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SUBJECT

FOIA Appeal - Sanho Tree - Institute for Policy Studies

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SUMMARY

PURPOSE: To provide a FOIA requester with a second set of VENONA translations in partial response to his appeal.

BACKGROUND: Mr. Sanho Tree of the Institute for Policy Studies submitted a FOIA request in August 1993 for VENONA intercepts. (His letter indicates that he is interested in the contents of the messages.) All of the documents were denied in their entirety. Mr. Tree appealed the decision in November 1993. An interim response was sent to the requester on 31 May 1995 explaining that the documents were undergoing a declassification review. The first set of documents (49 translations) was sent to the Mr. Tree on 10 July.

This second partial appeal response provides Mr. Tree with copies of 259 Venona translations which are scheduled to be released to the public (the National Cryptologic Museum) on or about 12 October. It also explains his judicial review rights.

Deletions to the documents are made by NSA in accordance with (b)(1), (b)(3)/all statutes, and (b)(6) of the FOIA. For a detailed description of the rationale for withholding information, see tab (Redactions, 2nd Release) inside. In addition, a complete listing of the names withheld and released, along with an explanation, can be found inside at tab (Names).

We are also providing Mr. Tree with a copy of the monograph that will accompany the public release. This is the second set of translations of over 2,000 translations which we anticipate releasing by July 1996. Mr. Tree will receive copies concurrent with each public release.

RECOMMENDATION: We recommend you sign the appeal response.

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