



(S) New CT Intelligence Exchange With Asia-Pacific Partners

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U.S. and seven other nations now sharing regional counterterrorism reporting (S//SI)

(S//SI) In 2004, the Director proposed that NSA take the lead in establishing a collaborative effort to fight terrorism in the Asia-Pacific region. The pieces started falling into place in January 2005, when Australia, Canada, Korea, New Zealand, Singapore, Thailand, and the UK announced their willingness to share intelligence on terrorist targets in the Asia-Pacific region.

(S) The inaugural meeting of this group, named SIGINT Seniors Pacific (SSPac), will not take place until mid-April. However, as the Director stated when he addressed the group: "In these dangerous times, I don't believe we can afford to move slowly." In response to that urgency, the intelligence exchange began on 21 March with the U.S. forwarding sanitized reports to the seven other SSPac members.

(S) While the bulk of the U.S.'s relevant reporting will likely come from the Counterterrorism (CT) Product Lines here at NSA and at KRSOC, the global nature of the target and its association with other targets of interest suggest that there will be occasions when relevant reports are generated from other product lines, such as: S2A - Regional Targets; S2B - China/Korea; S2C - International Security Issues; and S2E - MENA.

(S) The CT shop (S2I) has developed guidelines and provided instructions to the Partnership Dissemination Cell (PDC) on how to select from its products for release to the SSPac members. CT has named 12 terrorist groups as candidates for inclusion in this exchange and spelled out the restrictions designed to meet both the classification limit (CAT 2) and the distribution requirements of this collaboration. These guidelines have allowed the PDC to select appropriate reporting for dissemination to the SSPac membership.

(U) I call upon all other SID product lines that might have material relevant to this exchange to develop their own guidelines for sharing. By doing so, we can bring to the Asia-Pacific region, in the Director's words: "the same, or even greater, cooperative watchfulness than the European region now has."

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