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Chapter 1

GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1. General. This instruction covers operation of the AF National-Tactical Integration (NTI) Enterprise, from the ACC-level down to the unit-level. It directs actions, assigns responsibilities, and prescribes procedures and criteria for AF NTI operations.

1.2. Air Force NTI Overview. AF NTI, centrally managed by ACC/A2, is a cross-organizational capability that spans the 16 AF enterprise and enables the rapid access and delivery of tailored national intelligence and analytic support to enhance operations. AF NTI leverages national Intelligence community (IC) information and (ISR) capabilities for the Air Component while also providing the IC with expertise and insight on global AF operations. This two-way exchange of information not only maximizes Air Component access to national ISR resources, but also provides the IC with the tactical situational awareness (SA) necessary to optimize collection, analysis, and production activities. AF NTI contributes to Air Component planning, threat analysis, target development, ISR operations, assessment processes, and SA in support of joint and coalition operations. As the Air Force Service Cryptologic Component to the National Security Agency/Central Security Service (NSA/CSS), the 16 AF Commander developed global AF NTI elements focused on leveraging United States Signals Intelligence (SIGINT) System (USSS) resources to provide seamless support to represent the Air Components.

1.3. Applicability and Scope. This manual applies to personnel who perform AF NTI missions at the Wing level and below (as defined in AFI 38-101, *Manpower and Organization*). It addresses roles, responsibilities and identifies key processes AF NTI Airmen must perform to accomplish the mission. This publication is not intended to apply to mission sets already governed elsewhere (such as non-14-series publications), provided there is clear and sufficient guidance to effectively direct intelligence activities therein. The mission and priorities of Air Force NTI are described in further detail within the Air Force NTI strategic documents.

1.4. Implementation. ACC/A2 will coordinate with stakeholders throughout this transition to ensure continued support to National, MAJCOM, and Theater stakeholders.

1.5. AF NTI Program Management Office (PMO). In November 2020, the ACC Programming Plan 19-15 transferred AF NTI program management from 16 AF/J2 to ACC/A22A. ACC is the lead authority for all AF NTI elements. Additionally, during realignment of PMO responsibilities to ACC, the 70th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing (ISRW) was designated as AF NTI Lead Wing (LW). Lastly, the 616th Operations Center (OC) NTI Operations Convergence Cell (NOCC) is the focal point for all AF NTI operations.

Chapter 2

PROGRAM OVERSIGHT RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1. ACC Directorate of Intelligence (ACC/A2). ACC/A2 either exercises or delegates the following responsibilities:

2.1.1. Maintain oversight and ensure compliance for the execution and management of AF NTI operations as Program of Record under PE 28019F – Tactical Integration Programs (TIP) following Department of Defense (DoD), Air Force, and IC guidance.

2.1.2. Manage Organize, Train, and Equip (OT&E) functions for the enterprise to meet operational requirements in coordination with 16 AF, Wing/Center Mission Managers (MM) and supported MAJCOMs and NAFs. Ensure AF NTI forces are capable of providing a two-way exchange of information in support of the Air Component and national mission execution.

2.1.3. Appoint an AF NTI Contracting Officer Representative (COR) at the MAJCOM level for the AF NTI contract - Management, Training, and Multi-Intelligence Support Services to AF NTI Program. The COR shall manage contractual obligations for AF NTI contractors across the AF NTI enterprise in coordination with local contracting office. The COR will:

2.1.3.1. Coordinate with AF NTI government leads, at units employing AF NTI contractors on ACC-managed contracts, to provide monthly written feedback on contractor performance, as defined in the Performance Work Statement (PWS), and identify contractor performance issues. Guidance on Government/Contractor Relationships and performance expectations will be provided to all appointed AF NTI government leads.

2.1.3.2. In coordination with the contract task lead, approve contractor travel and manage travel funding for all AF NTI contract personnel.

2.1.3.3. Liaise with additional CORs governing contractors under separate contracts working AF NTI.

2.1.3.4. Maintain oversight of contract issues and staff actions for all ACC-managed contracts employing AF NTI contractor personnel.

2.1.3.5. Review this instruction periodically and recommend revisions/updates as required to AF NTI PMO.

2.1.4. Develop/Maintain AF NTI doctrine, aligned with AF Program of Record PE28019F – TIP in concert with ACC, Wing/Center MM, Air Force Cryptologic Office and the NTI enterprise.

2.1.5. Consolidate and prioritize manning, training, and equipment requirements received from Wings and Centers, and coordinate with appropriate ACC staff offices for resolution.

2.1.6. Liaise with MAJCOM staff, NAF staff, and external organizations concerning AF NTI planning, programming, and budgeting requirements. Champion AF NTI inputs regarding Air Force Program Objective Memoranda (AFPOM) submissions.

2.1.7. Plan/Chair annual AF NTI summits, working groups, and Integrated Process Teams (IPTs) related to organizing, training, and equipping AF NTI.

2.1.8. Certify AF NTI mission activities as defined by USSID 3600, *SIGINT Component of National-Tactical Integration*, aligned with Program of Record PE 28019F – TIP defined mission description.

2.1.9. Coordinate on Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) and other support agreements between AF NTI entities and external US organizations.

2.1.10. Develop and/or coordinate through ACC, 16 AF, Wings/Centers, and the AF NTI enterprise on all AF NTI governance documents; establish an AF NTI program that evaluates and validates an NTI element's local, standard operating processes and Initial/Full Operational Capability (IOC/FOC) criteria.

2.1.11. Designate an OPR for AF NTI Enterprise staff actions.

2.1.12. Validate requirements for AF NTI baseline systems and databases used across the AF NTI Enterprise. Additional accounts/systems may be required dependent on element location and customer requirements; however, these systems will not be part of the enterprise baseline. Conduct an annual data call to review systems and databases used by each AF NTI element.

2.1.13. Coordinate participation by AF NTI entities in any forum to create, update, or amend operational or intelligence policy, doctrine, and Tactics, Techniques and Procedures such as those which would be included in Air Force Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures (AFTTP) 3-1.NTI.

2.1.14. Monitor the financial status and obligations pertaining to AF NTI Elements.

2.1.14.1. Gather annual budget requirements from Wing/Center MM for all AF NTI elements.

2.1.14.2. Perform initial review and make discretionary cuts where necessary in coordination with the ACC/A2 Resource Office.

2.1.14.3. Collect and document quarterly expenditures received from Wings/Centers.

2.1.14.4. Provide instruction and travel/equipment/supplies fund request templates to MMs for enterprise distribution.

2.1.14.5. Review/approve funding requests IAW respective element spend plan inputs.

2.1.14.6. Review justification for requests that do not align with current FY spend plan for approval on a case-by-case basis.

2.1.14.7. Coordinate with the ACC/A2 Resource Office on the creation of a Line of Accounting (LOA) in the Defense Travel System (DTS) for all AF NTI analysts to use for travel.

2.1.14.8. AF NTI Government Purchase Card (GPC) holder will coordinate with elements to make equipment/supply purchases and have them shipped to the requesting element.

2.1.14.9. Provide manpower oversight (POM submissions, manpower studies, billet allocations, etc.).

2.1.14.10. Process AF NTI Unfunded Requirements (UFR).

2.1.14.11. Serve as the Capability Advocate for AF NTI unfunded requests and ensure they are validated through the corporate process.

- 2.1.15. Manage the AF NTI deployment process in coordination with the AF NTI Lead Wing.
- 2.1.15.1. Coordinate AF NTI Functional Area Manager (FAM) duties with ACC/A2 FAM through ACC Force Readiness and Deployments.
 - 2.1.15.2. Maintain oversight for AF NTI-associated Unit Type Codes (UTC). Identify and manage personnel and equipment within AF NTI to support wartime and peacetime contingencies as well as exercise participation by manning, training, and equipping AF NTI elements.
 - 2.1.15.3. Assist UTC development, management, and maintenance activities, to include an annual review of AF NTI UTCs.
 - 2.1.15.4. Ensure AF NTI capabilities are accurately reflected in UTC Mission Capability Statements and appropriate Air Force Specialty Code/skill level requirements are detailed.
 - 2.1.15.5. Ensure AF NTI manpower authorizations are accurately postured against AF NTI UTCs, considering both deployed and home-station requirements.
 - 2.1.15.6. Coordinate with AF NTI LW and ACC force providers to ensure the accuracy of AF NTI contingency requirements, modifying requirements as necessary. This includes, but is not limited to, ensuring postured capabilities are able to meet Time Phased Force Deployment Data (TPFDD) requirements.
 - 2.1.15.7. Coordinate on issues affecting AF NTI personnel, equipment readiness status, and availability to meet deployment requirements.
 - 2.1.15.8. Ensure all timelines established to support deployment sourcing, verification, and validation processes are met.
 - 2.1.15.9. In coordination with AF NTI Lead Wing and Wing/Center MM, produce and update a two-year AF NTI Enterprise deployment matrix/projection, updated annually, and distributed to MMs.
- 2.1.16. Develop AF NTI inspection criteria checklist and publish to the Management Internal Control Toolset (MICT). Review MICT AF NTI communicator annually. Review Inspector General (IG) reports from various unit inspections for NTI related items; provide feedback in a timely and applicable manner when necessary.
- 2.1.17. In coordination with AF NTI LW, ensure AF NTI participants submit After Action Reports (AAR) to AF NTI PMO no later than 15 business days after conclusion of AF NTI exercises, AF NTI site visits, and AF NTI deployments. This requirement drops to five business days for any participating AF NTI contractors.
- 2.1.18. Review this ACCMAN and coordinate recommended revisions/updates from MMs for Instruction currency.
- 2.1.19. In conjunction with AF NTI LW, develop enduring exercise plans (RESOLUTE HUNTER, RED FLAG, IW Flag, etc.). Review/maintain AF NTI participation, planning, and execution in AF/Joint exercises IAW published ACC Exercise Campaign Plans.
- 2.1.20. PMO will act as ACC/A2's designated authority for matters affecting the AF NTI program.

2.2. AF NTI Lead Wing. The 70 ISRW is the Lead Wing for the AF NTI Enterprise. As the AF NTI Lead Wing, the 70 ISRW will:

- 2.2.1. Manage enterprise-wide training continuum and provide recommendations to AF NTI PMO on enterprise training needs. **(T-2)**
- 2.2.2. Implement, review, and maintain oversight of AF NTI applicable mission-specific training, positional certifications, and evaluation criteria as necessary IAW program Master Training Plan (MTP). **(T-2)**
- 2.2.3. Assist the AF NTI enterprise with national database accesses through the Air Force Cryptologic Office (AFCO) and establish and maintain validated system requirements in coordination with PMO. **(T-2)**
- 2.2.4. Ensure AF NTI enterprise maintains compliance with all DoD, IC and AF policy, guidance and directives. **(T-2)**
- 2.2.5. Review/maintain AF NTI enterprise-specific tactics and formulate into approved Air Force Tactics, Techniques and Procedures (AFTTP 3-1.NTI, *National Tactical Integration*) and maintain AF NTI Standard Operating Procedures (SOP).
- 2.2.6. Assist AF NTI PMO with participation, planning, and execution in Air Force exercises IAW the published 16 AF/ACC Exercise Campaign Plan. **(T-2)**
- 2.2.7. Review/archive AARs from AF NTI deployments/exercises. Develop and implement measures to improve performance during deployments/exercises based on above AARs.
- 2.2.8. Manage AF NTI Requests for Information (RFI)/support efforts coordinated via the approved NSA RFI management system. **(T-2)**
- 2.2.9. Conduct an annual review and facilitate updates to USSID 3600.
- 2.2.10. Plan/Chair AF NTI enterprise training, cryptologic compliance, and TTP working groups.
- 2.2.11. Review this instruction periodically and recommend revisions/updates as required to AF NTI PMO.
- 2.2.12. Coordinate on issues affecting AF NTI personnel, equipment readiness status and availability to meet deployment requirements.

2.3. 616th Operations Center (OC) – NTI Operations Convergence Cell (NOCC). The 616 OC - NOCC is the focal point for operations incorporating multiple NTI elements. The 616 OC NOCC will:

- 2.3.1. Coordinate and oversee the AF NTI Enterprise to optimize and synchronize operational efforts in support of air components and other customers by guiding convergence between AF NTI elements, other 16 AF units, intelligence community organizations, sister-service partners and other stakeholders.
 - 2.3.1.1. Assist LW in identifying topics for SOP development and partnering with LW in authoring AF NTI Enterprise SOPs.
 - 2.3.1.2. Coordinate AF NTI Enterprise Continuity of Operations Plans (COOP) needs with AF NTI elements, AF NTI MM, and supported customers for both temporary (in-place

COOP) and longer term (alternate location COOP) requirements; provide COOP updates to AF NTI PMO and LW.

2.3.2. Provide AF NTI PMO insight into ongoing AF NTI operations, successes and challenges.

2.3.3. Monitor communication forums including internet chat (IRC) channels, to respond to requests for information/support and to maintain situational awareness.

2.3.4. Review and consolidate daily AF NTI Summary (NTISUM) received from AF NTI elements and post on the AF NTI website.

2.3.5. Assist 616 OC Plans Division with Task Order development.

2.3.5.1. Designate a lead AF NTI element for specific operations/contingencies identified in Task Orders.

2.3.5.2. Evaluate AF NTI performance of tasked responsibilities and provide feedback process to AF NTI PMO to improve AF NTI enterprise operations.

2.3.6. Coordinate with 616 OC network operations leads to identify system and network issues for troubleshooting and to request Periods of Non-Disruption (POND) when persistent network availability is requested to support unique events or contingency operations.

2.3.7. Synchronize AF NTI mission planning and execution processes by coordinating/brokering 16 AF capabilities in support of a mission under the direction of the lead AF NTI element to ensure ISR support is sufficient to meet the C/JFACC intent.

2.3.8. Review ACC IG reports for possible improvement opportunities of AF NTI programs.

2.3.9. Consolidate and review AF NTI processes and procedures to identify, codify and replicate best practices across the enterprise in coordination with AF NTI PMO, LW, and MMs.

2.3.10. Review submitted surveys and AARs from MMs after personnel return from deployment and exercises to identify areas needing Higher Headquarters (HHQ) support.

2.3.11. Review this instruction periodically and recommend revisions/updates as required to AF NTI PMO.

2.3.12. Oversee RFI process on behalf of LW, when formally requested.

2.3.13. Guide development, quality control and dissemination of AF NTI Coordination Cards (Coord Card) to fuel convergence activities across the AF NTI Enterprise and with stakeholders IAW the Coord Card SOP.

2.4. Wings and Centers overseeing subordinate AF NTI elements will:

2.4.1. Appoint a government employee (MIL/CIV), in writing, as AF NTI MM to oversee respective subordinate AF NTI elements. Contractors are not authorized to be appointed as MMs at any level (see Federal Acquisition Regulation, Section 7.503 (FAR 7.503)). Appointment Letters will be sent to AF NTI PMO and LW within 15 calendar days of new appointment or by 15 January annually for revalidation. **(T-2)**

2.4.1.1. Ensure all facets of the unit AF NTI program comply with published directives.

2.4.1.2. Support the AF NTI IPTs, AF NTI summits, and working groups, when convened, by serving as the respective organization focal point for development, coordination, and resolution of issues. **(T-2)**

2.4.2. Submit prioritized budget requests to ACC AF NTI PMO upon request. **(T-2)** Provide quarterly expenditure requests using provided templates for TDY travel and equipment purchases to AF NTI PMO up to 15 calendar days prior to the beginning of the quarter on a Fiscal Year basis for review/approval. **(T-3)**

2.4.3. Identify, develop, and consolidate AF NTI requirements for manpower, systems, facilities, and resources based on documented mission requirements. MMs will ensure formal staffing coordination on changes affecting AF NTI missions, programs, or guidance. **(T-2)**

2.4.4. Review the unit's Mission Continuity Plan (MCP) annually to ensure currency.

2.4.4.1. Review all MTP documents annually to ensure currency and accuracy.

2.4.5. Identify upcoming fiscal year (FY) exercise participation to AF NTI PMO and LW (prior to start of FY) with inclusion of AF NTI requirements and intentions. **(T-2)** Forward current list to AF NTI PMO and update changes as required. Submit AARs no later than 60 calendar days after conclusion of exercises to AF NTI PMO and LW. This requirement changes to 5 duty days for contractor participation.

2.4.6. Ensure subordinate units satisfy all AF NTI training requirements IAW AF NTI MTP. **(T-2)**

2.4.7. Review this instruction annually and recommend revisions/updates as required to AF NTI PMO. **(T-2)**

2.4.8. Maintain copies of Memorandum of Agreement (MOAs), Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs), and other support agreements between AF NTI entities and external organizations and provide copies of MOAs and MOUs to both AF NTI LW and PMO.

2.5. Assigned Squadrons and any other units tasked with AF NTI responsibilities will:

2.5.1. Appoint an AF NTI Action Officer (OIC, Superintendent, NCOIC etc.) to oversee their respective AF NTI missions. The Action Officer will ensure all facets of the unit's AF NTI program comply with published directives. Contractors are not authorized (FAR 7.503) to be appointed as Action Officers at any level. These individuals will be formally appointed by their appropriate leadership with an Action Officer Appointment Letter. Appointment Letters will be sent through the AF NTI chain of command to respective MM within 15 calendar days of new appointment, or by 15 January annually for revalidation. **(T-2)**

2.5.2. Ensure appointed AF NTI Action Officer provides monthly status reports on any contractor personnel supporting respective missions. **(T-3)**

2.5.3. Execute AF NTI mission and training responsibilities IAW governing documents, i.e., MTP. **(T-2)**

2.5.4. Submit budgetary requests to respective Wing/Center MMs for consolidation and prioritization. Provide quarterly expenditure requests to Wing/Center MM NLT 15 days prior to the beginning of the next fiscal quarter for review/processing to AF NTI PMO for final approval/allocation. **(T-2)**

2.5.5. Coordinate operational issues, requirements, and changes to procedures with respective MMs. **(T-2)**

2.5.6. Ensure subordinate elements submit daily NTISUM as directed by the NOCC IAW NTISUM guide. **(T-3)**

2.5.7. Submit surveys and AARs to MMs no later than 60 calendar days after personnel return from deployment and exercises. **(T-2)** This requirement is 5 duty days for contractors.

STEPHEN M. GORSKI, Brig Gen, USAF
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Abbreviations and Acronyms

16 AF—Sixteenth Air Force

616 OC—616th Operations Center

AAR—After Action Report

CCMD—Combatant Command

COR—Contracting Officer Representative

ELINT—Electronic Intelligence

FAM—Functional Area Manager

FY—Fiscal Year

IC—Intelligence Community

IG—Inspector General

IPT—Integrated Process Team

ISR—Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance

ISRW—Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Wing

IT—Initial Training

JQS—Job Qualification Standard

MCP—Mission Continuity Plan (AKA Continuity Binder)

MICT—Management Internal Control Toolset

MM—Mission Manager

MTP—Mission Training Plan

NOCC—NTI Operations Convergence Cell

NSA—National Security Agency

NSA/CSS—National Security Agency/Central Security Service

NTI—National-Tactical Integration

PM—Program Manager

PMO—Program Management Office

RFI—Request for Information

SCC—Service Cryptologic Component

SIGINT—Signals Intelligence

U//FOUO—Unclassified//For Official Use Only

USSID—United States Signals Intelligence Directive

USSS—United States SIGINT System

UTC—Unit Type Code

Terms

After Action Report (AAR)—A generic term for a Lesson Learned, Observation Report, or Summary Report submitted at the completion of an exercise.

Combatant Command (CCMD)—A unified or specified command with a broad continuing mission under a single commander established and so designated by the President, through the Secretary of Defense, and with the advice and assistance of the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff (CJCS). COCOMs typically have geographic or functional responsibility.

Electronic Intelligence (ELINT)—A component of SIGINT, ELINT is technical and intelligence information derived from foreign non-communications electromagnetic emissions, primarily radars, emanating from other than nuclear detonations or radioactive sources.

Integrated Process Team (IPT)—A group of personnel tasked with resolving a specific problem or completing an assigned project.

National Security Agency/Central Security Service (NSA/CSS)—The cryptologic organization for the United States Government. Its twofold mission is the protection of U.S. information systems and the production of foreign Signals Intelligence information.

Service Cryptologic Component (SCC)—The five military cryptologic organizations of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard that comprise the Central Security Service (CSS) and are responsible for CSS personnel.

Signals Intelligence (SIGINT)—Intelligence derived from communications, electronic and foreign instrumentation signals. It is comprised either individually, or in combination, of the following: Communications Intelligence (COMINT), Electronic Intelligence (ELINT), and Foreign Instrumentation Intelligence (FISINT), however transmitted.

United States Signals Intelligence Directive (USSID)—The mechanism through which Director, National Security Agency/Chief, Central Security Service (DIRNSA/CHCSS) exercises SIGINT operational control of the United States SIGINT System.

United States SIGINT System (USSS)—Refers to U.S. Government SIGINT activities worldwide under the direction of Director, National Security Agency/Chief, Central Security Service (DIRNSA/CHCSS).