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**(U) Subject: NSA Intelligence Relationship with New Zealand**

**(U) Executive Summary**

(U//FOUO) NSA's relationship with New Zealand is supportive and cooperative. New Zealand's Government Communications Security Bureau (GCSB) highly values its relationship with NSA/CSS and will continue to seek and support mutually beneficial efforts that demonstrate its commitment to national and international security through its foreign partnerships, in spite of budget and other resource challenges.

(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) Key Issues**

(S//REL) GCSB recently gained agreement to roll out a single TOP SECRET network across the New Zealand government with all agencies' TOP SECRET networks collapsing into a single domain. As part of a strategic decision to collocate intelligence functions, the New Zealand Secret Intelligence Service (NZSIS) will move into the new building recently occupied by GCSB with GCSB providing the infrastructure support.

<sup>1</sup> (S//REL) AFSC - Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, and United States

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**(U) What NSA Provides to Partner**

(S//REL) NSA provides raw traffic, processing, and reporting on targets of mutual interest, in addition to technical advice and equipment loans.

**(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. [REDACTED]

**(U) Success Stories**

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(S//REL) GCSB is a charter member of SIGINT Seniors Pacific (SSPAC)<sup>2</sup>, a group comprising national SIGINT agency leaders from ten countries with interests in the Pacific Region. GCSB completed its 2-year term as chair of both the SSPAC Executive Board and Analytic Working Group in 2012. During its tenure, GCSB secured active participation in the forum from previously silent partners, garnered unprecedented high levels of participation in analytic synchronization sessions, and secured a relationship between SSPAC and SIGINT Seniors Europe (SSEUR)<sup>3</sup>.

**(U) Problems/Challenges with the Partner**

(S//REL) GCSB continues to focus and invest its limited resources on the highest New Zealand national priorities, with the recent compliance review consuming much of its resources and attention over the past six months. GCSB's highest priority, cyber, will be developed to meet the demands of the New Zealand government and Five Eyes partners. NSA will continue to encourage GCSB's efforts towards technical interoperability.

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