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SUBJECT: CENTER LANE Product Related to the NSA COMSEC Organization's Mission [redacted]

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TO: Commander
U.S. Army
Intelligence and Security Command
ATTN: Chief, SSPD
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1. [redacted] The NSA COMSEC Doctrine and Threat Assessment Organization uses intelligence information from a wide variety of sources. This information is used to assess the foreign threat to U.S. communications security. To accurately assess this threat, we require information about certain foreign targets (e.g., foreign cryptanalytic organizations and activities)

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Foreign security organizations implement and enforce extreme security measures to protect these targets,

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We work closely with many different intelligence information collection organizations, including the CENTER LANE program, so that our requirements are reasonable for collection and so that scarce and sometimes extremely delicate U.S. collection resources are efficiently utilized against difficult targets.

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2. [redacted] The product provided to us from the CENTER LANE program as a result of our tasking has been impressive,

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The CENTER LANE product has addressed most of our requirements, and the value of the information to our threat assessment mission ranges from nil to very valuable. The bulk of this information we are unable to corroborate from other intelligence sources;

NSA review(s) completed.

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however, we have been able to determine that some of the information is amazingly accurate, whereas some of the information is erroneous. At the present time, the greatest value of the CENTER LANE product is in developing requirements for other collection resources and to suggest alternative ways of interpreting information from other sources.

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We believe that in the future the CENTER LANE program will continue to be useful and valuable to our threat assessment mission for acquiring information concerning these targets.

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Director
COMSEC Doctrine
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