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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: Delineation of Categories of COMINT.

The enclosed report of the Chairman, USCIB Intelligence Committee is circulated for consideration by USCIBEC in connection with item 4 of the agenda for the 17th meeting.

  
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Captain, U. S. Navy  
Executive Secretary, USCIB

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Subject: Delineation of Categories of COMINT

Reference: USCIB 5/460 dated 30 July 1953

1. Pursuant to the reference, the Intelligence Committee worked out an agreed upon view as to the assignment of cryptosystems and classes of COMINT to categories in consonance with criteria provided in paragraphs 9 and 10 of Appendix "B", Revised, and further delineated in Annexure B1.

2. INTCOM has agreed unanimously on the delineation of categories of COMINT and recommends approval of the enclosures. NSA and GCHQ have also mutually agreed with the delineation of cryptosystems and plain text short titles as indicated in Enclosure 1.

3. Accordingly, the Intelligence Committee recommends that:

- a. Enclosure 1 be approved on a trial basis for a period of one year.
- b. Enclosure 2 be approved and forwarded to LSIB.
- c. Enclosure 3 be approved and forwarded to CRC.

4. Other actions in connection with implementation of the above recommendations are being studied by the Intelligence Committee and will be reported upon at an early date.



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Lt. Colonel, USAF  
Chairman, INTCOM

## 3 Enclosures

1. "Delineation of Categories of COMINT"
2. Draft Memo for LSIB
3. Draft Memo for CRC

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DELINEATION OF CATEGORIES OF COMINT

In accordance with the provisions of the UKUSA Agreement, Appendix "B", Revised, COMINT material will be categorized as follows:

1. Traffic Intelligence

a. Category I shall be classified not lower than CONFIDENTIAL, will not be designated by a codeword and shall contain:

(1) [redacted] together with associated COMINT resulting from identification of the targets by means of the following techniques:

(a) Analysis of easily discernable external features of a fixed nature, such as semi-permanent callsigns, non-changing frequency, stereotyped and fixed length of text code groups, and similar characteristics.

(b) [redacted]

(c) Open violations of security by the target.

(d) All additional Category I techniques hereinafter described.

(2) COMINT based on translations of plain language intercept from Morse, radio printer, and radio-telephone links, with no analysis or interpretation more sophisticated than that involving the study of such local low echelon map, grid, and zone reference systems and simple jargon codes as may be involved in the texts.

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- (3) COMINT based on the following material:
  - (a) Radar tracking reports and visual observations reports as found in tactical or operational traffic.
  - (b) Local grid or zone references.
  - (c) Local procedural codes used for brevity purposes.
  - (d) Plain text interspersed with cover words.
  - (e) Naval tactical maneuvering codes, when used as such.
  - (f) Jargon codes.

b. Category II shall be classified SECRET, will be designated by a distinctive codeword and shall contain:

All end-product, except where specifically assigned to other categories, including that based on the following:

- (1) Freely available privacy and brevity systems such as  codes.
- (2) Complex changing callsign and address systems.
- (3) Enciphered aircraft type designation systems.

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c. Category III shall be classified TOP SECRET, will be designated by a distinctive codeword and shall contain:

- (1) All COMINT based on the analysis of additive enciphered textual address systems, specifically including the following current examples:

- (2) All COMINT derived from traffic obtained from certain designated sensitive sources, where the nature of the source is such as to require a TOP SECRET classification.

Example:

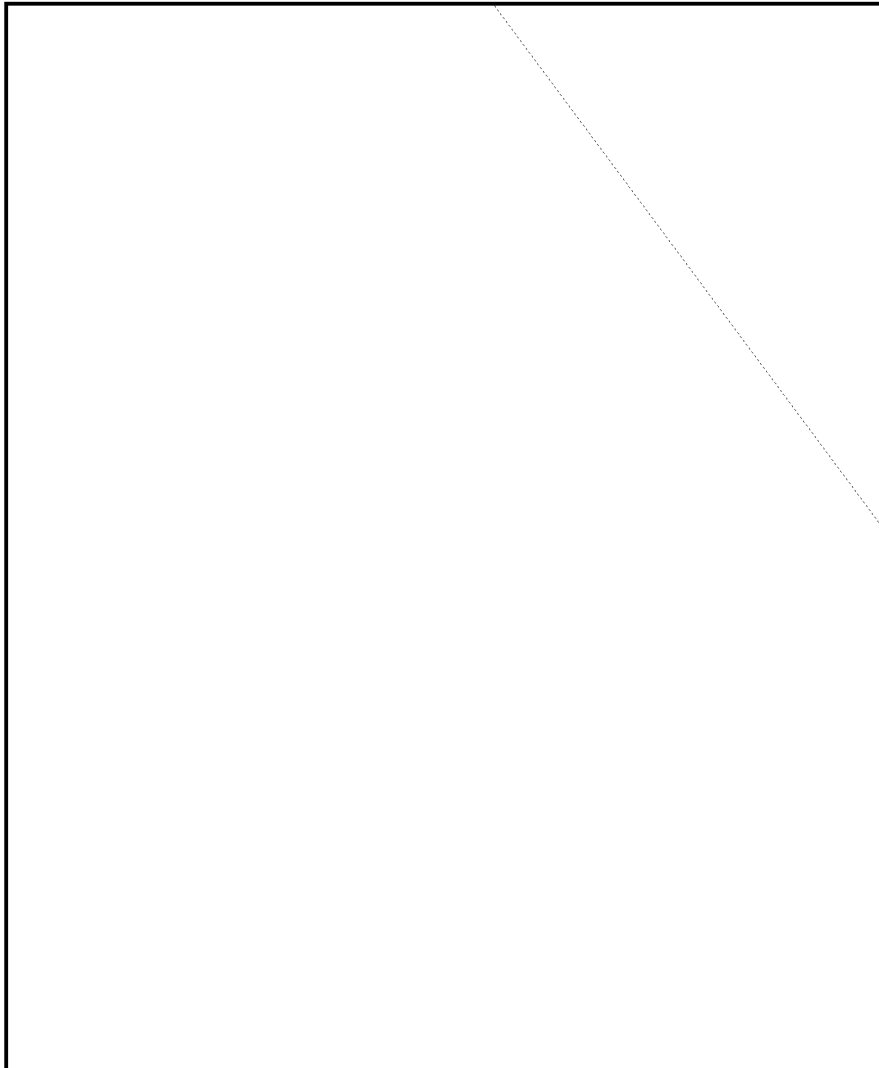
- (3) All Traffic Intelligence end-product which involves the use of identifications and other data derived from Category III Crypt Intelligence.
- (4) Material involving sensitive collection procedures or the revelation of success against unusual, sensitive, or complex transmission procedures and devices peculiar to the target.

2. Crypt Intelligence

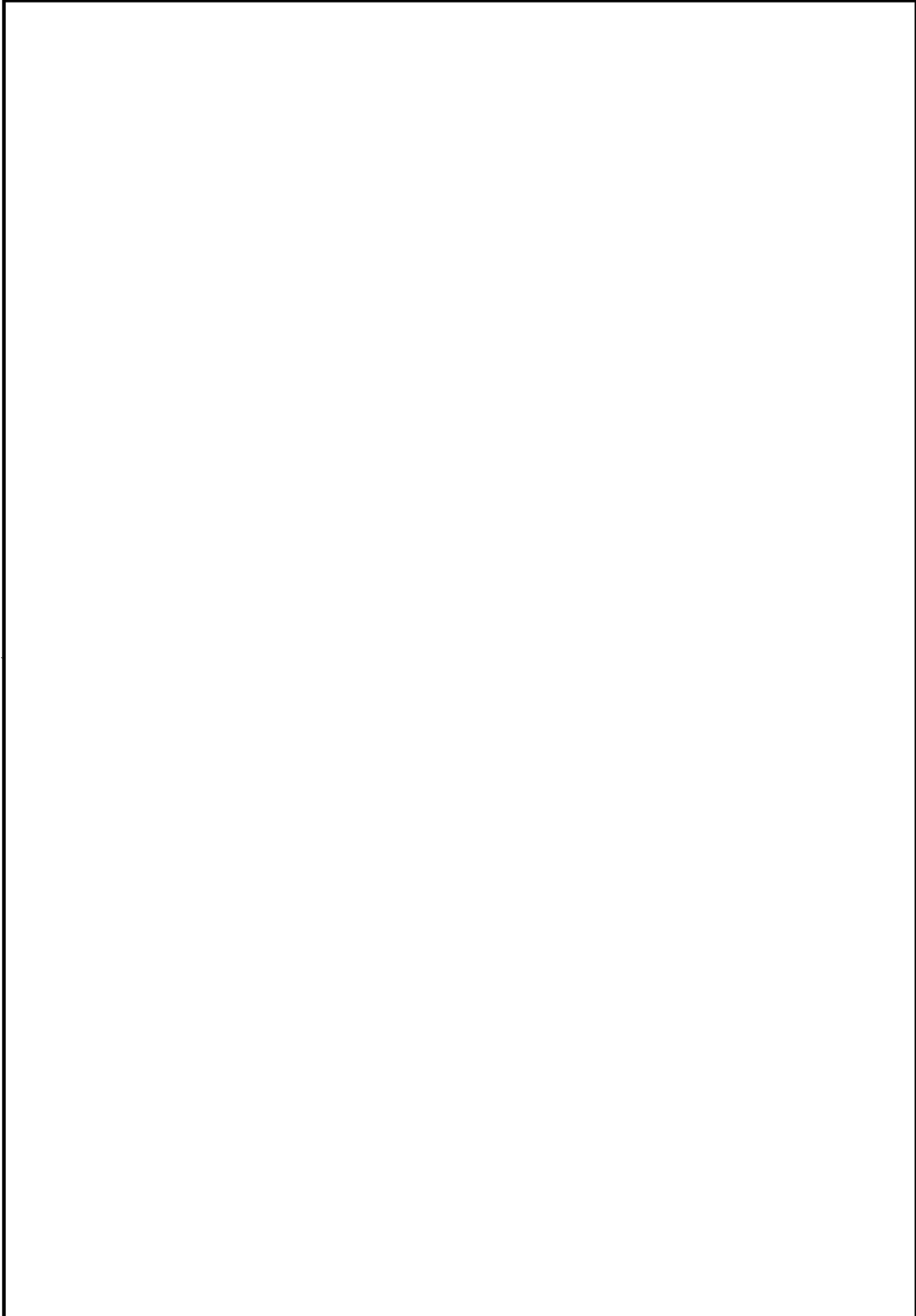
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a. Category II

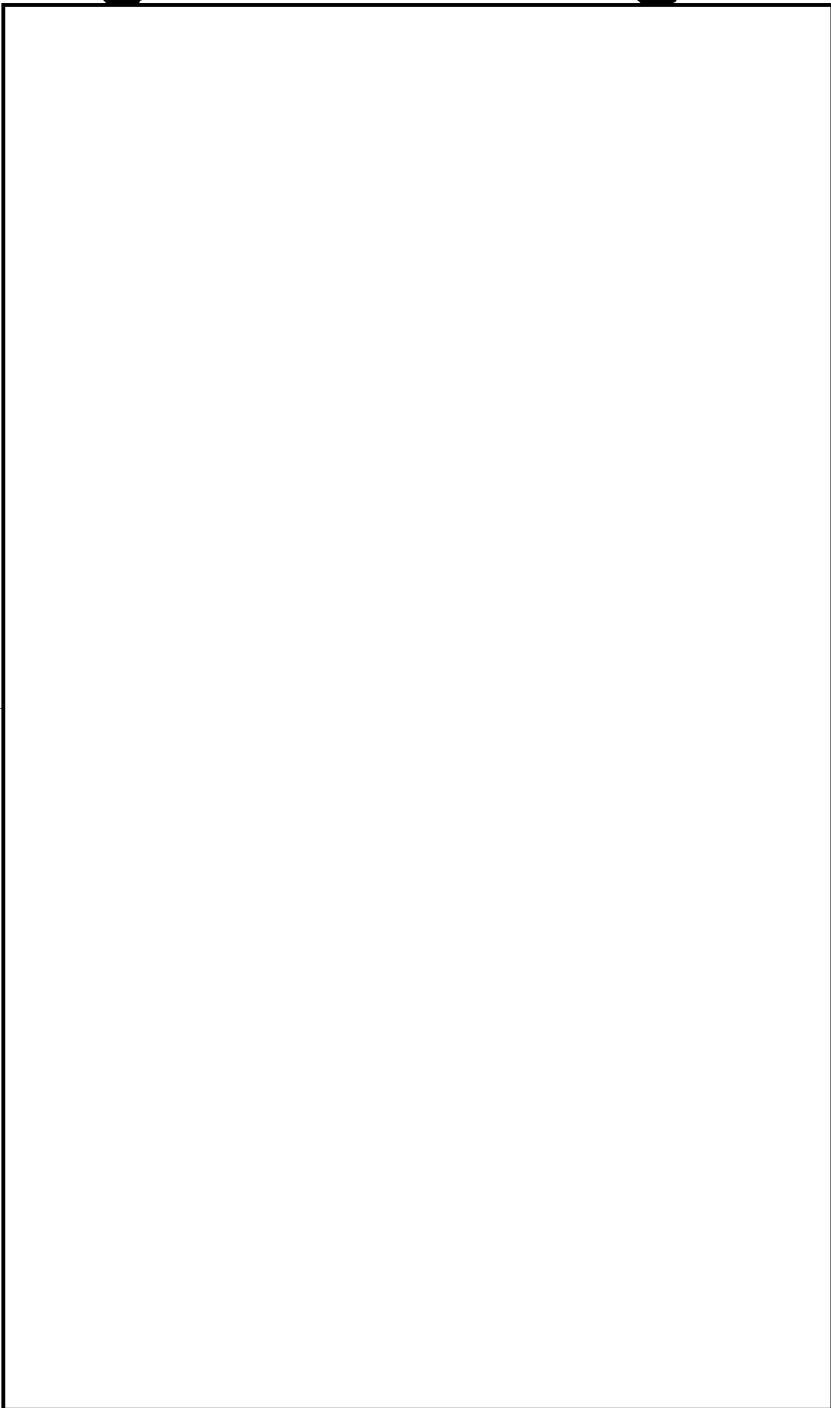
- (1) The following cryptosystems are assigned to Category II:



- (2) The following cryptosystems are "suitable" for assignment to Category II at any time USCIB or LSIB consider it necessary. Until assigned to Category II, they will be handled as Category III systems.



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b. Category III

All cryptosystems not specifically assigned to Categories II or I are assigned to Category III.

3. Plain Text

a. Category I

(1) Operational Military plain text in [redacted]

[redacted] is assigned to

Category I.

(2) [redacted]

b. Category II

All plain text other than those types specifically assigned to Categories III and I.

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c. Category III

(1) Items selected on an individual basis because of extremely high intelligence value.

(2) Plain text passed on [redacted]

such sensitivity and high intelligence value that source protection is a paramount consideration.

4. Sub-categories are established as follows:

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a. Within Category II - None.

b. Within Category III -

(1) [redacted] - This sub-category shall be designated by a separate codeword, and shall be considered less sensitive than the main body of Category III.

(2) [redacted] plain text passed on circuits controlled

by the [redacted]

This category

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY, LONDON SIGNAL INTELLIGENCE BOARD:

Subject: Delineation of Categories of COMINT.

Reference: Revised Appendix "B", UKUSA Agreement.

1. In consonance with the provisions of paragraph 11 of the reference, the enclosed delineation of categories of COMINT is forwarded.

2. USCIB appreciates the fact that this initial delineation of categories and assignment of COMINT is not as specific in all respects as some had originally envisioned. However, it is felt that the enclosure constitutes a suitable beginning.

3. With respect to paragraph 3b, Annexure B1, of the revised Appendix "B", USCIB has designated the Director, NSA, as the technical agent to handle preparation and maintenance of lists of all cryptosystems mutually adjudged suitable for inclusion in Category II.

4. USCIB would be grateful for an early indication from your Board as to whether or not the enclosed listings are agreeable, and if so, what would be the earliest date upon which to make them effective.

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Executive Secretary, USCIB

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