

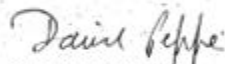
The Alice Springs Resolution

In view of the increasing importance of the analysis of metadata to the generation of intelligence, particularly against the terrorist target, the SIGINT Agency Heads have agreed to the development of a system to provide a single query access to all metadata repositories across the Australian, Canadian, New Zealand, United Kingdom and United States Signals Intelligence community.

This is to ensure that intelligence results are captured and driven by the fullest possible search and analysis of data across the Australian, Canadian, New Zealand, United Kingdom and United States community.

This effort is a first step towards eliminating unnecessary duplication of business processes, and multiple handling, and to ensure there are no costs in terms of analyst time or effort involved in analyst access to partner's data repositories.

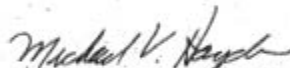
The Agency Heads agreed that this is a key initiative, to be progressed expeditiously.



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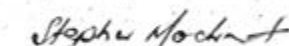
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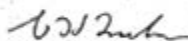
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