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RELATIONSHIPS**QUESTION:**

2. Since the Pueblo incident has there been any change in relationships between NSA, CIA and DIA?

ANSWER:

Yes, in one particular sense: as members of the United States Intelligence Board, NSA, DIA and CIA took advantage of the lessons learned from the Pueblo Incident. Those agencies developed a Policy Statement on the conduct of COMINT activities in Exposed Areas.

This policy statement is binding on all members of USIB; its main thesis is that a COMINT activity in an exposed area may only hold that classified material which is essential to its mission.

The Pueblo carried a wealth of documentation in the "nice-to-have" or "might possibly use" category. Almost all of it fell into enemy hands.

As a direct result of the Pueblo Incident, NSA is now coordinating a program for the entire Cryptologic Community; its aim is to reduce holdings at exposed sites to mission-essential items, with a positive destruction capability in the event of attack. We have the full cooperation of DIA and CIA in this program.

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