NATIONAL SECURITY DECISION
DIRECTIVE NUMBER 204

TRANSFER OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION
TASKING AUTHORITY

In accordance with paragraph 1.5m of Executive Order 12333, this
directive provides policy guidance concerning the transfer of
national intelligence collection tasking authority between the
Director of Central Intelligence (DCI) and the Secretary of
Defense (SECDEF) as warranted by international crisis conditions.

This transfer of tasking authority will not alter the command
arrangements or the existing operational control over national
intelligence collection assets. Such responsibilities will
continue to be carried out by the responsible departments and
agencies.

The SECDEF and the DCI will ensure at all times that national
intelligence collection assets are used in response to priority
U.S. national security objectives and requirements.