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SUMMARY

1. ~~(C-CCO)~~ Reference your request at the 23 May 1995 meeting on VENONA to provide guidelines for cryptanalytic issues that may arise in the course of reviewing documents for possible release. After studying a small subset of the VENONA translations, we offer the following:

a. Remove all references to cryptosystem titles or cryptosystem users

Rationale: Currently and properly classified.

b. Retain translation issue dates.

Rationale: If translation dates are removed "when we knew what" becomes an issue.

c. Protect current codeword.

Rationale: Currently and properly classified.

d. Retain wording that notes unrecovered or unrecoverable groups.

Rationale: Substitute wording begs the question, "How many groups or how much text missing?", or, "What are you hiding?" Also, substitute language is not appropriate under a FOIA release.

2. ~~(C)~~ If there are references to in the translations, these terms should be redacted.

3. ~~(C)~~ Well known and previously released cryptanalytic terms such as bookbreaking, code groups, etc., do not need to be redacted, but to the extent that message translations address in detail cryptanalytic methodologies,

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COORDINATION/APPROVAL

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