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SUMMARY OF THE MAIN PROVISIONS OF USSID 18

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Section 4—COLLECTION

DO NOT, absent specific written approval of Director, NSA/CSS, or higher authority, intentionally:

COLLECT communications

- which are to, from, or about U.S. persons anywhere (includes citizens, permanent resident aliens, corporations, associations, ships, aircraft, and other U.S. nationals), [REDACTED]
- which constitute [REDACTED] communications with one communicant in the U.S.
- in a manner that would constitute electronic surveillance in the U.S. [REDACTED]

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Section 5—PROCESSING

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- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

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Collection between two US persons (international communications) or must be destroyed unless:

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- The DIRECTOR determines there is SIGNIFICANT foreign intelligence, evidence of a crime, or a threat of death or serious bodily injury; or

Section 6—RETENTION

DO NOT absent specific written approval of Director, NSA/CSS, or higher authority, intentionally:

RETAIN or USE incidentally intercepted communications between U.S. persons, or communications to or from the U.S. Government, or

STORE incidentally intercepted communications to, from, or about U.S. persons longer than one year (except for certain approved cryptanalytic and other technical data bases)

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b6-3b Access to ANY ██████████ databases that contain US person identities is limited to SIGINT production personnel.

Section 7—DISSEMINATION

DO NOT absent specific written approval of Director, NSA/CSS, or higher authority, intentionally:

DISSEMINATE

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The focus of all SIGINT reports that contain information to, from, or about a US person should ALWAYS BE on the foreign target. The US information must be minimized and replaced with a generic term unless it meets the criteria in Section 7.b.

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