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FOIA Appeal - Sanho Tree - Institute for Policy Studies

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SUMMARY

BACKGROUND: ~~(C)~~ 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 in the decision in November 1993. In September 1994, D/DIR decided that, pending GCHQ concurrence, the documents should be processed, in order to release segregable portions. As of May 1995, GCHQ approval had not yet been obtained. At the request of the DCI, D/DIR decided that we would process the U.S. portions of the materials for release. An interim response was sent to the requester on 31 May explaining that the documents were undergoing a declassification review.

(U) The appeal response provides Mr. Tree with copies of 49 Venona translations (with deletions) which are concurrently being released to the public (the National Cryptologic Museum and NARA) and 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. We are also providing Mr. Tree with a copy of the introduction and guide to the translations that will accompany the public releases. These are the first of over 2,000 translations we anticipate releasing by July 1996. Mr. Tree will receive copies concurrent with each public release.

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