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John:

Thanks for your reply, however belated, and I can understand how it happens.

I will not defend NSA other than to say it is an entirely different organization in its relations with the public than it was many years ago. I say that as a person who filed a law suit against NSA in 1976 when it refused to supply me with a copy of the document issued by President Truman that established NSA. In fact, I took them to court twice because my first attempt was dismissed on a technicality. The second effort failed when the judge agreed with the sworn affidavit submitted by the agency, which was supported by the Staff Secretary of the National Security Council with its own sworn statement.

By the way, I started that action after I had written a 212-page thesis on NSA for my MBA degree.

The end of that incident took place in 1986 when NSA re-reviewed the document and released most of it, holding back some scattered paragraphs totaling slightly more than a page. I learned about it when they sent me a personal copy.

Since that time, the agency has a public affairs staff and makes every reasonable effort to be accommodating within its necessary limits. About ten years ago they initiated biennial meetings on cryptology with staff and outside guest speakers. It is really a different organization from a P.R. viewpoint than it was many years ago.

I have recently started to sell items from my crypto collection on ebay but fortunately or unfortunately, I have no one of a kind items.

If you decide to go on ebay please let me know as I might be interested in trying to push the bid a little higher.

Best wishes.

Lou

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