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I. DEFINITION AND APPLICATION OF TOP SECRET CREAM

The following explanatory matter pertaining to the definition and application of TOP SECRET CREAM is furnished for your information and guidance:

1. It may be noted that TOP SECRET CREAM indicates both the classification and the category of material so stamped. CREAM actually denotes a category of intelligence. Therefore the following directions for the application of TOP SECRET CREAM are based on procedures necessary to protect the intelligence itself. Of necessity they concern some of the processes involved in its preparation.

2. Signal Intelligence (Communication Intelligence). All intelligence derived from the study of radio transmissions and other communications is known as communication intelligence. It consists of two categories:

a. Special Intelligence. That signal intelligence which results from the decryption of the texts or substance of encrypted communications constitutes Special Intelligence. This category of intelligence is TOP SECRET and is designated as CREAM.

b. Traffic Intelligence. That signal intelligence which is obtained from intercepted communications by all means short of decryption constitutes Traffic Intelligence. This category of intelligence is SECRET and, subsequent to agreement at the present Conference, will be designated as IVORY.

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3. TOP SECRET CREAM. Those materials which constitute TOP SECRET CREAM and the conditions under which they must be so stamped are as follows:

| <u>Materials</u> | <u>When Stamped</u> |
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| (1) All papers containing Special Intelligence, i.e., the product of decryption (translations, the | At all times. |

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| Bulletin) and the intelligence produced therefrom (the Diplomatic Summary, etc.). | |
| (2) All worksheets, records, devices, and equipment involved in the cryptanalytic and cryptographic processes employed in the production of Special Intelligence. | When made available outside the Agency or to Agency personnel not engaged in communication intelligence activities. |
| (3) All papers which include specific technical information taken from the materials defined in (1) and (2) above. | At all times. |
| (4) All papers which make specific reference to the content, nature, or status of Special Intelligence and/or the cryptanalytic processes or materials involved in its production. | At all times. |

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