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THRU Chief, N5P6		ACTION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVAL <input type="checkbox"/> SIGNATURE <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION
SUBJECT (U// FOUO) Proposed Declassification of Closed SIGINT Field Sites on U.S. Soil		EXREG SUSPENSE KCC SUSPENSE ELEMENT SUSPENSE
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SUMMARY
PURPOSE: (U//~~FOUO~~) To declassify the location of closed/deactivated SIGINT sites on U.S. soil.

BACKGROUND:
 -- (U) The location of SIGINT sites, active as well as closed sites that are or were on foreign soil is classified Confidential at a minimum (except for those that have been declassified through systematic declassification such as Vietnam-conflict era sites). We protect the location of closed sites because in most cases, if the location is released it would have an adverse impact on our relations with the host country.
 --(U) In 1998, Claudia Collins, former Chief N5P6, advised that we could release the locations of closed CONUS SIGINT sites.

DISCUSSION: (U//~~FOUO~~) A current FOIA request (attached) has caused us to question the need to protect the location of closed sites on non-CONUS U.S. soil (Hawaii and Alaska).

RECOMMENDATION: (U//~~FOUO~~) In keeping with the spirit of the Executive Order 12958 to declassify information unless it harms national security, it is recommended that the locations of former SIGINT sites on U.S. soil, to include Hawaii and Alaska, be declassified. A list of the Hawaiian and Alaskan locations is attached.

DECISION:
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 (b) (3) - 50 USC 403
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COORDINATION/APPROVAL					
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The following are closed/deactivated SIGINT site locations being proposed for declassification:

Hawaii:

Helemano, HI	USM-5	Closed 1958
Helemano, HI	USM-625	Closed 1967
Helemano, HI	USM-636	Closed 1976

Alaska:

Adak, AK	USN-13	Closed 1996
Eielson AFB, AK	USA-516	Closed 1973
Fairbanks, AK	USM-7	Closed 1953
Kenai, AK		Closed 1957
Nanek, AK		Closed 1961
Cape Chiniak, AK		Closed 1957

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