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**Organization and Mission—Field**

**AIR FORCE OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS (AFOSI)**

This regulation explains the mission, functions, and responsibilities of AFOSI. It applies to AFOSI and carries out the instructions of DOD Directive C-5100.78, 25 November 1975, with change 1; DOD Directive 5240.2, 18 December 1979; and DOD Regulation 5240.1-R.

**1. General Information.** AFOSI is the only Air Force organization authorized to investigate matters that fall within its overall mission. Each investigative activity is undertaken at the request of the proper authority (see AFR 124-4). All counterintelligence activities are conducted according to Executive Order 12036, 24 January 1978, and the proper AFOSI directives.

**2. AFOSI Overall Mission.** AFOSI provides the following services to all Air Force activities and to elements of Defense agencies overseas when the Air Force is responsible for administrative or logistical support. It also provides these services to other Department of Defense (DOD) elements in designated overseas areas where AFOSI is the sole in-country DOD investigative agency or where AFOSI has been assigned investigative responsibility.

a. Criminal, counterterrorism, internal security, and special investigative services.

b. Personal protective services and operations.

c. Collect and report information that is pertinent to base security and resource protection.

d. Counterintelligence services and support that include:

(1) Collecting, analyzing, evaluating, and disseminating information of counterintelligence significance. It also includes producing studies, estimates, and analyses of foreign intelligence services, their organization, methods of operation, personnel, activities, communication, funding and support, and concerning the activities of international terrorists and related security threats to Air Force and DOD interests.

(2) Producing, in support of US Air Force and DOD operations security (OPSEC) programs, studies and analyses of the multidiscipline intelligence threat posed to the Air Force and DOD by foreign intelligence services, including threats to US Air Force and DOD systems, targeting, control mechanisms, deployment, and capabilities.

(3) Counterintelligence investigations to detect and neutralize or prevent espionage activities, and to detect and resolve foreign-directed sabotage incidents, terrorist activities, and assassinations.

(4) Offensive counterintelligence operations against hostile foreign intelligence services to identify and exploit hostile agents, lessen the hostile intelligence threat, uncover

espionage penetration of the Air Force, and identify hostile intelligence targeting of Air Force personnel, information, and resources.

**3. Elements and Objectives.** The AFOSI is the only agency in the Air Force authorized to carry out certain responsibilities for the Inspector General. Specifically, these are:

a. **Organizational.** Organizes, sets up, or discontinues units under AFOSI control at specific sites and assigns a territory for each unit to investigate.

b. **Investigative Operations:**

(1) Conducts investigations within the Air Force. These include investigating alleged major crimes against people, personal property, the US government or its property according to regulations and laws and as authorized by agreements (see AFRs 124-11 and 124-12). These crimes include but are not limited to:

(a) Arson, bribery, homicide, counterfeiting, sex offenses, impersonation, improper use or diversion of US government property or employees, forgery, robbery, housebreaking, drug abuse, and other crimes that violate the Uniform Code of Military Justice or other federal laws and directives.

(b) Fraud against the United States that occurs in (but not limited to) contracting matters, appropriated and nonappropriated fund activities, computer systems, pay and allowance matters, and acquiring or disposing of Air Force property.

(c) Treason, sedition, subversion, major security violations, terrorism, espionage; and other clandestine intelligence activities, sabotage, and related matters.

(d) Other crimes (major or minor) or matters that need full or specialized investigation.

(2) Prepares and sends periodic or final investigative reports to serviced commanders and activities to keep them up-to-date on each investigation. These reports serve as the basis for appropriate command action.

(3) Conducts technical security surveys and furnishes survey information that concerns security threats and known activity hazards to the proper Air Force personnel and agencies.

(4) Monitors and informs interested Air Force commanders of the results of investigations conducted by federal, state, local, and foreign law enforcement and investigative agencies.

(5) Provides personal protective services for senior US Air Force officials, certain other US government officials, and foreign dignitaries. It also provides protective services for US Air Force members who may have been singled out as targets for terrorist violence. Provides other personal

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**SUMMARY OF CHANGES**

This revision clarifies the AFOSI Counterintelligence Mission (para 2); assigns AFOSI the responsibility of making multidiscipline counterintelligence studies (para 3b(12)); designates AFOSI as only US Air Force entity authorized to get information from financial institutions (para 3g); designates AFOSI as OPR for all Air Force regulations dealing with the AFOSI investigative and counterintelligence programs (para 4); spells out the special counterintelligence relationship between AFOSI and DUSD(PR) (para 4); deletes the position of Director of Special Investigation as a secondary position for the Commander, AFOSI (para 4); and clarifies the role of the Commander, AFOSI, with regard to the Chief of Staff and the Inspector General (para 4). This revision implements DOD Directives 5240.2 and DOD Regulation 5240.1-R.