1. Policy Directive Title: Intelligence Value Assessments of FISA-Derived Electronic Surveillance

2. Publication Date: 2009-08-13

3. Effective Date: 2009-08-13

4. Review Date: 2012-08-13

5. Primary Strategic Objective:
   R1-Utilize and align existing resources and assets in an efficient manner.

6. Authorities:
The Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, 50 USC 1801 et seq. (FISA).

7. Purpose:
   (U) The purpose of this policy is to ensure that appropriate stakeholders capable of weighing the cost and benefit of raw intelligence collected pursuant to FISA authority perform value assessments of each individual source of FISA intercept no less than once every 12-month period.

(U//FOUO) 8.1.1. Be conducted no less than once every 6 months for FISAs requiring renewal every 90 days or more frequently. Value assessments for FISAs which may be authorized by one annual order must be conducted no less frequently than every 12 months, usually in keeping with the standard FISA renewal process. Individual FISA collection that is historically labor-intensive and prone to low intelligence yields (such as MISURs), is to be evaluated more frequently (see 8.2).

(U) 8.1.3. Examine all other reasonable factors and indicators;

(U) 8.1.4. Be conducted on all applicable FISA sources or collection methods, to include TESUR, MISUR, electronic data files (EDF), etc. that require the commitment of monitoring resources, including FLP and other monitoring personnel; and
9. Scope:
(U) This policy is applicable to all FBI Field Offices, Resident Agencies, and HQ Divisions. It pertains to all FISA collection requiring Foreign Language Program or other monitoring resources.

10. Proponent:
Directorate of Intelligence, Language Services Section
Directorate of Intelligence, Intelligence Strategy Policy and Planning Unit

11. Roles and Responsibilities:
(U) 11.1. As necessary, Field Office executive management should convene working groups of logical stakeholders for the purposes of performing FISA facility Intelligence value assessments required by this directive.

(U//FOUO) 11.2. Participating stakeholders should include, but are not necessarily limited to, Case Agents, Field Intelligence Program Coordinators (IPC), Field Office Collection Managers (CoIIMC or A/CoIIMC), OTD Personnel, Technically Trained Agents (TTAs) and/or Foreign Language Personnel (Including Foreign Language Program Managers - FLPM, Supervisory Foreign Language Program Coordinators - SFLPC, or field appointment Foreign Language Coordinators - FLC).
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12. Exemptions:
None

13. Supersession:

14. References, Key Words, and Links:

15. Definitions:

(U//FOUO) 15.2. Lead Analyst: The person who is responsible for collecting Information from the respective FISA, whether it is an Intelligence Analyst (IA), Language Analyst (LA) or Technically Trained Agent (TTA).

(U//FOUO) 15.3. Substantive Program Coordinator: The supervisor of the Case Agent responsible for the respective FISA (typically the SSA).

(U//FOUO) 15.4. Other monitoring resources: Includes all human and technical resources necessary for the installation, maintenance, and monitoring of technical sources pursuant to FISA.

16. Appendices, Attachments, and Forms:

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