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Subject: (U//FOUO) NSA Intelligence Relationship with Canada's Communications Security Establishment Canada (CSEC)

(U) Introduction

(U//FOUO) The U.S.-Canada SIGINT relationship dates back to an alliance formed during World War II. In 1949, the relationship was formalized under the CANUSA Agreement signed with CSEC. The basic tenet of CANUSA is cooperation in all aspects of SIGINT except when considered prejudicial to the national interests of one of the parties. The formal Information Assurance (IA) relationship with CSEC is based on a 1986 Memorandum of Agreement. NSA has a close, cooperative relationship with CSEC that both sides would like to see expanded and strengthened.

(S//REL TO USA, CAN)) CSEC is a highly valued second party partner. The relationship is driven by our mutual interest in the defense of North America as a whole. Cooperative efforts include the exchange of liaison officers and integrees, joint projects, shared activities and a strong desire for closer collaboration in the area of cyber defense. Since Canada has a limited ability to produce cryptographic devices, it is a large consumer of U.S. IA products.

(C//REL TO USA, FVEY) [redacted] NSA civilian, guides the continued success of the CANUSA relationship in Canada. [redacted] staff have a close working relationship with [redacted] Together they enable productive interactions with Canadian intelligence organizations in support of U.S. Intelligence Community goals.

(U) Key Issues: NSA and CSEC cooperate closely in the following areas:

- (TS//SI//REL TO USA, CAN) active computer network access and exploitation on a variety of foreign intelligence targets, including CT, Middle East, North Africa, Europe, and Mexico;
- (U//FOUO) information assurance and critical infrastructure defense; and
- (U//FOUO) evolving cyber capabilities and network security standards.

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(U) What NSA provides to the partner:

(S//SI//REL TO USA, CAN) SIGINT: NSA and CSEC cooperate in targeting approximately 20 high-priority countries [redacted]. NSA shares technological developments, cryptologic capabilities, software and resources for state-of-the-art collection, processing and analytic efforts, and IA capabilities. The intelligence exchange with CSEC covers worldwide national and transnational targets. No Consolidated Cryptologic Program (CCP) money is allocated to CSEC, but NSA at times pays R&D and technology costs on shared projects with CSEC.

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(U) What the partner provides to NSA:

(TS//SI///REL TO USA, CAN) CSEC offers resources for advanced collection, processing and analysis, and has opened covert sites at the request of NSA. CSEC shares with NSA their unique geographic access to areas unavailable to the U.S. [redacted], and provides cryptographic products, cryptanalysis, technology, and software. CSEC has increased its investment in R&D projects of mutual interest. [redacted]

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