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**SUBJECT:** INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY MODIFICATIONS TO DCID 6/9, "PHYSICAL SECURITY STANDARDS FOR SENSITIVE COMPARTMENTED INFORMATION FACILITIES (SCIFs)"

**A. AUTHORITY:** The National Security Act of 1947, as amended; the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004; Executive Order 12333, as amended; Executive Order 13354; Executive Order 13355; and other applicable provisions of law.

**B. PURPOSE:** Effective immediately, the Director of Central Intelligence Directive 6/9 is amended by attachment. This update reflects Intelligence Community (IC) and industry concerns of overbuilding compartmented areas (CA) within existing Sensitive Compartmented Information Facilities. The standards were not included in the original document and set a singular standard that is applied across the IC ensuring reciprocity of CA's.

**C. EFFECTIVE DATE:** This IC Policy Memorandum becomes effective on the date of signature and the contents will be incorporated into an IC Directive.

  
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Director of National Intelligence

7/12/06  
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Date

Attachment:

DCID 6/9, Paragraph 3.4, Compartmented Area Construction Requirements

**Compartmented Area Construction Requirements**  
(New paragraph 3.4 of DCID 6/9)

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### **3.4 Compartmented Area (CA)**

A CA is a room, or set of rooms, located within a SCIF, designed to enforce need-to-know. A CA is required when different compartmented programs are sharing the same SCIF and not all SCIF personnel are cross-briefed. CSA concurrence with visual, acoustic, and access control measures is required. CA personnel must be briefed to the accreditation level of the parent SCIF.

#### **3.4.1 Closed Storage**

##### 3.4.1.1 Inside the United States

- a. When acoustic protection is not required, (e.g. non-discussion area) a separate room, which affords visual protection and is equipped with an approved access control device, will provide sufficient protection. Permanent drywall construction (as defined in section 4.2) is not required.
- b. When acoustic protection is required, the area perimeter must also meet the sound barrier performance outlined in Annex E 2.2, through construction or masking techniques. Permanent drywall construction (4.2) is preferred for a CA discussion area. If speakerphones or other amplified audio are to be used, sound barrier performance identified in Annex E 1.2.4 must be met through construction, masking techniques, or other CSA approved mitigation strategies.
- c. No additional alarm systems are required.

##### 3.4.1.2 Outside the United States

Construction requirements for CA are the same as 3.4.1.1.

#### **3.4.2 Open Storage**

##### 3.4.2.1 Inside the United States

- a. When a parent SCIF is built to, and accredited for open storage, and acoustic protection is not required (e.g. non-discussion area), approved access and visual controls are required.
- b. When a parent SCIF is built to, and accredited for open storage, and acoustic protection is required, the CA perimeter must also meet the sound barrier performance outlined in Annex E 1.2.3 through construction or masking techniques. Permanent drywall construction

(4.2) is preferred for a CA discussion area. If speakerphones or other amplified audio are to be used, sound barrier performance identified in Annex E 1.2.4 must be met through construction, masking techniques or other CSA approved mitigation strategies.

- c. When a parent SCIF is accredited for open storage, additional alarms for CA are not required. Nothing precludes the CA CSA from approving open or closed storage within the CA. Storage requirements will be noted in both the CA Fixed Facility Checklist and the MOA (if appropriate).
- d. When a parent SCIF is built and accredited for Closed Storage, CA must be constructed and accredited to open storage standards identified in 3.1.2.1.

#### 3.4.2.2 Outside the United States.

Open storage in CA may be authorized by CSA when:

- The parent SCIF is built to, and accredited for open storage (vault construction 4.1.1) with no waivers;
- CA is built to 3.4.2.1 standards, and;
- Open storage is mission-essential.

#### 3.4.3 Technical requirements for all CAs

The TEMPEST, telephone, and technical surveillance countermeasure (TSCM) requirements for the parent SCIF apply to the CA.

#### 3.4.4 Responsibilities

- CA sponsor:
  - Complete CA checklist.
  - When CA Sponsor and CSA are different IC elements, CA sponsor shall execute MOA agreement form (see Annex A).
- Parent SCIF CSA:
  - Executes co-use agreement.
  - Provides CA waiver documentation.
  - Reviews and concurs with CA sponsor proposal for CA.

### 5. GLOSSARY (Add to)

Compartmented Area Checklist: A modified fixed facility checklist that describes the security features of the special access area within the parent SCIF.