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(i) An offense listed in 18 U.S.C. 2516(1); or

(ii) Fraud against the Government or any other offense dangerous to life, limb, or property and punishable under title 18 of the U.S. Code by death or confinement for more than 1 year; or

(iii) Any conspiracy to commit any of the foregoing offenses.

(e) Consensual interceptions of wire and oral communications shall be undertaken only when at least one of the parties to the conversation has consented to the interception and when the investigation involves:

(1) A criminal offense punishable, under the United States Code or Uniform Code of Military Justice, by death or confinement for 1 year or more; or

(2) A telephone call involving obscenity, harassment, extortion, bribery, bomb threat, or threat of bodily harm that has been made to a person authorized to use the telephone of a subscriber-user on an installation, building, or portion thereof, under Department of Defense jurisdiction or control, and when the subscriber-user has also consented to the interception.

(f) The prohibitions and restrictions of this part apply regardless of the official use or dissemination of the intercepted information. Any questions as to whether the use of a particular device may involve prohibited wire or oral interception shall be submitted with supporting facts through channels to the general counsel of the Department of Defense for resolution.

(g) No otherwise privileged wire or oral communication intercepted in accordance with this part shall lose its privileged character.

§ 42.4 Waivers.

Waivers of the requirements enunciated in this part will be authorized on a case-by-case basis only when directed in writing by the Secretary of Defense. Waivers will be authorized only under the most limited circumstances and when consistent with applicable law.

§ 42.5 Responsibilities.

(a) The Department of Defense General Counsel or a single designee, shall:

(1) Determine whether to approve or deny requests for authorization to con-

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duct nonconsensual interceptions under this part (§ 42.7(a)(1) (i) and (ii)).

(2) Determine whether to seek Attorney General authorization for emergency nonconsensual interceptions (§ 42.7(a)(1)(iii)).

(3) In the absence of the Secretary of the military department concerned, or a designee, determine whether to approve or deny requests to conduct consensual interceptions (§ 42.7(a)(2)(i)).

(4) Provide overall policy guidance for the implementation of this part.

(b) The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) (ASD(C)), or a designee, shall:

(1) In consultation with the DoD General Counsel, act for the Secretary of Defense to insure compliance with the provisions of this part.

(2) Receive, process, and transmit to the DoD General Counsel all requests from the heads of the DoD components, or their designees, for authority to conduct nonconsensual interception of wire and oral communications.

(3) Furnish to the Attorney General those reports required by § 42.7(f)(1) and provide a copy of such reports to the DoD General Counsel.

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(c) The head of each DoD component or a designee shall insure compliance with the policies and procedures set forth or referenced in this part.

(d) The secretary of each military department, or a designee, shall:

(1) Determine whether to approve or deny requests to conduct consensual interceptions (§ 42.7(a)(2)(i)). This approval authority shall not be delegated to an official below the level of assistant secretary or assistant to the secretary of the military department.

(2) Review requests for nonconsensual interception of wire or oral communications (§ 42.7(a)(1)).

(3) Designate a control point of contact and so advise the DoD General Counsel and the ASD(C) for:

(i) Interception activities and related applications covered by this part.

(ii) Compilation of reports and forwarding other submissions to the ASD(C) as required by the provisions of this part.

(iii) Maintaining a file of information regarding all interceptions of wire and oral communications by any element of the Department.

(4) Furnish to the ASD(C) the reports required by § 42.7(f)(2).

(e) The judge advocate general of each military department shall assign military judges, certified in accordance with the provisions of article 26(b) of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, 10 U.S.C. 826(b):

(1) To receive applications for intercept authorization orders and to determine whether to issue such orders in accordance with § 42.7(a)(1)(ii)(A). The authorization of such military judges to issue intercept authorization orders shall be limited to interceptions occurring abroad and targeted against persons subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

(2) To receive applications to conduct pen register operations and to issue orders authorizing such operations in accordance with § 42.7(b)(1). The authority of such military judges to issue orders authorizing pen register operations shall be limited to operations conducted on a military installation and targeted against persons subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

§ 42.6 Definitions.

(a) *Abroad.* Outside the United States. An interception takes place abroad when the interception device is located and operated outside the United States and the target of the interception is located outside the United States.

(b) *Application for court order.* A document containing specified information prepared for and forwarded to a judge of the U.S. district court or the U.S. court of appeals, or a military judge.

(c) *Consensual interception.* An interception of a wire or oral communication after verbal or written consent for the interception is given by one or more of the parties to the communication.

(d) *Court order.* An order issued by a judge of a U.S. district court or a U.S. court of appeals or by a military judge authorizing a wire or oral interception or a pen register operation.

(e) *Electronic, mechanical, or other device.* Any device or apparatus that can

be used to intercept a wire or oral communication other than any telephone equipment furnished to the subscriber or user by a communications common carrier in the ordinary course of its business and used by the subscriber or user in the ordinary course of its business or used by an investigative or law enforcement officer in the ordinary course of duty (18 U.S.C. 2510(5)).

(f) *Interception.* The aural acquisition of the contents of any wire or oral communication through the use of any electronic, mechanical, or other device (18 U.S.C. 2510(4)). The term "contents" includes any information concerning the identity of the parties to such communication or the existence, substance, purport, or meaning of that communication (18 U.S.C. 2510(8)).

(g) *Oral communication.* Any oral communication uttered by a person exhibiting an expectation that such communication is not subject to interception, under circumstances justifying such expectation (18 U.S.C. 2510(2)).

(h) *Pen register.* A device connected to a telephone instrument or line that permits the recording of telephone numbers dialed from a particular telephone instrument. "Pen register" also includes decoder devices used to record the numbers dialed from a touch-tone telephone. "Pen register" does not include equipment used to record the numbers dialed for and duration of long-distance telephone calls when the equipment is used to make such records for an entire telephone system and for billing or communications management purposes.

(i) *Telephone tracing.* A technique or procedure to determine the origin, by telephone number and location, of a telephone call made to a known telephone instrument. The terms "lock-out" and "trapping" may also be used to describe this technique.

(j) *United States.* For the purposes of this part, the term "United States" includes the 50 States of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and any territory or possession of the United States.

(k) *United States person.* For purposes of this part the term "U.S. person" means a United States citizen, an alien