priate Federal, State, local, or foreign government official for the purpose of preventing or responding to such a threat. Any official who receives information pursuant to this provision may use that information only as necessary in the conduct of that person's official duties subject to any limitations on the unauthorized disclosure of such information, and any State, local, or foreign official who receives information pursuant to this provision may use that information only consistent with such guidelines as the Attorney General and Director of Central Intelligence shall jointly issue."

#### CHANGE OF NAME

Reference to the Director of Central Intelligence or the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency in the Director's capacity as the head of the intelligence community deemed to be a reference to the Director of National Intelligence. Reference to the Director of Central Intelligence or the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency in the Director's capacity as the head of the Central Intelligence Agency deemed to be a reference to the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. See section 1081(a), (b) of Pub. L. 108–458, set out as a note under section 401 of this title.

#### Effective Date of 2002 Amendment

Amendment by Pub. L. 107–296 effective 60 days after Nov. 25, 2002, see section 4 of Pub. L. 107–296, set out as an Effective Date note under section 101 of Title 6, Domestic Security.

#### § 403-5e. Transferred

#### CODIFICATION

Section, act July 26, 1947, ch. 343, title I, §105D, as added Pub. L. 107–306, title V, §502(a), Nov. 27, 2002, 116 Stat. 2405, which related to protection of operational files of the National Reconnaissance Office, was renumbered section 703 of act July 26, 1947, by Pub. L. 108–136, div. A, title IX, §922(c), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1573, and was transferred to section 432a of this title.

# § 403-6. Appointment of officials responsible for intelligence-related activities

# (a) Recommendation of DNI in certain appointments

- (1) In the event of a vacancy in a position referred to in paragraph (2), the Director of National Intelligence shall recommend to the President an individual for nomination to fill the vacancy.
- (2) Paragraph (1) applies to the following positions:
  - (A) The Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence.
  - (B) The Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

# (b) Concurrence of DNI in appointments to positions in the intelligence community

(1) In the event of a vacancy in a position referred to in paragraph (2), the head of the department or agency having jurisdiction over the position shall obtain the concurrence of the Director of National Intelligence before appointing an individual to fill the vacancy or recommending to the President an individual to be nominated to fill the vacancy. If the Director does not concur in the recommendation, the head of the department or agency concerned may not fill the vacancy or make the recommendation to the President (as the case may be). In the case in which the Director does not concur in such a recommendation, the Director and the head of the department or agency concerned may advise

the President directly of the intention to withhold concurrence or to make a recommendation, as the case may be.

- (2) Paragraph (1) applies to the following positions:
  - (A) The Director of the National Security Agency.
  - (B) The Director of the National Reconnaissance Office.
  - (C) The Director of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency.
  - (D) The Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research.
  - (E) The Director of the Office of Intelligence of the Department of Energy.
  - (F) The Director of the Office of Counterintelligence of the Department of Energy.
  - (G) The Assistant Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of the Treasury.
  - (H) The Executive Assistant Director for Intelligence of the Federal Bureau of Investigation or any successor to that position.
  - (I) The Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Intelligence and Analysis.

#### (c) Consultation with DNI in certain positions

- (1) In the event of a vacancy in a position referred to in paragraph (2), the head of the department or agency having jurisdiction over the position shall consult with the Director of National Intelligence before appointing an individual to fill the vacancy or recommending to the President an individual to be nominated to fill the vacancy.
- (2) Paragraph (1) applies to the following positions:
  - (A) The Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency.
  - (B) The Assistant Commandant of the Coast Guard for Intelligence.
  - (C) The Assistant Attorney General designated as the Assistant Attorney General for National Security under section 507A of title 28.

(July 26, 1947, ch. 343, title I, \$106, as added Pub. L. 102–496, title VII, \$706(a), Oct. 24, 1992, 106 Stat. 3195; amended Pub. L. 103–359, title V, \$501(a)(3), Oct. 14, 1994, 108 Stat. 3428; Pub. L. 104–293, title VIII, \$815(a), Oct. 11, 1996, 110 Stat. 3484; Pub. L. 107–108, title III, \$308, Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1399; Pub. L. 108–136, div. A, title IX, \$921(e)(5), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1569; Pub. L. 108–177, title I, \$105(c), Dec. 13, 2003, 117 Stat. 2603; Pub. L. 108–458, title I, \$1014, Dec. 17, 2004, 118 Stat. 3663; Pub. L. 109–177, title V, \$506(a)(4), Mar. 9, 2006, 120 Stat. 247; Pub. L. 110–53, title V, \$531(b)(5), Aug. 3, 2007, 121 Stat. 334.)

## AMENDMENTS

2007—Subsec. (b)(2)(I). Pub. L. 110–53 amended subpar. (I) generally. Prior to amendment, subpar. (I) read as follows: "The Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Information Analysis."

2006—Subsec. (c)(2)(C). Pub. L. 109–177 added subpar. (C).

2004—Pub. L. 108-458 amended text generally, substituting provisions relating to involvement of Director of National Intelligence in appointments, consisting of subsecs. (a) to (c), for provisions relating to involvement of Director of Central Intelligence in appointments, consisting of subsecs. (a) and (b).

2003—Subsec. (a)(2)(C). Pub. L. 108–136 substituted "National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency" for "National Imagery and Mapping Agency".

Subsec. (b)(2)(E). Pub. L. 108-177 added subpar. (E).

2001—Subsec. (b)(2)(C), (D). Pub. L. 107–108 added subpars. (C) and (D) and struck out former subpar. (C) which read as follows: "The Director of the Office of Nonproliferation and National Security of the Department of Energy.".

1996—Pub. L. 104–293 amended section generally, substituting provisions relating to appointment of individuals responsible for intelligence-related activities for provisions relating to administrative provisions pertaining to defense elements within the intelligence community.

1994—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 103–359 substituted "Central Imagery Office" for "central imagery authority" in heading and text.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2004 AMENDMENT

For Determination by President that amendment by Pub. L. 108–458 take effect on Apr. 21, 2005, see Memorandum of President of the United States, Apr. 21, 2005, 70 F.R. 23925, set out as a note under section 401 of this title.

Amendment by Pub. L. 108–458 effective not later than six months after Dec. 17, 2004, except as otherwise expressly provided, see section 1097(a) of Pub. L. 108–458, set out as an Effective Date of 2004 Amendment; Transition Provisions note under section 401 of this title.

# § 403-7. Prohibition on using journalists as agents or assets

#### (a) Policy

It is the policy of the United States that an element of the Intelligence Community may not use as an agent or asset for the purposes of collecting intelligence any individual who—

- (1) is authorized by contract or by the issuance of press credentials to represent himself or herself, either in the United States or abroad, as a correspondent of a United States news media organization; or
- (2) is officially recognized by a foreign government as a representative of a United States media organization.

#### (b) Waiver

Pursuant to such procedures as the President may prescribe, the President or the Director of Central Intelligence may waive subsection (a) of this section in the case of an individual if the President or the Director, as the case may be, makes a written determination that the waiver is necessary to address the overriding national security interest of the United States. The Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives and the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate shall be notified of any waiver under this subsection.

## (c) Voluntary cooperation

Subsection (a) of this section shall not be construed to prohibit the voluntary cooperation of any person who is aware that the cooperation is being provided to an element of the United States Intelligence Community.

(Pub. L. 104–293, title III, §309, Oct. 11, 1996, 110 Stat. 3467.)

### CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997, and not as part of

the National Security Act of 1947 which comprises this chapter.

#### CHANGE OF NAME

Reference to the Director of Central Intelligence or the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency in the Director's capacity as the head of the intelligence community deemed to be a reference to the Director of National Intelligence. Reference to the Director of Central Intelligence or the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency in the Director's capacity as the head of the Central Intelligence Agency deemed to be a reference to the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. See section 1081(a), (b) of Pub. L. 108–458, set out as a note under section 401 of this title.

# § 403-8. Reaffirmation of longstanding prohibition against drug trafficking by employees of the intelligence community

#### (a) Finding

Congress finds that longstanding statutes, regulations, and policies of the United States prohibit employees, agents, and assets of the elements of the intelligence community, and of every other Federal department and agency, from engaging in the illegal manufacture, purchase, sale, transport, and distribution of drugs.

# (b) Obligation of employees of intelligence community

Any employee of the intelligence community having knowledge of a fact or circumstance that reasonably indicates that an employee, agent, or asset of an element of the intelligence community is involved in any activity that violates a statute, regulation, or policy described in subsection (a) of this section shall report such knowledge to an appropriate official.

#### (c) Intelligence community defined

In this section, the term "intelligence community" has the meaning given that term in section 401a(4) of this title.

(Pub. L. 106–120, title III, §313, Dec. 3, 1999, 113 Stat. 1615.)

## CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000, and not as part of the National Security Act of 1947 which comprises this chapter.

# § 403-9. Information access by the Comptroller General of the United States

## (a) DNI directive governing access

#### (1) Requirement for directive

The Director of National Intelligence, in consultation with the Comptroller General of the United States, shall issue a written directive governing the access of the Comptroller General to information in the possession of an element of the intelligence community.

## (2) Amendment to directive

The Director of National Intelligence, in consultation with the Comptroller General, may issue an amendment to the directive issued under paragraph (1) at any time the Director determines such an amendment is appropriate.

## (3) Relationship to other laws

The directive issued under paragraph (1) and any amendment to such directive issued under