(S//REL) GCSB is New Zealand's operational lead on the cyber threat, giving it impetus to be an active participant in the global tipping and cueing architecture as well as resources and capabilities to contribute to Five Eyes efforts. GCSB continues to be especially helpful in its ability to provide NSA ready access to areas and countries that are difficult for the United States to access. Mr. Ian Fletcher, GCSB Director since February 2012, faced his first major challenge when GCSB came under investigation for allegedly exceeding its authority when assisting New Zealand law enforcement. The review that followed made several recommendations, some already underway, to strengthen GCSB's compliance program.

(U) What Partner Provides to NSA

(TS//SI//REL) GCSB provides collection on China, Japanese/North Korean/Vietnamese/South American diplomatic communications, South Pacific Island nations, Pakistan, India, Iran, and Antarctica; as well as, French police and nuclear testing activities in New Caledonia. GCSB has been the lead for the Intelligence Community on the Bangladesh counterterrorism (CT) target since 2004.