



(U//FOUO) 'Meals-to-Mil' Speech on Third Parties

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(S//SI) On Tuesday, SIGINT Deputy Director Charlie Meals spoke at the [Global Military-to-Military Foreign Affairs Conference](#) taking place here at Fort Meade. He focused on the topic of Third Parties, a subject he also highlighted in a [recent SID today article](#). Mr. Meals emphasized the importance of seizing opportunities in the form of cooperative ventures with Third Parties, and discussed NSA's "Strategic Directions" foreign affairs initiative, which will give the Agency a structured process for dealing with these issues.

(S//SI) Mr. Meals further remarked on the importance of military-to-military intelligence relationships, saying that they add a key dimension to our international relations: trust. This is especially true when the U.S. and Third Parties are working as coalition partners, he added.

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