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COUNTER FIFTH COLUMN PLAN

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I. AUTHORITY FOR AND BASIS OF PLAN.

1. a. Letter Commanding General, Ninth Service Command, (SPRIS), Fort Douglas, Utah, 5 August 1944.
- b. Western Defense Command "Counter Fifth Column Plan - 1944."

II. ESTIMATE OF SITUATION.

2. Area Involved.

Geographical subdivisions included are the States of Washington, Oregon, and that portion of Idaho north of the 46° Par.

3. Mission.

a. Under this "Counter Fifth Column Plan," the Commanding Officer, Northern Security District, is responsible within the area described in paragraph 2, not including the Northwestern Sector of the Western Defense Command, for the planning and execution of Counter Fifth Column preventive measures to the extent of establishing the basis and principles upon which troops under the jurisdiction of the Northern Security District will operate efficiently with state troops, police forces, and volunteer agencies in dealing with the Fifth Column and its supporting troops; for the organization and training of forces now under the jurisdiction of the Northern Security District to deal with any Fifth Column that may arise; and preventing, if possible, the creation of the Fifth Column by effective counter measures.

b. Under this "Counter Fifth Column Plan," the Commanding Officer, Northern Security District, is responsible within the area of the Northwestern Sector, Western Defense Command, for the planning and execution of Counter Fifth Column preventive measures to the extent of establishing the basis and principles upon which troops under the jurisdiction of Northern Security District will, in the event of an emergency, operate under the command of the Commanding General of the Northwestern Sector, Western Defense Command, in dealing with any Fifth Column that may arise within the territory of the Northwestern Sector, Western Defense Command.

#### 4. Definition.

a. The term "Fifth Column" as used in this plan pertains only to organized enemy-inspired or enemy-controlled groups within the Northern Security District operating:

(1) To destroy or delay war production in one or several areas simultaneously in conjunction with air attacks by bombing, parachutists or air-borne troops, or by commando raids from the sea.

(2) To seize strategic points and effect civilian demoralization and military disorganization in the rear of a theater of major ground operations, or to assist the landing or advance of raiders by sea or air.

(3) The type of "Fifth Column" action most likely to be employed by the enemy, will largely depend on the strategic and tactical situation existing in the Pacific.

b. For the purpose of this plan, "Counter Fifth Column Action" is that which involves the employment of tactical troops.

#### 5. Functions of Internal Security Not Included.

a. This plan and operations based thereon do not include the continuing protection of plants, facilities, and installations vital to the war effort against normal war-time hazards, including fire, accident, espionage, and isolated sabotage.

b. Assistance to responsible agencies during major disasters resulting from natural and war conditions is covered by "Northern Security District War Disaster Relief Plan - 1944."

c. The handling of civil disturbances arising from domestic problems is covered in "Northern Security District Emergency Plan White." Civil disturbances must be watched closely, however, for they may be fostered or exploited by the enemy and may require Counter Fifth Column action.

#### 6. Potential Fifth Column.

The following types of persons are potential Fifth Columnists:

a. Enemy agents and sympathizers, including persons having personal or political grievances against the United States and those amenable to promises of money or power.

b. Those with property or close relatives in enemy, enemy-occupied, or pro-enemy countries.

c. Those educated in, residents therein of a long period, or frequent visitors to enemy countries.

d. Enemy agents disguised as refugees.

e. Trained saboteurs and Fifth Column organizers infiltrated into the United States before or during war.

f. Fanatics, citizens or aliens, such as extreme radicals, pacifists, religious zealots, habitual criminals (especially arsonists), racketeers, and those in narcotic and other vice rings, and unbalanced, perverted, and thwarted individuals such as sadists, frustrated "geniuses," disgruntled failures and swindlers.

g. Members of so-called minority groups stirred by subversive propaganda to resentment against the United States and its military forces or imbued with the possibility of utilizing the war to gain special social or political advantage.

h. Former employees of enemy commercial and banking firms, travel and press bureaus, information agencies, and cultural, athletic, and sports organizations.

#### 7. Types of Operations.

Fifth Column activities can be classified generally into the following types:

a. Seizure of points of strategic importance to the advance of the enemy to be held momentarily until the arrival of air-borne or ground troops.

b. Disorganization of military forces by sniping, spreading false rumors, issuing false orders, or destroying facilities and installations valuable to defending forces, such as communications, transportation, electric power, housing, and supplies.

c. Disorganization of civilian population by destruction of vital facilities and installations and by causing panic and rioting.

d. Signalling to guide enemy ground, air, or air-borne troops to their objectives such as warnings by rockets, lights in chimneys and wells, or by definite ground patterns.

e. Storage of gasoline, vehicles, food, and other supplies needed by advancing hostile forces.

f. Organized acts of sabotage, striking simultaneously at different plants, facilities, and critical points in conjunction with external attack.

### III. PROBABILITIES.

#### 8. Fifth Column Discipline.

The lack of proven enemy-inspired sabotage to date confirms the possibility that the Fifth Column is well disciplined and is awaiting planned and unified major action when directed. To direct their activities it may be expected that attempts will be made to land trained saboteurs and spies or to infiltrate them from Canada and Mexico. Such saboteurs are not limited to citizens or subjects of Germany, Japan, and other Axis powers, but may be citizens of friendly or allied countries or of the United States. Fifth Column activities may be expected during a period of serious civil disorder.

#### 9. Vulnerability to Fifth Column.

Consideration on the part of all concerned of the following is necessitated:

a. Potential Fifth Columnists as listed in paragraph 6 hereof.

b. Lack of restriction to individual movement and of measures for organized surveillance of subversive groups and elements inherent in our type of government.

c. The extensive coast line and land frontiers make prevention of entry and egress difficult.

d. The vast timber, brush and grass lands within the Northern Security District are extremely vulnerable to fire.

### IV. COUNTER FIFTH COLUMN PLAN.

#### 10. Territorial Organizations.

a. The Commanding Officer of the Northern Security District is responsible for Counter Fifth Column planning and action in the area of the Northern Security District not included within the Northwestern Sector of the Western Defense Command.

b. See map, Annex A, "Territorial Organization, Western Defense Command."

c. Under existing conditions and current directives of the War Department; the Western Defense Command; and the Ninth Service Command; the following functions bearing on Counter Fifth Column planning and execution in the Northern Security District are the responsibility of the Commanding Officer, Northern Security District:

- (1) Internal Security including protection

against sabotage.

(2) All intelligence activities except combat and radio intelligence.

(3) Military Police duties.

(4) Control of civilian population in event of emergency.

(5) War Department contact with state and local governments.

(6) Necessary coordination with Office of Civilian Defense agencies.

d. The Commanding Officer of the Northern Security District will, therefore, coordinate closely with the Commanding General of the Northwestern Sector, Western Defense Command, in preparation of plans and the execution of Counter Fifth Column operations.

e. The existing plans, contacts, and organization of the Northern Security District established for the execution of the internal security mission of the Commanding General, Ninth Service Command, will be utilized to the fullest extent in the Northwestern Sector, Western Defense Command Counter Fifth Column plans and action.

## V. DETAILED PLANS.

### 11. Northern Security District Plan.

a. The Intelligence Officer of Northern Security District will exchange intelligence at all times with the Commanding General, Northwestern Sector, Western Defense Command.

b. In the event isolated sabotage or civil disorder occurs in the Northern Security District, the Commanding Officer of the Northern Security District will take action in accordance with his mission. However, when developments indicate Counter Fifth Column action is required, and if this activity occurs within the boundaries of the Northwestern Sector of the Western Defense Command, the Commanding General of the Northwestern Sector, Western Defense Command will direct activities of all forces, federal and non-federal, in the affected area.

c. Notwithstanding all that is contained in subparagraph b above, if such isolated sabotage or civilian disorder occurs in that territory of the Northern Security District that is without the boundaries of the Northwestern Sector of the Western Defense Command, and if developments indicate Counter Fifth Column



action is required, the command of all federal troops that will be used to combat such Fifth Column becomes the responsibility of the Commanding Officer of the Northern Security District until the time that the Commanding General of the Ninth Service Command designates another Commanding Officer of federal troops.

## VI. COUNTER FIFTH COLUMN OPERATIONS.

### 12. Principles Involved.

In Counter Fifth Column operations, time is paramount. All concerned therein must be imbued with the necessity for rapid action, immediate establishment of, and maintenance of contact with Fifth Columnists, and for disrupting or delaying such forces until reinforcements arrive. A primary requisite is that all streets and highways be cleared of all groups and individuals except for troops, police, public service and utilities personnel, Auxiliary Military Police, state guards, trained civilian defense personnel, and others essential to Counter Fifth Column operations. The assumption of authority to affect prompt action is always justified when the situation demands. (See AR 500-50, Section III, par 5 b.)

### 13. Law Enforcement Agencies.

a. Local law enforcement agencies, Auxiliary Military Police, and plant guards ordinarily will be the first armed forces available to oppose Fifth Column operations. Law enforcement personnel (including those off duty) will be utilized primarily as follows:

- (1) To prevent panic.
- (2) To protect communication systems, radio stations, and municipal utilities.
- (3) To keep information and reports flowing into military headquarters.
- (4) To arrest suspects.
- (5) To protect vital points within their jurisdiction.

b. The Chief Plant Guard Officer of the Northern Security District will assemble all off-duty Auxiliary Military Police, during a Fifth Column emergency, at one or more points with specific tasks assigned in connection with the protection of the plant at which the Auxiliary Military Police are employed. In case the Fifth Column emergency occurs within the Northwestern Sector, Western Defense Command, the Commanding General, Northwestern Sector, Western Defense Command, becomes the Commander of the Auxiliary Military Police of the Northern Security District.

#### 14. State Police.

a. In utilizing state police in the Northern Security District, full advantage will be taken of their inherent mobility and their extensive communication nets. The Washington State Patrol, in case of a Fifth Column operation in territory east of the Northwestern Sector, Western Defense Command, in the State of Washington, is requested to assemble its reserves at Ellensburg for assignments of specific tasks within the vital area. The Oregon State Police, in case of a Fifth Column operation in territory east of the Northwestern Sector, Western Defense Command, in the State of Oregon, is requested to assemble its reserves at The Dalles for assignments of specific tasks within the vital area.

b. Perchance Fifth Column operations occur in the confines of Northwestern Sector, Western Defense Command, the Washington State Patrol and the Oregon State Police will function as requested by the Commanding General, Northwestern Sector, Western Defense Command at the time of the emergency.

#### 15. State Guards.

a. The Plans and Training Officer of the Northern Security District will become thoroughly acquainted with the local emergency missions assigned active or inactive state guard forces of the Washington State Guard, the Oregon State Guard, and the Idaho State Guard. A file will be maintained at the headquarters of Northern Security District showing the local emergency missions of the State Guards.

b. Through cooperation with the Governors of the States of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho, the Commanding Officer of the Northern Security District will attempt to see to it that the Washington State Guard, the Oregon State Guard, and the Idaho State Guard incorporate in their missions for use in Counter Fifth Column action the following:

- (1) Action against air-borne troops.
- (2) Patrolling important areas not otherwise guarded.
- (3) Patrolling waterways not within the jurisdiction of the Navy.
- (4) Reinforcements of guards to protect sensitive points.
- (5) Protection of communications, reservoirs, and other utilities.
- (6) Prevention of panic.

(7) To establish road blocks to prevent access to affected areas.

16. Federal Troops.

a. Federal troops that may be used for Counter Fifth Column operations in the Northern Security District are as follows:

(1) Troops under jurisdiction of Northern Security District:

SCU 4900, Old Armory, Lenora at Western Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

SCU 4902, Portland Army Air Base, Portland, Oregon.

SCU 1906, Military Police Train Guard Detachment, Portland Army Air Base, Portland, Oregon.

SCU 1906, Headquarters Detachment, 1805 Fifth Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

Auxiliary Military Police.

(2) Troops that may be assigned by the Commanding General, Ninth Service Command, Fort Douglas, Utah.

b. SCU 4900, SCU 4902, and SCU 1906 at Portland, Oregon, and Seattle, Washington may be used in active defense against air-borne attack and aggressive operations against an organized Fifth Column. These units, depending upon the exigencies of the moment, may be used in active defense in coordination with the Navy against sea-borne raids.

17. Other Forces.

a. The utilization of the Washington State Guard, the Oregon State Guard, Idaho State Guard, Washington State Patrol, and Oregon State Police have been heretofore discussed in this plan. (See paragraphs 14 and 15.)

b. Other forces that may be utilized are as follows:

Federal Bureau of Investigation.

National and State Park Forest Services.

United States District, County, and Municipal Attorneys.

United States Marshals.  
City Police Officials.  
Immigration Officials.  
Customs Service.  
Secret Service.  
Narcotic and Internal Revenue Bureau.  
Sheriffs.  
State Conservation Wardens.  
Fire and Civilian Defense Personnel.  
American Legion Posts.  
Other Patriotic and Veterans Organizations.

c. "Other forces," enumerated in b above, in addition to their normal functions, are requested to provide continuing information to the Intelligence Officer of the Northern Security District of any suspicious actions or incidents that are calculated to be the work of Fifth Column organizers, or that may lead to Fifth Column action.

d. The following telephone numbers of the offices of the Intelligence Officer, Northern Security District, are published for the information of all concerned:

Seattle, Washington - - - - Main 2450

Portland, Oregon - - - - - Beacon 4188

e. The Plans and Training Officer and the representative of the Commanding Officer of the Northern Security District at Portland, Oregon, are charged as follows:

(1) To make proper association with the officials and units designated in b hereof.

(2) To acquaint the agencies and officials enumerated in b hereof with the details of the "Northern Security District Counter Fifth Column Plan - 1944," and to request their cooperation.

18. Command.

(Reference is made to Army Regulation 500-50, Section III, paragraph 5 b; paragraph 6, AR 850-250; and paragraph 2 of

Circular No. 15, War Department, Army Service Forces, Washington, March 17, 1943.)

a. A sudden Fifth Column emergency may require the Plant Guard Officer to assume command or authority and exercise individual initiative and leadership until contact can be established with Headquarters Northwestern Sector, Western Defense Command, (in the event the Fifth Column emergency occurs within the territory of the Northwestern Sector, Western Defense Command), or the Commanding Officer of the Northern Security District, (in the event the Fifth Column emergency occurs without the territory of the Northwestern Sector, Western Defense Command).

b. City police officials, officers or non-commissioned officers with isolated departments of Federal and state troops, sheriffs, United States Marshals, and state police officials assigned missions in this Counter Fifth Column Plan in a sudden Fifth Column emergency, may have to assume local command or authority and exercise individual initiative and leadership until contact can be established with the headquarters of Northwestern Sector, Western Defense Command, (in the event the Fifth Column emergency occurs within the territory of the Northwestern Sector of the Western Defense Command), or Commanding Officer of Northern Security District, (in the event the Fifth Column emergency occurs without the territory of the Northwestern Sector, Western Defense Command).

c. It is essential that contact be established with the least delay, and the following telephone numbers are published for the information and guidance of all concerned.

Headquarters Northern Security District, Seattle, Washington, telephone Elliott 1570.

Sub-office Northern Security District, Portland, Oregon, telephone Beacon 4188, Extension 9.

Commanding General, Northwestern Sector, Western Defense Command, Fort Lewis, Washington, telephone Lakewood 2151, Extension 2.

d. As promptly as the situation permits, the Commanding Officers, as designated in subordinate plans for local or general areas, will direct activities of all forces, Federal and non-federal, in the affected area.

e. Notwithstanding all that is contained in subparagraphs a, b, c, and d hereof, if time does not permit that contact be established with the Commanding General of the Northwestern Sector, Western Defense Command, or the Commanding Officer,

Northern Security District, the commander will act on his own responsibility in combating a Fifth Column, informing state and local authorities of his action, and requesting full cooperation.

VII. PLANS AND TRAINING OF MILITARY POLICE UNITS.

19. Training.

a. The unit commanders of the organizations mentioned in paragraph 16 (1) hereof will incorporate in their training schedules, the study of chapters 1 and 2 of Field Manual 31-30, "Tactics and Technique of Air-Borne Troops," paragraphs 157 and 161 of Field Manual 19-5, "Military Police," and other appropriate War Department documents pertaining to the defense against air-borne troops.

b. Commanding Officers of Military Police units will bring about through compliance with training directives, policies, and standards, the following:

(1) Adequate training and complete equipment, (See ASF Circular 249, Headquarters Army Service Forces, Washington, 4 August 1944), of all units under their command to insure full performance of missions which may be assigned under this plan.

(2) Keep this headquarters informed as and when additional missions interfere with the availability of any unit or part thereof.

(3) Insure that two (2) units of fire for all weapons are available at all times.

(4) Training of Military Police units in moving from their stations with field equipment, on short notice, will be conducted so as to insure proficiency.

(5) Standard Operating Procedure will be developed for all Military Police units for effecting immediate movement, both by truck and by rail. In connection with training for movement by rail, reference is made to letter, file SPKSC 505, HNSC, subject: "Loading and Unloading of Transportation," 9 September 1942.

VIII. NORTHERN SECURITY DISTRICT COUNTER FIFTH COLUMN PLAN COORDINATED.

20. Concurrence of Commanding General, Northwestern Sector, Western Defense Command, in Northern Security District Counter Fifth Column Plan.

In respect to Counter Fifth Column action occurring in the areas comprising the Northwestern Sector of the Western Defense Command, the provisions of this plan as pertain thereto are coordinated with the "Counter Fifth Column Plan, Northwestern Sector, Western Defense Command" and are concurred in by the Commanding General, Northwestern Sector, Western Defense Command.

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