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SECTION I - TASK ELEMENT

Army Security Agency, Caribbean

SECTION II - MISSION

1. Provide COMINT in support of U. S. Army, Caribbean through the intercept and D/F of foreign communications targets affecting the security of the Canal Zone.
2. Submit raw traffic and technical reports to NSA in support of the National COMINT effort.

SECTION III - OPERATIONAL CONTROL

1. The Director, NSA, will exercise operational control over the intercept facilities, the control of which is not delegated to an intermediate COMINT headquarters. D/F will be controlled, as the mission requires, by the intercept facility.
2. Routine operational instructions will normally be issued directly to ASA Caribbean. Non-routine operational instructions will be issued through the Chief, ASA.

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3. Detailed instructions concerning the routine functioning of intercept control are contained in appropriate NSA Circulars (50-series).

SECTION IV - TECHNICAL CONTROL AND SUPPORT

1. Technical control will be exercised by the Director, NSA.
2. Technical control instructions will be issued directly to ASA Caribbean.
3. Technical support will be provided by NSA and by other designated sources.

SECTION V - TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Intercept

- a. Intercept foreign communications activity in the Caribbean area with the aim of identifying illicit transmissions.
- b. Perform such direction finding as may be required in support of the mission referred to in paragraph 1.a. above.
- c. Record and forward all intercepted traffic to NSA, with information copy to ASAW, in the form specified.

2. Traffic Analysis

- a. Perform traffic analysis required for local intercept control, and for processing of intercepted raw material.
- b. Maintain TEXTA and other technical data provided by NSA.
- c. Perform traffic analysis of such communications targets as may be assigned for the purpose of preparing COMINT end-product reports in fulfillment of the assigned COMINT support mission.

3. Reporting

- a. Technical Reports. Prepare periodic and special technical reports in accordance with NSA Circulars (50-series) or as otherwise specified and provide these reports as designated.

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b. COMINT End-product Reports

- (1) Prepare periodic, special, and spot reports of intercepted communications targets in accordance with NSA Circulars (50-series).
- (2) Respond, within capabilities, to specific requests received from local commanders.
- (3) Respond, within capabilities, to emergency requests from local commanders.

c. Technical data will not be included in COMINT end-product reports without prior approval of the Director, NSA. No such approval is granted by terms of this order.

SECTION VI - DISTRIBUTION

1. Technical Reports - Initially the distribution of technical reports will include the following:

- a. NSA
- b. ASA Washington

2. COMINT End-product Reports

a. The following commands or activities are authorized to receive COMINT information:

- (1) NSA
- (2) ASA Washington
- (3) SSO, CINCARIB
- (4) SSO, USARCARIB
- (5) SSO, Hq., Strategic Air Command
- (6) SSO, Hq., Air Defense Command

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b. Only spot reports, other than those concerned with recurring developments within a local area, or repetitive and predicted communications changes, will be addressed to SSO, Hq., Strategic Air Command and SSO, Hq., Air Defense Command.

c. Selected end-products will be addressed and distributed to non-Army recipients in accordance with NSA Circular 53-2 (Reporting of Significant Activity under Conditions of Alert) and NSA Circular 53-5 (Procedures for the Conduct of Cross-Servicing Activities).

SECTION VII - OPERATIONAL LIAISON

1. Liaison with U. S. COMINT units in the Caribbean Theater as required for successful accomplishment of this mission is authorized.

2. Liaison with non-U. S. COMINT units is not authorized.

SECTION VIII - SOURCES OF RAW MATERIAL AND COMINT INFORMATION

1. Facilities and personnel assigned to ASA Caribbean for COMINT purposes.

2. Raw material and semi-processed material produced by the above facilities and as provided by other designated sources.

3. COMINT information provided by the Director, NSA.

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