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APPENDIX B

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TYPES OF INFORMATION TO BE HANDLED VIA COMINT CHANNELS ONLY

1. Information which does not require codeword protection but which relates to COMINT or COMINT activities will bear the classification indicated (but no codeword), will carry the caveat "HANDLE VIA COMINT CHANNELS ONLY" and be retained in COMINT channels unless exempted or released in accordance with procedures established by USIB or LSIB.

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- 2. Information relating to COMINT or COMINT activities will be classified TOP SECRET if the unauthorized disclosure of it could result in exceptionally grave damage to national security, national interests or the continued conduct of COMINT operations. Examples of the kind of information which may warrant this classification are:-
 - (a) A plan, doctrine or policy or information on tasking or control which reveals specific COMINT operations of major importance.
 - (b) Information revealing the extent or nature of COMINT collaboration with specific foreign governments, including written agreements establishing such collaboration.
 - (c) Details of COMINT arrangements with Third Parties.
 - (d) Construction and budgetary information of major importance relating to COMINT collection and processing organizations and installations.
 - (e) Safe combinations permitting access to COMINT or information regarding COMINT activities.

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3. Information relating to COMINT or COMINT activities will be classified SECRET if the unauthorized disclosure of it could result in serious damage to national security, national interests or the continued conduct of COMINT operations. Examples of the kind of information which may warrant this classification are:-

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- (a) A plan, doctrine, or policy or information on tasking or control which reveals important specific COMINT operations.
- (b) Base rights negotiations for COMINT sites, which involve disclosure of the specific purposes for which the sites are intended.
- (c) Important construction and budgetary information relating to COMINT collection and processing organizations and installations.
- (d) Individual intercept assignments.
- (e) Detailed D/F plans and overall operational effectiveness of D/F organizations.
- (f) All personnel reports and documents, civilian and/or military which indicate authorized and/or actual agency COMINT strength in total, by job designation or by organizational element title where such designation or organizational element title would indicate details of the COMINT mission.
- (g) Information which reveals the existence, but not the extent or nature, of collaboration or liaison on COMINT matters with specific foreign governments unless a higher classification is warranted by special circumstances.
- (h) References to the existence of Third Party COMINT arrangements, without specific details unless a higher classification is warranted by special circumstances.

CONFIDENTIAL

- 4. Information relating to COMINT or COMINT activities will be classified CONFIDENTIAL if the unauthorized disclosure of it could be prejudicial to national security, national interests or the continued conduct of COMINT operations. Examples of the kind of information which may warrant this classification are:-
 - (a) A plan, doctrine, or policy or information on tasking or control which reveals specific COMINT operations of a minor nature.
 - (b) COMINT indoctrination and debriefing statements.
 - (c) Lists of COMINT indoctrinated and debriefed personnel.
 - (d) Information which reveals extent of effort or special purpose features of electronic computers as utilized for COMINT processing, without revealing COMINT techniques.

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