(U) Profile: Intelligence Security Issues

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(U) Today we profile SID's Intelligence Security Issues organization, the last in our series on Communications and Support Operations:

(S//SI) You're at home reading the Sunday paper when you come across something you think is classified. "Is this a Cryptologic Insecurity? What *is* a Cryptologic Insecurity?"

(S//SI) A Cryptologic Insecurity (CI) is when intelligence is disclosed--such as via a media leak--without authorization. SID has an office that handles its CI Program: the Intelligence Security Issues office. Every day we scan approximately 350 press items for potential CIs. We then research databases to confirm or deny the validity of the CI. This is a vital step in the CI analysis process to determine whether or not to forward the package to NSA's Public Affairs Office (PAO) for tasking. What about SIGINT losses? We review books and Internet articles to discover and document these losses.

(S//SI) Intelligence Security Issues also maintains the FIRSTFRUIT Foreign Knowledge Database, which currently contains over 5,000 insecurity-related records. This is a SIGINT database that is the Intelligence Community's prototype. FIRSTFRUIT combines all SIGINT-related information--Espionage Damage Assessments, Cryptologic Insecurities (Media/Books, etc.), Unauthorized Disclosures, Demarches, and Liaison exchanges--into one database.

(U//FOUO) We also are responsible for the SIGINT Director's staff portion of the NSA Countering Adversary Denial and Deception (D&D;) Program, proactively protecting U.S. intelligence sources and methods and determining ways to counter foreign denial and deception. Our findings are published in D&D; assessments and respond to D&D; questions from the Intelligence Community. Finally, Intelligence Security Issues manages SID's Operations Security (OPSEC) Program. We meet with SID OPSEC coordinators to review the program and provide OPSEC training and guidance; monitor the conduct of OPSEC within the SIGINT Directorate; and submit appropriate NSA-required OPSEC reports.

(U//FOUO) This is just a brief overview of what Intelligence Security Issues does every day. For more detailed information about what we do and how we can serve you, visit our web page. . Please contact us if we can be of any assistance!

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