

**REQUEST FOR RECORDS DISPOSITION AUTHORITY**  
*(See Instructions on reverse)*

TO: NATIONAL ARCHIVES and RECORDS ADMINISTRATION (NIR)  
 WASHINGTON, DC 20408

1. FROM (Agency or establishment)  
 National Security Agency

2. MAJOR SUBDIVISION  
 (b)(3)

3. MINOR SUBDIVISION  
 Records Administration & History Services

4. NAME OF PERSON WITH WHOM TO CONFER  
 (b)(3)

5. TELEPHONE  
 (b)(3)

**LEAVE BLANK (NARA use only)**

JOB NUMBER *NI-457-98-1*

DATE RECEIVED *4/20/98*

**NOTIFICATION TO AGENCY**

In accordance with the provisions of 44 U.S.C. 3303a the disposition request, including amendments, is approved except for items that may be marked "disposition not approved" or "withdrawn" in column 10.

DATE *5-14-98* ARCHIVIST OF THE UNITED STATES  
*John W. Carl*

**6. AGENCY CERTIFICATION**  
 I hereby certify that I am authorized to act for this agency in matters pertaining to the disposition of its records and that the records proposed for disposal on the attached 2 page(s) are not now needed for the business of this agency or will not be needed after the retention periods specified; and that written concurrence from the General Accounting Office, under the provisions of Title 8 of the GAO Manual for Guidance of Federal Agencies,

is not required;  is attached; or  has been requested

DATE *13 Apr 98* (b)(3) TITLE (b)(3)

| 7. ITEM NO. | 8. DESCRIPTION OF ITEM AND PROPOSED DISPOSITION | 9. GRSOR SUPERSEDED JOB CITATION | 10. ACTION TAKEN (NARA USE ONLY) |
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|             | Please see attached sheets (2)                  |                                  |                                  |

*MAY 18 1998 ABA Copy to: Agency, NWMD, NWCT*

## The VENONA Project

1. **Encrypted Message Traffic.** Copies of the encrypted Soviet messages collected by the Signals Intelligence Service.

Volume: c. 300 ft

PERMANENT. Transfer to the National Archives when 50 years old or when declassified, whichever is sooner.

2. **Worksheets.** Approximately 40,000 worksheets detailing exactly how the decrypts were accomplished. These work sheets take one from the encrypted text to plain text Russian.

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Volume: Approximately 130 archives "suit" boxes

PERMANENT. Transfer to the National Archives when ~~50~~ years old or when declassified, whichever is sooner.

3. **Translations.** The approximately 2900 messages for which either partial or full translation was accomplished. These files include original translations as well as subsequent "reissues."

Volume: 4 feet

PERMANENT. Transfer to the National Archives when 50 years old or when declassified, whichever is sooner.

4. **Miscellaneous Files.** Lists, reports, correspondence, publications, and other material collected and used in the exploitation of the translations and records relating to relationships with other U.S. Government agencies and the intelligence service of other countries.

Volume: c. 200 feet

\* 1/13/2016 *Sa a*  
See documentation  
dated 4/13/2015

PERMANENT. Transfer to the National Archives when 50 years old or when declassified, whichever is sooner.

5. **VENONA History.** The three-volume official internal NSA history of the VENONA Project.

Volume: less than 1 foot

PERMANENT. Transfer to the National Archives when 50 years old or when declassified, whichever is sooner.

6. **Declassified Translations.** Master set of translations declassified and released to the public.

PERMANENT. Transfer to the National Archives immediately.

Redactions have been made to this record control schedule pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(3) with the corresponding statute 50 U.S.C. 402, noting National Security Agency Act of 1959, which protects from disclosure “information pertaining to the functions or organization of NSA and certain information pertaining to NSA employees.” You will need to submit a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Office of the General Counsel for the withheld information. Information on how to file a FOIA may be found here:

<http://www.archives.gov/foia/>