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(U) ConSIDer This: Vital Records

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- (C) Did you know that copies of NSA's most vital records are being stored in Sugar Grove, West Virginia?
- (U) The Vital Records Program ensures that copies of NSA's most important documents are kept in a safe location away from Fort Meade. Why?-- So that if a natural disaster, fire, attack, etc. should destroy the originals at NSA, we will still be able to access a backup copy. The program began in 1952 when President Truman signed an executive order making each federal department and agency responsible for carrying out its essential functions in an emergency; later Presidents have issued modifications.

(U//FOUO) If you think you may have vital records, see <u>Vital Records FAQ</u> for definitions and instructions on how to preserve them.

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