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(U//FOUO) Texas SIGINTers Honored by Director's Trophy

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(U//FOUO) NSA/CSS Texas is pleased to acknowledge the efforts of its Navy Information Operations Command Texas (NIOC Texas), which was recently awarded the 2005 Director's Trophy (see the <u>announcement</u>). NIOC Texas provides data to commanders worldwide in support of the Global War on Terrorism* and drug interdiction operations.

(U//FOUO) NIOC Texas provided consistently superior Information Warfare Support aboard airborne, surface, subsurface platforms and ground units while operating daily in support of USSOUTHCOM, USEUCOM, USNORTHCOM and JIATF-South joint and maritime tasking. NIOC Texas established the Texas Fleet Information Operations Center and initiated six new mission areas supporting commanders in three maritime regions.

(U//FOUO) Flight personnel flew over 70 missions and amassed 620 flight hours onboard reconnaissance aircraft, while others deployed 8,646 man-days on 26 surface and subsurface units. Total days deployed for sailors throughout the world totaled 11,582 - a 220% increase from 2004. Ashore and afloat operations resulted in the seizure of 213+ metric tons of contraband valued over \$5 billion and 721 arrests, the largest annual seizure in history.

(U//FOUO) The NIOC Texas Commanding Officer, CDR James Stevenson, related the following sentiment concerning the award, "Being awarded the Director's Trophy is a true testament to numerous sailors who have contributed to the establishment of NSA/CSS Texas and the Fleet Information Operations Center. I could not be more proud of their superlative efforts." NSA/CSS Texas echoes CDR Stevenson's remarks in acknowledging a job well done!

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(S//SI) NIOC Texas targets the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), a <u>tier 1</u> <u>terrorist group</u>.

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