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GCHQ and NSA Celebrate 75 Years of UKUSA Agreement

This year, we celebrate the 75th anniversary of the formal partnership between the U.K. GCHQ and the U.S. National Security Agency (NSA).

This alliance defines how we share communication, translation, analysis, and code breaking information, and has helped protect our countries and allies for decades. The amazing women and men at our two agencies use their skills and diversity to make a difference.

Our alliance began before World War II and when it was formalized in 1946, built on a history of strong shared values, including respect for privacy and the rule of law. It grew stronger as Canada, New Zealand, and Australia joined in the years that followed. Together, we are greater than the sum of our parts.

The modern digital world is constantly evolving. Threats don’t respect international borders. Global partnerships are key to our security and economic prosperity – and none more so than the one between our two countries.

For 75 years, this extraordinary partnership has enabled us to evolve and learn from each other. It helps us equip our leaders with the information they need. And it ultimately makes the U.K. and U.S. safer. We celebrate those 75 years, and we look forward to the future together.

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