dated 29 January 1981, directed that operational control of the activity pending resolution of other planned JCS and OSD actions be exercised by the ACSI, DA.

2. (U) USAISA was organized by United States Army Intelligence Command (USAINSCOM) Order 8-1, dated 3 March 1981, and it is assigned to USAINSCOM.

3. (S)

e. (U) Regulations


2. (U) DOD Directive 5200.17 (R-2).

3. (U) DOD Directive 5001.2 (R-1).

4. (U) Annex 5 (Intelligence) to the Joint Strategic Planning Document (JSP).

5. (U) JCS Publication, subject: Intelligence Protection and Control (JSP).

6. (U) JCS Pub 3, United Action Armed Forces, w/change 2, dated 7 March 1979.

7. (U) JCS Pub 2, United Action Armed Forces, w/change 2, dated 7 March 1979.

8. (U) DIA S-74, subject: Defense Intelligence Collection Systems and Control, dated April 1978, as changed.

9. (U) AR 30-1, subject: Maintenance and Disposition of Records in TOE Units of the Active Army and the Army Reserve.


17. (U) AR 340-21, subject: The Army Privacy Program.

18. (U) AR 380-5, subject: Department of the Army Supplement to DOD 5200.1-R.

19. (U) AR 380-12, subject: Subversion and Espionage Directed Against U.S. Army and Deliberate Security Violations (SAEDA).


22. (U) AR 380-35, subject: Security, Use and Dissemination of Communications Intelligence.


24. (U)

25. (U)

26. (U) AR 381-10, subject: U.S. Army Intelligence Activities

27. (U) AR 381-14, subject: Counterintelligence, Technical Surveillance Countermeasures

28. (U) AR 381-20, subject: Counterintelligence Activities

29. (U)

30. (U) AR 381-141, subject: Provision for Administration, Supervision, Control and Use of Intelligence Contingency Funds

31. (U) AR 381-143, subject: Logistic Policies and Procedures
32. (U) AR 530-2, subject: Communications Security

33. (U) AR 710-2, subject: Materiel Management for Using Units, Support Units and Installation.

34. (U) AR 735-11, subject: Accounting for Lost, Damaged and Destroyed Property.

35. (U) Field Manual 30-18, subject: Intelligence Collection Operations.