



(U) Please Don't Utilize That Word! (repost)

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(U) The article ([\(U\) Acronyms Anonymous](#)) touched on the benefits of using short, simple words over longer ones. This reminded a few readers of a noteworthy NSA memo from many years ago. The memo was issued by NSA's Assistant Director for Production, Maj Gen John E. Morrison, USAF (pictured) on 28 December 1971, and read in its entirety:

Maj Gen Morrison

Subject: Utilization

Please stop utilizing "utilize" and utilize "use."



(U) Thanks to the Center for Cryptologic History for providing a copy of this memo. See also a [bio of Maj Gen Morrison](#).

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