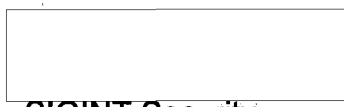


From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2004 7:18 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Hall Cargill
Subject: RE: Classification question ---~~SECRET//BYEMAN/TALENT KEYHOLE//X1~~
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The fact of a COMINT mission on SAMOS can be released as (U).

(b)(3)

The potential/planned capability should not be (U) if it is described in terms that reveal targets, collection strategy, or expected performance.



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Cargill suggested I get your opinion on a classification question on SAMOS. The text in question (from a 1959 memo to Gen Schriever) reads as follows:

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"The second question is related to the value of subsystem F. The argument here is that 80-90% of elint and comint can be available via aircraft peripheral flights."

Our Redaction Guide states that information about the SAMOS F ELINT payload is releasable. It does not mention COMINT. The guide also states that the "fact of" satellite COMINT collection capability is releasable.

We would like your views on:

- 1. whether a potential/planned COMINT capability on SAMOS is releasable?
- 2. if not releasable, whether the indirect reference above should be redacted.

If possible, we would appreciate an E-mail response. Thanks in advance.

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