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Encl: (1) CTF 168 Background (U)
       (2) CTF168INST 5450.1 (U)
       (3) CTF 168 Missions and Functions Statements (U)
       (4) TF 168 Organization Chart (U)
       (5) CTF 168 Headquarters Organization Chart (U)
       (6) CTF 168 Historical Narrative (U)

1. Enclosures (1) through (6) are submitted in accordance with
   reference (a).

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COMNAVINTCOM (2 cys)
In 1976, the Operations Department of COMNAVINTCOM (NIC-03) was merged with CTF 168 headquarters. Along with this merger came the Navy-wide intelligence collection management responsibilities to include foreign cooperative programs with our allies. As a result, CTF 168 now operates the NAVINTCOM Collection Advisory Center (NAVINTCOMCAC) located at the Navy Operational Intelligence Center (NAVOPINTCEN).

Since 1969, TF 168 developed from a single mission (fleet support) activity with a headquarters and three field elements to a multi-mission (fleet support, HUMINT and collection management) task force with a headquarters and personnel at 15 locations throughout the world. Total budget for FY 84 was approximately $11 million. Total personnel assigned or under the control of CTF 168 number 216. Additionally, CTF 168 is the gaining command for four Naval Reserve units (NICTSKGRP 0166, Washington, D.C.; NICOPSMGT 0310, Austin, Texas; NICOPSMGT 0109, Knoxville, Tennessee; and, NICOPSMGT 0209, Louisville, Kentucky).

(U) On 9 August 1964, the Secretary of the Navy approved the establishment of the Naval Intelligence Operations Group CTF 168 as a third echelon command under the Commander, Naval Intelligence Command.
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* - Task force numerical designator "168" assigned by CNO on 2 June 1969

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