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Mr. T. Achilles Polyzoides
Director, Special Projects Staff
Department of State
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In the event it becomes difficult or impossible for the National Security Agency to continue operations at Fort Meade, these functions will be assumed by Headquarters, U. S. Air Force Security Service, at Kelly Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Simultaneously with assumption of SIGINT responsibilities, HQS USAFSS will assume control of the Critical Communications System (CRITICOMM).

Emergency communications plans of the HQS USAFSS will include provision for SIGINT communications support of agencies and departments of the Government which move to relocation sites. It is requested that you deal directly with HQS USAFSS to complete arrangements for this support.

NSA is making no provision for direct communications with emergency relocation sites for two reasons. First, it is most unlikely that NSA can continue to operate under conditions which compel other departments and agencies to move; and second, in the unlikely event that NSA can continue to operate, communications with relocation sites can be effectively provided through HQS USAFSS.

Sincerely,

L. H. FROST
Vice Admiral, USN
Director

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M/R: NSA and Hq AFSS have coordinated their planning for emergency communications. Hq AFSS is the alternate CRITICOMM CONTROL Center. Maintenance of SIGINT communications with the emergency relocation sites of the Departments and Agencies is included in this planning. NSA Ltr to COMUSAFSS, Subject: Communications Planning for the NSA Alternate Headquarters (U), dated 14 October 1960 reflects the results of this joint planning. It is now necessary to inform the various Departments and Agencies of this planning so they can effectively coordinate their emergency planning with Hq AFSS. This is one of a series of letters for that purpose. Coordinated with Col Johnson, OPS, and Lt Col Hermes, PROD-04.


MAX L. DAVIDSON, Asst to DIR/TCOM, 3324S, 21 Dec 60, jvd

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