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SUMMARY

(FOUO) The attached note is at the request of the DIR for background information on the U.S./UK Cryptologic relationship to be forwarded to President Clinton in advance of a 29 May 97 meeting with UK Prime Minister Tony Blair.

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DIRECTOR

19 May 1997

TO: A/D🖋

SUBJ: Background for President Clinton
        Meeting with PM Blair (U)

     (U) The Director of GCHQ, David Omand, will be
briefing UK Prime Minister Tony Blair on the US/UK
Cryptologic relationship in preparation for an upcoming
session between Blair and President Clinton. The two
leaders are scheduled to meet on 29 May in The Hague after
the EU/US summit. We offer the attached paper as
background for the President's session with the Prime
Minister.

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U.S. CRYPTOLOGIC PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM

Background (U)

(FOUO) **The U.S.-UK Cryptologic relationship is the oldest and most productive of NSA's foreign partnerships.** It is based on a formal "UKUSA Agreement," which was signed in 1946, and includes numerous supporting agreements signed over the years with NSA's counterpart, the Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ). This agreement is the basis for comprehensive cooperation on SIGINT and, to a lesser extent, INFOSEC activities. The U.S.-UK Cryptologic Relationship will continue to be broad and deep well into the 21st Century.

Key Elements of Cryptologic Relations (U)

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(b)(3)-50 USC 3024(i)
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(TS-CCO) **Under the UKUSA Agreement, each side agrees to share all SIGINT-related information;** the exchange is unrestricted except for those areas that are specifically excluded (e.g. U.S. ONLY information) at the request of either party.

(TS-CCO) **NSA's and GCHQ's intelligence priorities are largely convergent and GCHQ's SIGINT collection and processing capabilities often complement our own.** One vibrant example is

They have agreed to continue this participation in future, and are currently making arrangements with their government to do so. GCHQ offers resources for advanced collection, processing, and analysis efforts. Some GCHQ [   ] exist solely to satisfy NSA tasking. NSA and GCHQ jointly address collection plans to reduce duplication and maximize coverage through joint sites and cross-tasking, despite site closures.

(C) **The cryptomathematics exchange with GCHQ is at the heart of our INFOSEC relationship.** GCHQ is NSA's only peer in the field of cryptomathematics and virtually all major advances within the field of cryptography have occurred as a result of our mutual sharing. We enjoy a mutually beneficial exchange at the highest technical level in the design and evaluation of cryptoalgorithms. As NSA supports U.S. Government efforts towards achieving a secure global information infrastructure, GCHQ stands as our most influential foreign partner in advancing INFOSEC policies in the international arena.

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