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HEADQUARTERS, USAF SECURITY SERVICE, San Antonio, Texas

TO: Director, National Security Agency, Washington 25, D. C.

1. The report of the NSA Special Study Group has been reviewed by members of my staff and has received a most favorable response.

2. Two major proposals, which I believe parallel the findings of the committee, are being developed within this Headquarters for implementation at the earliest practicable time. These are the [redacted] both of which are designed to overcome certain limitations inherent in past operations.

3. The report of the NSA Special Study Group will continue to receive close study within this Headquarters with a view towards improving the COMINT product of the USAFSS.

/s/

H. H. BASSETT  
Brigadier General, USAF  
Commander

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From: Chief of Naval Operations  
To: Director, National Security Agency

Subj: Delayed reply to correspondence

Ref: (a) NSA ltr Ser 000566-S of 26 Oct 1953 with enclosure

1. This will acknowledge receipt of reference (a).

2. Reply will be delayed for the following reasons:

Recommendations made and inadequancies mentioned in the enclosure will require further study.

3. It is expected that a reply will be mailed by 15 Jan 1954.

/s/  
GIFFORD GRANGE  
Captain, U.S. Navy  
Assistant Head, Security Branch  
Naval Communications Division  
By direction



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SUBJECT: The Potentialities of COMINT for Strategic Warning (Report of Special Study Group, NSA Scientific Advisory Board)

TO: Chief, Army Security Agency  
The Pentagon

Director, Naval Communications  
The Pentagon

Commander  
U. S. Air Force Security Service  
San Antonio, Texas

1. One copy of the subject report is forwarded herewith for your information. In view of the comprehensive nature of this report, I request that it be given the most limited circulation on a "need-to-know" basis.

2. This report is based on a study undertaken by the NSA Scientific Advisory Board at my request. My purpose in requesting this study was to obtain an objective evaluation of the contribution which COMINT can or could make to the warning of an impending attack on the United States.

3. Many of the individual members of the NSA Scientific Advisory Board have been serving as consultants, within their respective scientific fields, to the various activities of NSA since March, 1951. Consequently, they have become familiar not only with the specific scientific aspects of COMINT activities, but also with the broader problems encountered by this Agency in fulfilling its COMINT mission.

4. This report is now under study by NSA to determine the actions which may be appropriate in implementing the recommendations of the Special Study Group, NSA Scientific Advisory Board.

5. Any comments which you may desire to make on this report will be appreciated.

/s/  
RALPH J. CANINE  
Lieutenant General, US Army  
Director

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