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APPENDIX BANNEXURE B1THE ASSIGNMENT OF COMINT  
TO CATEGORIES AND SUB-CATEGORIES

1. This Annexure delineates the basis for (a) the establishment of sub-categories, (b) the assignment of COMINT to categories and sub-categories, (c) the classification of COMINT assigned to categories and sub-categories, and (d) the application of codewords to categories and sub-categories. This Annexure is not intended to accomplish the detailed categorization of all COMINT. However, along with the criteria described in Appendix B, it governs the preparation and maintenance of current, mutually agreed lists to indicate the precise assignment of all COMINT to categories and sub-categories.

2. Category I COMINT shall be classified CONFIDENTIAL, SECRET, or TOP SECRET as appropriate in accordance with national security classification procedures and shall not be designated by a codeword. It shall contain the following, provided that interpretations of material of higher categories are not included:

a. Direction finding results, regardless of the category of technical guidance involved. This material shall normally be classified as CONFIDENTIAL.

b. COMINT concerning weather derived from Category I sources.

c. Such COMINT from the less sensitive sub-category of Category II as may be so assigned in accordance with Appendix B. (See paragraph 35g)

d. Such additional COMINT as has been or may be specified and mutually agreed by USIB and LSIB.

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3. Category II COMINT shall be classified SECRET and shall be designated by a distinctive codeword. It shall contain all COMINT not otherwise assigned to Categories I and III, or sub-categories within Category II.

4. Category III COMINT shall be classified TOP SECRET, and shall be designated by a distinctive codeword. It shall contain:

a. Crypt Intelligence derived from high-grade systems, involving the application of sophisticated cryptanalytic techniques, as specified and mutually agreed by USIB and LSIB.

b. Traffic Intelligence derived from callsigns or message headings encrypted in codes and ciphers of high security or complexity, as specified and mutually agreed by USIB and LSIB.

c. Traffic or Crypt Intelligence which reveals success against unusual, sensitive, or complex transmission procedures or devices.

d. Material obtained from special sources or against targets considered by the procuring organization to be so sensitive as to warrant the protection afforded this category.

e. Crypt Intelligence from diplomatic and attaché communications.

f. Other Crypt or Traffic Intelligence which USIB and LSIB agree should be given the highest degree of security protection because of the potential loss of intelligence which would result from compromise.

5. Sub-categories of Category II shall be established as follows:

a. Sub-Category II(W) COMINT shall contain all COMINT concerning weather, which is not specifically assigned to other categories by USIB and LSIB. It is classified SECRET, designated by a distinctive codeword, and referred to as "Special Weather Intelligence". The purpose of this sub-category is to handle separately that COMINT concerning weather which may be disseminated to users who do not require access to other codeword COMINT.

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b. Sub-Category II(X) COMINT is that Category II COMINT which is considered less sensitive than other Category II COMINT and may, therefore, be given more extensive dissemination in order to provide for effective utilization. It is classified SECRET and is designated by a distinctive codeword. It is this sub-category which is described in paragraph 35g of Appendix B. Provided that no information obtained from Categories II and III COMINT, such as complex changing callsign and frequency systems or unusual, sensitive or complex transmission procedures or devices, is included, this sub-category shall contain the following:

(1) Information derived from the following elements of foreign military, naval, air, police, border guard and guerilla communications or communications systems:

- (a) Communications data
- (b) Plain Text
- (c) Any grid or zone references
- (d) Cover Words
- (e) Procedural codes used for brevity purposes
- (f) Jargon codes

(2) Plain Text and associated communications data obtained from international commercial and foreign internal or external non-military circuits except that specifically assigned to other categories as mutually agreed by USIB and LSIB.

(3) Such additional COMINT as may be specified and mutually agreed by USIB and LSIB.

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