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SECTION I - TASK ELEMENT

6924th Radio Squadron Mobile, 6920th Security Wing, United States Air Force (USA-59).

SECTION II - MISSION

1. Provide, operate and control designated intercept facilities and conduct such processing as may be directed in support of the over-all National COMINT effort.
2. Provide, operate and control designated intercept facilities and conduct such processing as may be required in support of the COMINT mission assigned to the 6920th Security Wing and to Hq. USAFSS.

SECTION III - OPERATIONAL CONTROL

1. The Director, NSA, will exercise operational control over the 6924th RSM. As tasks of a close support nature develop or become necessary, or as target communications which contribute to COMINT tasks decentralized to other COMINT field headquarters are assigned, operational control of facilities allocated to such close support or contributory tasks will be delegated to the COMINT unit concerned by the Director, NSA.
2. Routine operational instructions will normally be issued directly to the 6924th RSM by the Director, NSA. Non-routine operational instructions, including changes to this order, will be issued by the Director, NSA, through Commander, USAFSS.

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3. The control of intercept facilities will be exercised in accordance with NSA Circular 51-10.

4. Detailed instructions concerning the tasking of the 6924th RSM will be issued as NSA Operations Order Annexes, as required.

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 the 6924th RSM by the Director, NSA.

3. Technical support will be provided by the Director, NSA, by the 6920th Security Wing and by other sources designated.

4. 6924th RSM will provide technical support to subordinate detachments as required.

SECTION V - TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Intercept -

a. Intercept and perform D/F of designated communications targets involving the following type of transmission:

- (1) Manual Morse
- (2) Radiotelephone
- (3) Radioprinter
- (4) Other transmissions as identified

b. Record and forward all intercepted traffic to NSA and such other headquarters as may be designated.

2. Traffic Analysis -

a. Perform traffic analysis and maintain TEXTA data for all intercepted traffic as required for local intercept control purposes.

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b. Perform traffic analysis as required for local intercept control purposes, for processing of intercepted raw material and for other purposes, as directed.

3. Cryptanalytic Processing -

Perform within capabilities, through the application of key and code recoveries furnished by NSA or the 6920th Security Wing, cryptanalytic processing and reporting of designated foreign cryptographic systems passed on assigned targets. Cryptographic systems designated for processing by the 6924th RSM will normally consist of low-grade systems containing intelligence useful as back-up for the intercept mission.

4. Reporting -

a. Technical Reports - Prepare and forward periodic and special technical reports in accordance with NSA Operations Order Annexes, NSA Field Operations Manual, or as otherwise required.

b. End-Product Reports - Prepare, in accordance with appropriate NSA Operations Order Annexes and NSA Field Operations Manual, periodic, special, spot and other end-product reports, including translations. 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.

5. Operational Liaison -

a. Liaison with other U. S. COMINT units as required for successful accomplishment of this mission is authorized. The Chief, NSAFE, will be kept informed as to the nature and scope of this exchange.

b. Liaison with Foreign COMINT units and centers is not authorized.

6. Intelligence Requirements - Specific COMINT support requirements received from commanders in the field will be relayed to NSA, USAFSS, 6920th Security Wing and other units designated on a current basis in order that a review of the allocation of resources to meet requirements can be accomplished.

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7 Distribution -

a. Technical reports will be distributed in accordance with instructions contained in NSA Operations Order Annexes, NSA Field Operations Manual or as otherwise required. Initial distribution of any new technical report will include:

- (1) 6920th Security Wing
- (2) USAFSS
- (3) NSA
- (4) Other recipients as indicated by the Director, NSA.

b. End-products will be distributed as appropriate to the following authorized recipients through established channels as determined by the Director, NSA and Commander, USAFSS:

Air Force

SSO FEAF	SSO 313th Air Division
SSO PACAF	6920th Security Wing
SSO 5th AF	Detachment 1, 6920th Security Wing
SSO 13th AF	

Army

SSR AFPE/8th Army	ASAFE
SSR USARPAC	501 CRG
ASA, Washington	ASAPAC

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Joint and Other

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NSA	Hq. USAFSS

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c. End-products will be forwarded to Army and Navy recipients listed in paragraph 7.b. above in accordance with NSA Circular 53-5 (Procedures for the Conduct of Cross-Servicing of COMINT End-Products) and NSA Circular 53-2 (Reporting of Significant Activity Under Conditions of Alert).

d. Release directly to authorized consumers of spot and alert reports based on all elements of the intercept mission is authorized.

e. All spot reports, other than those concerned with recurring developments within a local area, or repetitive and predicted communications changes, will be addressed to SSO, Headquarters, Strategic Air Command and SSO, Headquarters, Air Defense Command in addition to regular recipients.

SECTION VI - SOURCE OF RAW MATERIAL AND COMINT INFORMATION

1. Raw material and semi-processed material produced by the facilities assigned for COMINT purposes to the 6924th RSM.
2. Raw material provided by sources designated by the Director, NSA.
3. COMINT information provided by the Director NSA, or by other designated headquarters.

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