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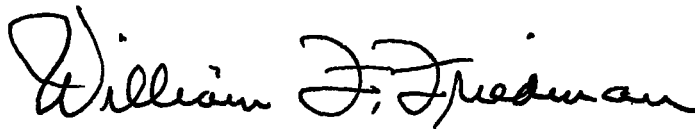
SUBJECT: Requests for Navigational Aid Information

 TO: Members of NSA Classification Advisory Panel: (In turn)
 FROM: Chrmn, NSA Classification Advisory Panel
 DATE: MAY 27 1953 COMMENT NO. 3

Col. Campbell, AG *gll*Col. Wyman, SEC *Concur in each case to answers as stated by Prod. HHL*Mr. Groskery, C/SEC *Concur in answers as stated by Prod. DDC*Mr. Callimahos, TNG *Concur in PROD's answers. PDC*

Mr. Friedman, S/ASST

To note and pass on.



WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN
 Chairman

NSA Classification Advisory Panel

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TO P/P

FROM PROD

DATE 18 May 1953

COMMENT NO. 1

1. PROD has recently been requested to provide information on Chinese radio transmissions for use in the navigation of aircraft over-flying China. As time did not permit the reference of this problem to higher authority for decision, the PROD reply was that no information was available of a classification which could be used for the stated purpose. In order that policy guidance may be available to guide PROD responses to any future requests of this type, it is recommended that the problem be referred to the NSA Classification Advisory Committee in order to obtain answers to the questions set forth below. (The answers considered valid by PROD on the basis of available information are set forth in parenthesis after each question.)

2. Is the utilization of press and propaganda transmissions as navigational aids in over-flights of this type governed by COMINT security regulations and therefore a matter of concern to NSA? (No; these transmissions are outside the scope of COMINT. Information of this type may be requested from CIA (FBIS) by the organizations concerned.)

3. Is the use of navigational aid transmissions, radio beacons, and other similar transmissions for these purposes governed by COMINT security regulations and therefore a matter of concern to NSA? (No; if such information is made available to the requesting agency by organizations other than NSA this is of no concern to NSA since such transmissions are outside the scope of COMINT.)

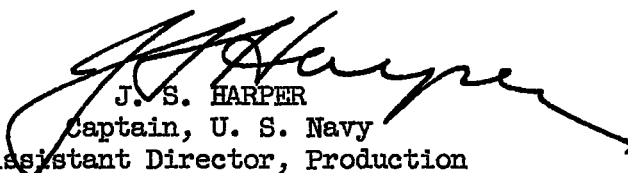
4. May NSA make available for navigational purposes information on radio beacon or navigational aid transmissions which is available only from COMINT sources? (No; this information must be given the classification and codeword designation of the COMINT source from which it is available and the codeword designation prohibits use of the information for the indicated purpose.)

5. May information (callsigns, frequencies, locations, types of emission and services performed) published in "Berne Books" (publications of the International Telecommunications Union) be used for navigational purposes in over-flights of hostile territory? (Yes; this information, although directly related to information of a "TEXTIA" nature which is classified as SECRET CHUTE if derived from COMINT processes, is unclassified as published in "Berne Books".)

6. May NSA, on the basis of COMINT information, select from unclassified "Berne Books" information known to be current and accurate for use in over-flight navigation? (No; the compilation, even though made up from an unclassified source, must be given the security protection of the information used as a criterion for selection.)

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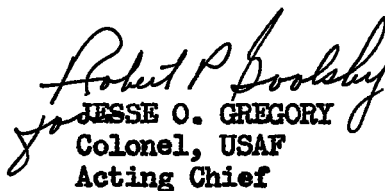
7. Is TEXTA information which is available to NSA solely as the result of intercept of foreign communications automatically classified SECRET CHUTE or higher, even though the transmissions in question are at fixed locations performing fixed services and employing fixed schedules and callsigns? (Yes; this information normally can be compiled only after a COMINT effort has been applied to raw material and it therefore must have a COMINT classification.)


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cc: NSA-06B

TO: NSA Classification Advisory Panel FROM: P/P DATE: 22 May 53 COMMENT NO. 2
Lt. Cleveland/60548

Instant correspondence is forwarded for your information and necessary policy guidance.


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Acting Chief

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