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NATIONAL SECURITY DECISION  
DIRECTIVE NUMBER 204

TRANSFER OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION  
TASKING AUTHORITY ~~(S)~~

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.

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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.

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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.

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