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1. (U) The fact that NSA/CSS exploits cryptographic information security devices and systems.	UNCLASSIFIED	N/A	N/A	
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6. (U) The fact that NSA/CSS has cryptanalytic techniques to exploit cryptographic components of commercial or indigenous information security devices or systems.	UNCLASSIFIED	N/A	N/A	(U) Additional details will raise the classification and may be protected by an ECI.
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8. (U) The fact that NSA/CSS successfully exploits cryptographic components of commercial or indigenous cryptographic information security devices or systems without specifying the device or system.	UNCLASSIFIED	N/A	N/A	(U) Additional details will require the classification and may be protected by an ECI.
9. (U//FOUO) The fact that NSA/CSS successfully exploits cryptographic components of commercial or indigenous cryptographic information security devices or systems when the device or system is specified.	TOP SECRET// COMINT at a minimum	1.4 (c)	20291123	(U) Additional details may be protected by an ECI.
10. (TS) The fact that NSA/CSS obtains cryptographic details of commercial cryptographic information security systems through industry relationships.	TOP SECRET <i>at a minimum</i>	1.4 (c)	20291123	(C) Identification of the system or company is protected as COMINT and ECI.

**(U) DEFINITIONS:**

**(U//FOUO) Information security device or system:** A device or system that provides any of the following services for communications or information systems: confidentiality, data integrity, authentication and authorization.

**(U//FOUO) Cryptanalytic vulnerability:** A flaw in the design, implementation or system integration of cryptography used in an information security device, or a flaw in the way that a cryptographic information security device is used.

**(U//FOUO) Unintended cryptographic vulnerability:** Security is less than advertised by the manufacturer.

**(U//FOUO) Indigenous:** Non-commercial cryptographic information security system or device developed by a SIGINT target.