§ 212.2 Scope.

The procedures in this part provide
guidance for the submission of emer-
gency requirements for telecommuni-
cation channels from the United States
to overseas or foreign points. Guidance
on this subject was previously con-
tained in Annex 2 of DMO 3000.1 and
Plan IX–3 has been canceled.

§ 212.3 Responsibilities.

(a) Executive departments and agen-
cies of the United States, whether or
not components of the National Com-
munications System, (NCS), shall, to
the extent permissible by law and con-
sistent with national security, submit
their international emergency tele-
communications requirements to the
Executive Agent, NCS, for coordination
and consolidation of mobilization re-
quirements.

(b) The Department of Defense shall
coordinate NATO requirements in con-
sonance with approved NATO/U.S. pro-
cedures for subsequent processing by
the Executive Agent, NCS.

(c) The Department of State shall co-
ordinate and approve foreign govern-
ment telecommunications require-
ments and forward them to the Execu-
tive Agent, NCS, for further proc-
essing.

§ 212.4 Other requirements.

(a) Government, other than Execu-
tive departments and agencies of the
United States, having need for emer-
gency international telecommuni-
cation service, shall present their re-
quirements through the appropriate
sponsor to NCS.

(b) The private sector, including car-
rriers, having need for emergency inter-
national telecommunication service,
shall present their requirements to the
Federal Communications Commission
(PCC).

PART 213—GOVERNMENT AND
PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE TELE-
COMMUNICATIONS PRECE-
DENCE SYSTEM

§ 213.0 Authority.

(a) The voice and message precedence
procedures for departments and agen-
cies of the Federal Government pre-
scribed by this part are prescribed pur-
suant to Executive Order No. 12046 (43
FR 13349 et seq.) and the President’s
memorandum of August 21, 1963, which
established the National Communica-
tions System (28 FR 9413; 3 CFR, 1959–
1963 Comp., p. 858).

(b) The procedures applicable to com-
munications common carriers and non-
Federal Government users prescribed
by this part are prescribed by author-
ity conferred upon the President by
subsection 606(a) of the Communica-
tions Act of 1934, as amended, and dele-
gated to the National Security Council
by Executive Order 12046. That author-
ity under section 606(a) may be exer-
cised only during the continuance of a
war in which the United States is en-
gaged.

§ 213.1 Background and purpose.

(a) The National Security Council and
the Federal Communications Com-
mmission have agreed upon a precedence
system for the expeditious handling of
messages and calls transmitted over
Government and public correspondence
facilities in all types of situations from
peacetime to massive nuclear attack.
Effectuation of that system requires
that the Director issue a circular and
that the Commission concurrently
issue an order prescribing the stand-
ards, procedures, policies, and regula-
tions that together, constitute this sin-
gle integrated precedence system.

(b) In conformity with that agree-
ment the National Security Council is
issuing this circular the purpose of
which is to prescribe, on behalf of the President, that part of those standards, procedures, policies, and regulations which are within the cognizance of the NSC. No significance should be attached to the fact that slightly different terms are used in their circular from those used in the companion order of the FCC. Those differences result from differences in terms in the basic legal authorities of the director and the Commission rather than from an intent to denote a distinction in purpose or effect.

§ 213.2 Scope.

The precedence system contained herein is applicable to:

(a) Users of Government service facilities, whether owned or leased.

(b) Users of public correspondence service facilities of the communication common carriers, to U.S. domestic and international communication common carriers, and to the extent possible by agreement between the latter and their foreign correspondents.

§ 213.3 Cancellation.

This circular cancels:

(a) Attachments A and B to Annex 3 of DMO 3000.1, dated November 8, 1963 (28 FR 12273).

(b) That portion of the memorandum of the Special Assistant to the President for Telecommunications, dated August 27, 1964, pertaining to message precedences.

§ 213.4 Definitions.

As used herein:

(a) Public correspondence services means those services offered to the general public for communications between all points served by a carrier or by interconnected carriers on a non-exclusive message by message or call by call basis, as differentiated from leased private line services.

(b) The term precedence means the order in which messages and calls are processed. Transmission of information and call completion is therefore to be accomplished in the order required by the precedence designator. Any such properly categorized communications precede noncategorized communications.

(c) The term Government where used alone means Federal, foreign, State, county, or municipal government agencies. Specific reference will be made whenever it is intended to apply to less than the whole, e.g., State Government, Federal Government, etc.

(d) The term Foreign Government includes those foreign diplomatic and consular establishments and those coalitions or associations of governments such as NATO, SEATO, OAS, UN, and associations of governments or governmental agencies such as Pan American Union, International Postal Union, International Monetary Fund, and similar organizations.

(e) The term message means a written or other form of record communication prepared for transmission and delivery at the destination.

(f) The term call means a request from a user for a connection to another station whether for telephone or record communication.

§ 213.5 Precedence designators.

(a) The following precedence designators are available for Government and public correspondence users:

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(b) Government and non-Government users of public correspondence services will handle their international messages in accordance with current ITU Telegraph Regulations. Government users should note that, generally, the only precedence designator available for their use for international messages sent over public correspondence circuits if Etat Priorite. The ITU Regulations do not contain precedence designators which equate to Flash, Immediate, or Priority. Accordingly, Government messages whether Flash, Immediate, or Priority precedence when sent over international public correspondence circuits will be handled as Etat Priorite messages. Thus, Priority messages will receive the same treatment in transmission and processing as