

~~TOP SECRET~~

~~SECRET (b)(1)~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL (b)(3)~~

7



DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	REGISTRY
SOURCE: _____	CONTROL NUMBER: _____
DATE OF DOCUMENT: _____	DATE DOCUMENT RECEIVED: _____
COPY NUMBER (S): _____	LOGGED BY: _____
NUMBER OF PAGES: _____ DOCUMENT NO: _____	
NUMBER OF ATTACHMENTS: _____	

FROM:		DATE:		
	TO OFFICE	NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
1	IG			
2				
3				
4				
5				

- Approval
- Action
- Comment
- Concurrences
- Information
- Direct Reply
- Preparation of Reply
- Recommendation
- Signature
- Return
- Dispatch
- File

REMARKS

Handle via Comint Channels

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
~~SECRET~~
~~TOP SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~
HANDLE VIA COMINT CHANNELS

SUBJECT: NSA Intercept of US-SA Traffic

1. In late September 1972 NSA, through Division D, requested that [redacted] initiate a hearability survey of certain HF long-distance commercial telephone circuits between the U.S. and South America. The circuits were known by NSA to carry drug-related long-distance calls of interest to the BNDD and other U.S. agencies.

(b)(3)

(b)(3)

2. On 14 October 1972 coverage of the traffic of interest was begun on a trial basis [redacted]

(b)(3)

(b)(3)

The intercepted material was provided to NSA, which commented on 15 Jan 1973 that the test results were good and that it hoped the coverage would continue.

3. The suggestion that the coverage should continue indefinitely raised the question within Division D as to whether this intercept activity was legal and on 26 Jan 1973, a request for a legal opinion was addressed to the General Counsel who replied, on 29 Jan 1973 that such collection by CIA appeared to be barred by statute.

4. Upon receipt of this opinion, the activity was immediately stopped [redacted] and never resumed there or elsewhere, in the U.S.

(b)(3)

~~SECRET~~
HANDLE VIA COMINT CHANNELS