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SUBJECT (U)

Inter-American Naval Telecommunications Network (IANTN)

HIGHLIGHTS (U)

The IANTN provides communications between the Headquarters of the South American and US Navies, trains communicators, and provides communications assistance teams.

BACKGROUND (U)

The IANTN is an HF teletype network used primarily to exchange information between Headquarters of the 12 member Navies. The net control station, NAVCOMMSTA Balboa, contacts each subscriber on a daily basis and relays their traffic. Most nations also maintain bilateral IANTN schedules for non-secure traffic. Modified KW-7 cryptographic equipment has been offered to each nation but only installed in seven countries which have met the technical and security requirements. Each Navy equipped with KW-7s hold different crypto keying material and can only pass encrypted traffic to NCS Balboa. (See TAB A)

As a result of a US Coast Guard initiative, the IANTN is used to pass drug enforcement intelligence from Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela and Dominican Republic. Other nations use commercial TELEX to reach the US Coast Guard.

Major IANTN communication equipments are provided to the South American Navies through a no cost lease but each Navy is responsible for obtaining spare parts through Foreign Military Sales or commercial purchase. Countries which are not in compliance with "human rights" criteria (e.g. Argentina, Chile) must obtain their spare parts through commercial purchases.

The CO, NAVCOMMSTA Balboa serves as the Secretary of the IANTN. His staff consists of a LCDR from Argentina and three LTs (Venezuela, Peru and US).

RECOMMENDATION (U)

None. Provided for information only

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IANTN MEMBERS

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>KW-7C INSTALLED</u>
ARGENTINA	YES
BOLIVIA	NO
BRAZIL	YES
CHILE	YES
COLOMBIA	YES
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	NO
ECUADOR	YES
PARAGUAY	NO
PERU	YES
URUGUAY	NO
UNITED STATES (NCS Balboa)	YES
VENEZUELA	NO

NOTE: KW-7C crypto equipments are not compatible with KW-7 equipments found on USN ships and shore facilities.

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