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1. ~~(e)~~ CANARY EFFORT: (OACSI Revalidation - 4 Feb 75)
- a. Location: Fort Ritchie, MD
 - b. Confidential Source Utilization: Three confidential sources
 - c. Information Obtained or Reported on Non-Affiliated Civilians:
None
 - d. Useful Information Obtained:

(1) At an undetermined time within the past year, the Pentagon Telecommunications Center (PTC) requested that the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) Communications Center provide the PTC with a magnetic tape containing test messages recorded by the Burroughs D825 Automated Message Processing System, a system used by the JCS, in order for the PTC to devise a coding system which would provide compatibility between the PTC's IBM 360/50 System and the Burroughs System used by the JCS. The JCS Communications Center could not provide the test message tape because of technical factors. This led to the Telecommunications Directorate, Site R, Ft Ritchie, receiving the tasking for the test tape preparation. A number of innocuous, unclassified messages were prepared by the communications personnel at Site R on a 2,500 foot reel of magnetic tape, which was sent to the PTC, where, because the messages were unclassified, it lay in open storage, unsecured, for about six weeks. During the processing which followed to make the two systems compatible, it was discovered that the tape also contained fragments of highly sensitive, classified messages which had been picked up from residual magnetism on the drums or reels of the Burroughs equipment when the test messages were recorded. A source of this ICIP reported this information believing that a compromise could have occurred when the test tape was not secured. The information was reported to the Commander, US Army Communications Center Operations Command, who initiated an investigation of the incident which resulted in a change of security procedures for the handling/storage of computer tapes, reels, and discs. Since the PTC is a secure area in itself, it is believed that the information in question had not been compromised.

(2) During the reporting period, sources surfaced adverse suitability information on 47 individuals assigned to Fort Ritchie and the Alternate Joint Communications Center (AJCC), Site R. In the majority of instances, the adverse suitability information dealt with drug abuse. Information was brought to the attention of the ICIP Coordinator of the supported command. Individuals concerned are being monitored, and an investigation was requested on one individual.

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e. Operational Status:

(1) The revised CANARY EFFORT Operations Plan which reflected target realignment resulting from reorganization of the USACC into the 7th Signal Command was approved by the ACSI on 15 September 1975. A request has been submitted for assignment of an additional Great Skills PCO to provide more adequate coverage of the increased target areas which have resulted from this reorganization.

(2) On 1 July 1975, CPT Richard E. Graff, Project Liaison Officer (PLO), CENSUS TIME, was introduced to COL Donald E. Clark, Commander, USACC Operations Command, at the AJCC, Site R. COL Clark had been previously briefed on the ICIP on 18 March 1975, but the purpose of this meeting was to acquaint COL Clark with the ICIP CENSUS TIME which is conducted at the Pentagon Telecommunications Center (PTC), prior to his assumption of command at the PTC. On 1 August 1975, the CENSUS TIME and CANARY EFFORT Project Liaison Officers briefed COL Clark at the USACC PTC on both of these ICIPs since both of them involve USACC Operations Command and its subordinate elements.

(3) On 18 August 1975, the CANARY EFFORT PLO and COL Stubblebine, Commander, 902d MI Group, visited the USACC East Coast Telecommunications Center (ECTC), Ft Detrick, MD, for a facility briefing, since the facility is now being covered in the revised CANARY EFFORT OPLAN. The introductory briefing on the ICIP was presented to LTC Jackie L. Manbeck, Commander, USACC ECTC, and CW2 George S. Trivett, OIC, Security Division, USACC ECTC. The CDR, 902d MI Group, and the PLO also made a courtesy visit to COL J. A. Pastore, CDR, Fort Detrick.

(4) On 27 August 1975, COL John S. Eberle, CDR, USACC Site R Telecommunications Center, was provided an introductory briefing on the ICIP CANARY EFFORT.

(5) On 18 September 1975, the Quarterly Progress Briefing was presented to the CDR, USACC Operations Command, COL Clark, at the USACC Operations Command, USACC PTC, Wash, DC, in conjunction with the CENSUS TIME Quarterly Progress Briefing because of the inter-relationships of both ICIPs.

(6) On 25 September 1975, the PLO presented the Quarterly Progress Briefing to the supported command with the following in attendance: COL Harold G. deMoya, CDR, Ft Ritchie; COL John S. Eberle, CDR, USACC Site R Telecommunications Center; COL John J. Plosay, Jr., Deputy CDR, Fort Ritchie, and ACSI&S, 7th Signal Command. All of the above officials expressed their appreciation and continued enthusiasm for the ICIP and made laudatory comments concerning the counterintelligence support rendered during the reporting period.

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