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Subject: Guide Lines for Security Classification

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1. Since the principles contained in Appendix B of the UKUSA Agreement are mandatorily the basis of all our regulations and directives for the security and dissemination of COMINT, it is recommended that a detailed comparative study be made of the subject Guide Lines and Appendix B.

2. A limited study has been made. In an effort to make the proposed NSA Guide Lines more completely consistent with Appendix B, and for the sake of clarity, it is suggested that the below numbered parts of the "Guide Lines for Security Classification" be changed as indicated:

SECTION I - GENERAL

- Page 3, Paragraph 3 - Underscore the whole paragraph.
- Page 3, - Insert the definition of COMINT (Appendix B, Page 1) between paragraph 4 and paragraph 5.
- Page 3, Paragraph 5 - The third sentence should read: "Initially, COMINT material comes to ..."
- Page 4, Paragraph 5a - Recommended: "Cryptintelligence is that COMINT which results from cryptanalysis of the systems utilized by message originators to protect the traffic during its transmission. This includes speech and facsimile security systems."
- Paragraph 5b - Recommended: "Traffic Intelligence is that COMINT which results from traffic analysis and from plain texts. This includes COMINT produced by all means short of the actual cryptanalysis of intercepted communications."
- Paragraph 5c - Omit.
- Paragraph 6 - Recommended: "Information derived from these processes (cryptanalysis and traffic analysis is) ..."
- Paragraph 6a - The second sentence should read: "... of certain high level systems as specified by existing authorities."
- Paragraph 6b - Recommended: "Category II COMINT is less sensitive than the preceding category in that protection of its source is not always the over-riding consideration and is one which can, by acceptance of a calculated risk, be disseminated with a less rigid standard of security."

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- Page 5, Paragraph 6b - "This category will include ..... security systems as specified by existing authorities. It is... "
- Paragraph 6c - Recommended: "... low level COMINT as specified by existing authorities. Material ... "
- Paragraph 7a - Recommended: "... mutually agreed upon by UK and US to be in other categories. This list ....."
- Page 6, Paragraph 8 - Recommended: "As a means of further assistance to personnel within NSA the following classification guide lines have been established. Remember they are only general in nature and that the classification of any given item must be established SOLELY ON ITS OWN MERITS."

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SECTION II - TOP SECRET CODEWORD

Section II should also include:

"Crypt Intelligence except where specifically assigned to other categories.

"Traffic Intelligence involving such combination ("fusion") of separate Traffic Intelligence or other Category II sources as produces information whose value is so great that security of content becomes the over-riding consideration.

"Material involving sensitive collection procedures or the revelation of success against unusual, sensitive or complex transmission procedures and devices."

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SECTION III - TOP SECRET

Paragraph 6 - Omit

SECTION IV - SECRET CODEWORD

Section IV should also include:

"Crypt Intelligence specifically assigned to Category II."

SECTION VII - UNCLASSIFIED

Page 11, Paragraph 1 - Recommended: "... service cryptologic agencies as a whole; and association of NSA with the Service cryptologic agencies as a whole."

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