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SECTION I - TASK ELEMENT

327th Communications Reconnaissance Company

SECTION II - MISSION

1. Provide, operate, and control designated intercept facilities and conduct such processing as may be directed in support of the over-all National COMINT effort.

2. Provide, operate, and control designated intercept facilities and conduct such processing as may be required to produce COMINT in direct support of U.S. Commands in the Formosa area. Initially these include:

U.S. Seventh Fleet.

3. Provide, operate, and control designated intercept facilities and conduct such processing as may be required to produce COMINT in general support of U.S. Commands in the Far East and Pacific area.

SECTION III - OPERATIONAL CONTROL

1. Initially, the Director, NSA, will exercise operational control over the 327th CRC. As tasks of a close support nature develop and become necessary, or as target communications which contribute to COMINT tasks decentralized to other Army Security Agency headquarters in the Far East are isolated, operational control of facilities allocated for such close support or contributory tasks will be delegated to the ASA Headquarters concerned.

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2. Routine operational instructions will normally be issued directly to the 327th CRC by the Director, NSA. Non-routine operational instructions, including changes to this order, will be issued by the Director, NSA, through the Chief, ASA.

3. The control of intercept facilities will be exercised in accordance with NSA Circular 51-10.

SECTION IV - TECHNICAL CONTROL AND SUPPORT

1. Technical control will be exercised by the Director, NSA.

2. Technical control instructions will be issued directly to the 327th CRC by the Director, NSA.

3. Technical support will be provided by the Director, NSA, by ASAFE, by FS 8603 DU, and by other sources as designated.

SECTION V - TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Intercept

a. Intercept and perform D/F of designated communications targets at all levels of command involving the following type of transmission:

(1) Manual Morse

(2) Radiotelephone

b. Record and forward all intercepted traffic to NSA and such other headquarters as may be designated.

2. Traffic Analysis

a. Perform traffic analysis and maintain TEXTA data for all intercepted traffic as required for local intercept control purposes.

b. Perform traffic analysis of those communications susceptible to field exploitation to produce timely COMINT in satisfaction of consumer requirements.

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3. Cryptanalysis

a. Perform, within capabilities, low-level cryptanalysis on assigned targets.

b. Perform decryption of material from assigned targets through the application of key and code recoveries furnished by NSA or other intermediate headquarters in the Far East area.

c. Forward any code and key recoveries in the form specified to NSA and such other headquarters as may be designated.

4. Translation - Scan, and translate as necessary, all exploitable [redacted] traffic for extraction of significant data for inclusion in COMINT reports, or for full translation of individual texts. Exploitable traffic provided to the 327th CRC by [redacted] sources will be scanned and translated as capabilities permit.

5. Reporting

a. Technical Reports - Prepare and forward periodic and special technical reports in accordance with NSA Circulars (50-series) or as otherwise required.

b. End-Product Reports - Prepare, in accordance with appropriate NSA Circulars (53-series), periodic, special spot, and other end-product reports, including translations. Initially, end-product reporting will take the form of spot reports of items of unusual significance. Daily summaries of activity may be issued later, if the observed communications activity warrants such daily reporting, or in response to local intelligence requirements. Normally, all COMINT reporting will be done from material no more than 24 hours old.

6. Operational Liaison

a. Liaison with U.S. COMINT units in the area as required for successful accomplishment of this mission is authorized. Raw traffic and technical information may be furnished or exchanged with these activities whenever desirable. The Chiefs, NSAFE, and NSAPAC will be kept informed as to the nature and scope of this exchange.

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b. Liaison with non-U.S. COMINT centers will be conducted as authorized by NSA. Initially, no liaison is authorized. Problems involving non-U.S. COMINT centers will be referred to Chief, NSAFE (info: Chief, NSAPAC, Chief, ASAFE and Chief, ASAPAC) for resolution or assistance.

c. Liaison with [redacted] representatives to obtain collateral support as required for successful accomplishment of this mission is authorized. The 327th CRC will keep the Director, NSA, Chief, ASA, Chief, ASAFE and Chief, ASAPAC, informed as to the scope and the nature of this collaboration.

7. Intelligence Requirements - Specific COMINT support requirements received from commanders in the field will be relayed to NSA, ASA, and ASAFE on a current basis in order that a review of the allocation of resources to meet requirements can be accomplished.

8. Distribution

a. End-products will be distributed as appropriate to the following authorized recipients through established channels as determined by the Director, NSA and Chief, ASA:

ARMY

SSO, AFFE/8th Army
SSO, USARPAC

ASA
ASAPAC
ASAFE

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NAVY

COMNAVFE
CINCPACFLT
COMSEVENTHFLT

[redacted]
USN 27
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AIR FORCE

SSO FEAF
SSO PACAF
SSO 5th AF (MAIN)

SSO 13th AF
SSO 20th AF
6920th Security Wing

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OTHER

NSA
NSAPAC
NSAFE

SSR Hq, FEC
SSR CINCPAC (to include such
forward echelons as may be
established)

b. End-products will be forwarded to Navy and Air Force recipients listed in paragraph 8.a. above in accordance with NSA Circular 53-5 (Procedures for the Conduct of Cross-Servicing of COMINT End-Products) and NSA Circular 53-2 (Reporting of Significant Activity Under Conditions of Alert).

c. All spot reports, other than those concerned with recurring developments within a local area, or repetitive and predicted communications changes, will be addressed to SSO, Headquarters, Strategic Air Command and SSO, Headquarters, Air Defense Command in addition to regular recipients. The channel to be used in passing this information is via the nearest Air Force COMINT unit in the area, with appropriate passing instructions.

d. End-products received electrically or by pouch from NSA as technical support information will be automatically distributed to the command being supported.

e. Technical data will not be included in COMINT end-product reports without prior approval of the Director, NSA. No such approval is granted by terms of this order.

SECTION VI - SOURCE OF RAW MATERIAL AND COMINT INFORMATION

The sources of raw material and COMINT information are as follows:

a. Raw material and semi-processed material produced by the facilities assigned for COMINT purposes to the 327th CRC.

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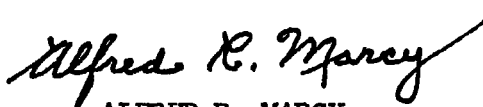
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b. Raw material provided by
sources and by other sources designated by the Director, NSA.

c. COMINT information provided by the Director, NSA, or by
other designated headquarters.

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