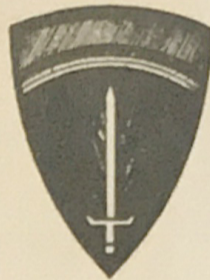


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3. Purpose. The purpose of this SOP is to establish in the US Area of Control in Germany a uniform procedure for US Army and Air Force personnel and US Army and Air Force law enforcement agencies in regard to arrests, searches and seizures incident to the apprehension and prosecution of violators of the law, to assure that no person in the US Area of Control in Germany shall be subject to arrest or his property be subject to search or seizure by US Army and Air Force law enforcement agencies except in accordance with due process of law. The directive specifying the objectives and basic policies of the occupation in Germany requires that the occupation forces refrain from arbitrary and oppressive measures and that, except when it clearly appears that detention is necessary for the security of the occupying forces, no person shall be detained except when he is charged with a specific offense and is subject to trial by

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