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Subject: Ann Caracristi Interview

Tim Wray requested that I forward you some questions for an interview of Ms. Caracristi scheduled for Tuesday. I began by looking up her name in Bamford's "The Puzzle Palace," and found entries on pages 121, 122 and 125 of the paperback edition. I would preface my attached proposed questions by summarizing here what I was able to determine about her career from Bamford's book:-Began her cryptology career with ASA in 1942, and worked on Japanese cryptographic systems;-Left ASA briefly after WW II to try a career in journalism;-After returning to ASA, worked in cryptography with both ASA and NSA;- In 1959 was named Chief of the Office of SIGINT Research;-From 1972-75 served as Deputy Chief of A Group (Soviet and Eastern Block), the major SIGINT Analysis Group;-From 1975-1980 she was Chief of A Group (Bamford calls her "the top Russian codebreaker");-In 1980 she was appointed Deputy Director of NSA. It is unclear to me what her exact role and duties were between 1961-64; we should probably begin with this obvious question before pursuing any that I have suggested below:

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