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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, JOINT STAFF (J-6)
DIRECTOR, DEFENSE INFORMATION SYSTEMS AGENCY
DIRECTOR, NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY

SUBJECT: Policy on Non-DoD User Requests for DoD Iridium Service

In December 2000, DoD contracted with Iridium Satellite LLC for two years of satellite service which includes unlimited "airtime" for 20,000 users. Current efforts are underway to update Policy regarding DoD usage of Iridium and other Mobile Satellite Service (MSS) providers. In addition, since DoD plans to allocate a portion of the 20,000 to non-DoD users, it has become necessary to separately assign responsibilities regarding potential non-DoD user requests. The attached draft Policy on Non-DoD User Requests for DoD Iridium Service has been developed and coordinated at the ASD/C3I, JS/J6 and NSA action officer level, and is attached for formal coordination. Please provide comments to my staff by April 6, 2001. The current target for publishing this policy update is May, 2001. My point of contact is [REDACTED]

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ASD(C3I)

- Forward Non-DoD U.S. Government and AUSCANZUK requests to use DoD Iridium service to Joint Staff (J6) for approval pending operational impact assessment.
- Adjudicate other than AUSCANZUK requests to use DoD Iridium service on a case-by-case basis taking into account the Joint Staff (J6) operational impact assessment.

Director, Joint Staff (J6)

- Assume overall responsibility to ensure proper allocation of Iridium assets and assess the operational impact of requests to use the Iridium system.
- Grant Non-DoD U.S. Government users access to Iridium service via the DoD Gateway if operational assessment reveals minimal or no impact to DoD users.
- Grant users from Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom (AUSCANZUK) access to Iridium service via the DoD Gateway if operational assessment reveals minimal or no impact to U.S. users.
- Forward other than AUSCANZUK foreign requests to use DoD Iridium Service to ASD(C3I) for adjudication along with assessment of operational impact to U.S. users.

Director, National Security Agency (NSA)

- Perform Type I certification actions necessary to approve the Iridium Security Module (ISM) for protection of U.S. classified information.
- Adjudicate foreign country ISM release requests

Director, Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA)

- Ensure the Defense Information Technology Contracting Organization (DITCO) web page includes instructions to assist Non-DoD users in assessing their options associated with using DoD Iridium service


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