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National Security Agency, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland

TO: Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Security Station, 3801 Nebraska Avenue, N. W., Washington 25, D. C.

1. By direction of the National Security Council and delegation of authority by the Secretary of Defense, the National Security Agency is tasked with insuring the necessary degree of protection of the highly sensitive operations of this Agency and is charged to use established facilities and resources within the Department of Defense to accomplish this commission.

2. The Department of Navy is charged with furnishing the Marine Security Force essential to the external security protection of the NSA effort at the Naval Security Station. Any deviation or reduction in this security support would greatly reduce the effectiveness of the NSA programs and could jeopardize the missions of this Agency, which, in turn, could affect vitally the national security.

3. The Marine Security Force, in support of the NSA effort at the Naval Security Station, also serves as a stand-by force for emergencies which require immediate action, and in which time delays could result in highly sensitive information being compromised. In order to serve effectively in this capacity, it is essential that the Marine Security Force either be billeted on the Station or a stand-by shift be on board the Naval Security Station at all times.

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SEC-6 (NSS)

M/R: Basic ltr stated that during an inspection of the Naval Security Station by the Potomac River Naval Command area Public Works Officer, the Marine Barracks were found to be unsafe to the extent that it is not economically feasible to repair the building. As a result, NSS is preparing an urgent project for a new barracks which must be justified and has requested NSA to aid in the project by forwarding written documentation stating NSA's need for the perimeter force at NSS. Coordinated with OPS (Lt Col Medvedeff).

C.R.Klumfoot, SEC-1, 3871, 1 FEB 61, jch