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TO : NRO Asst. for Security

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DATE: 17 January 1969

FROM :

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SUBJECT: BYEMAN Industrial Security Handling of COMINT Materials

In reference to your memorandum of 3 January 69, it is not clear how the 6 September 62 USIB document attached thereto on data collected by the first ELINT satellite, POPPY, solves the problem addressed by Dr. Flax in his letter to General Carter 12 August 68 (originally raised in NSA memorandum 24 January 66). That problem is of assuring effective security procedures at BYEMAN industrial facilities. This has come up with the advent of COMINT satellites and the need is to define what materials handled by the contractors are to be classified COMINT. Obviously all documents, tapes and intelligence materials already under COMINT control will remain so until downgraded. It was suggested in our draft 21 October 68 that all contractor facilities/personnel utilizing these COMINT controlled materials and any documents/equipment developed from them which reveals the same sensitive sources/targets/success which the COMINT materials themselves reveal must also be controlled by existing COMINT security protection procedures. To do otherwise would destroy the effectiveness of this security system. Thus we have to go beyond your proposal and develop the guidelines requested by our principals in the correspondence cited above. We are available to assist you in this work.

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