

(U//FOUO) The European Security Center to Become the 'ESOC'

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(S//SI) NSA to help build up capabilities of the intelligence center in Darmstadt, Germany...

(S//SI) **Good as it is, the ESC is about to get better.** On 5 July 2006, the Director, NSA approved the "ESOC Concept" which transforms the European Security Center (ESC) into the European Security **Operations** Center (ESOC). With this move, NSA will help build up the Center's capabilities to allow it to assume even greater responsibilities within the worldwide SIGINT Enterprise. What will change, specifically?

(U) More Missions

(S//SI) Beginning in FY07 through FY13, the ESOC will evolve by expanding or adding more missions that will support national, theater and regional intelligence needs. ESOC's new or expanded missions include:

- additional select Counterterrorism targets,
- the African Union,
- Nigerian Energy Security,
- targets in Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, and Libya, and
- complementary capabilities in SIGINT Development, Geospatial Analysis and Technical SIGINT.

(U) Changes in Manning

(S//SI) ...But that's not the only change. To ensure manning stability and to foster true national/tactical integration, a core of NSA civilians and multi-service Service Cryptologic Element military personnel* will work side-by-side with the (primarily) Army tactical SIGINT personnel who have manned the ESOC since its start-up.

(S) ESOC personnel at work

(U) Background: The ESC

(TS//SI) The European Security Center, primarily a theater SIGINT Center manned by Army Tactical SIGINT personnel from the 105th Military Intelligence Battalion in Darmstadt, Germany, was created over two years ago. It was the first center to use tactical resources -- augmented by a few NSA civilians -- to work both theater information needs as well as national missions.

(TS//SI) Today, the ESC is highly successful in producing intelligence for both national customers and the European Command. Its national mission focuses on select Counterterrorism targets, select Sub-Saharan Africa and North Africa target sets, SIGINT Development and Geospatial Analysis missions. Its theater missions include Force Protection, Global War on Terrorism support, Pan Sahel**, and targets in West Africa.

(TS//SI) The ESC's most recent SIGINT accomplishments include providing the majority of reporting and target tracking on the April 2006 coup attempt in Chad; providing linguistic and analytic support during the on-going Israeli-Lebanon crisis; and providing analytic and linguistic support which facilitated the arrests of terrorist facilitators operating in Italy.

(S//SI) The "ESOC Concept"

(S//SI) The decision to move forward with the creation of the ESOC was founded on the site's ability to...

- contribute to the national mission,
- plug into Theater all-source elements,
- optimize support to Theater operations,
- provide tactical over-watch (intelligence support to deployed troops), and
- maximize Second and Third party partnerships.

Under DIRNSA guidance, the US Army will retain its role as Executive Agent and Cryptologic Host for the new ESOC.

(S//SI) When fully realized, the "ESOC Concept" will be a model for future national/tactical integration, by providing an in-theater capability to produce high-impact analysis in support of all levels of national, tactical and Theater information needs.

(U//FOUO) POCs:



(U//FOUO) The ESOC

(U) Notes:

*(U//FOUO) The multi-service SCE military personnel are part of the Consolidated Cryptologic Program (CPE, also known as "P3"). Army tactical SIGINT personnel are known as "P2."

** (U) The Pan Sahel Initiative (PSI) is a State Department-led effort to assist Mali, Niger, Chad, and Mauritania in detecting and responding to suspicious movement of people and goods across and within their borders.

