

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

NSA STAFF PROCESSING FORM

TO D/DIR	EXREG CONTROL NUMBER	KCC CONTROL NUMBER	
THRU NSP <i>D</i>	SUBJECT VENONA Name in Dispute - DECISION	ACTION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVAL	EXREG SUSPENSE
MEMORANDUM		<input type="checkbox"/> SIGNATURE	KCC SUSPENSE
DISTRIBUTION OGC, NSP5, M5J, NSP		<input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION	ELEMENT SUSPENSE

SUMMARY

~~(FOUO)~~ OGC, NSP and M5J have come to an agreement on the release/protection of the names of individuals found in the KGB and GRU translations to be released in July 1996, with the exception of one name - Boris Eliacheff. Lou Benson argues for the release of Eliacheff citing the following rationale: "He was a French govt official, a diplomat from the time of the messages until as late as 1956 when he was French commercial attache to Costa Rica, Panama, Nicaragua. We don't protect foreign diplomats. There is a major historical interest in this man because of the extensive, long-public, information about Soviet penetration of De Gaulle's circle and continued presence in French govt. This the so-called TOPAZ affair. Eliacheff was connected to Pozner, KGB agent who we have released."

~~(FOUO)~~ In determining the releasability of this name we have applied the sixth exemption of the FOIA by weighing the public interest against the privacy concerns. Eliacheff has not been publicly identified as a KGB agent. The argument against release, therefore, is that Eliacheff is included in VENONA only in the footnotes as a government equation (see attached translations), and diplomats enjoy the same privacy as private citizens. The occurrence of the name is similar to the appearance of other names that we have protected in the past using the same criteria. We believe that the decision to protect is consistent with our policy on the release/protection of names in VENONA translations.

D/DIR's Decision:

Release Eliacheff

Protect Eliacheff

Let's discuss

Bill, I urge release for reasons of history. Also, we have not been protecting names of diplomats
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COORDINATION/APPROVAL

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