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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject:

Handling of COMINT material within the Office of the

Secretary of Defense.

The enclosure, containing information with respect to the handling and addressing of COMINT material to the office of the Secretary of Defense and the Joint Chiefs of Staff, is circulated for information.

Captain, W. S. Navy Executive Secretary, USCIB

Enclosure a/s.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, USCIB

SUBJECT: Handling of COMINT Material Within the Office of the Secretary of Defense

- 1. The following information is provided in response to your recent telephoned request for a statement on the handling of COMINT material within, and the addressing of COMINT material to, the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the Joint Chiefs of Staff:
 - a. The Office of the Secretary of Defense is in the final stages of preparing official instructions for maintaining the security of communications intelligence within OSD and the JCS. A complete copy of these instructions will be filed with you upon publication.
 - b. In the interim, the Chairman of the JCS has designated a "Special Security Officer (SSO)" for the Joint Chiefs of Staff. At my request this officer also acts as the Special Security Officer for the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Included among the duties and responsibilities of the SSO are:
 - (1) Supervision and implementation of all security measures prescribed by CSD for the internal handling, transmission, and exchange of COMINT; and
 - (2) Administration of reception of all mail marked on the inner envelope "TO BE OPENED BY SSO ONLY."

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- d. It should be noted that COMINT will be disseminated within CSD only as authorized by the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense, Special Operations, or the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, as appropriate, in accordance with the "need-to-know" principle and to properly indoctrinated individuals.
- 2. If you consider it appropriate, the above information may be circulated to the USCIB member departments and agencies.

(Signed)
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Assistant to the
Secretary of Defense
(Special Operations)