



The Five Eyes intelligence alliance started during World War II between the United Kingdom (UK) and the United States of America (USA) as the 1941 Atlantic Charter. The alliance was in support of signals intelligence (SigINT) sharing.

SigINT is intelligence derived from information sent by electronic sources such as radio, computerised communication systems, and radars.


In 1946 the intelligence sharing agreement became known as the UKUSA Agreement, and by 1948 Canada was also involved in this alliance.

By 1956 five countries were party to the intelligence sharing treaty, UK, USA, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. This five-nation intelligence alliance became known as the Five Eyes.

Intelligence Sharing – Five Eyes

Five eyes (FVEY)

- 1941 Atlantic charter
- 1943 SIGINT exchange agreement between UK and USA
- 1946 Named the UKUSA Agreement
- 1948 Canada included in the agreement
- 1956 Australia and New Zealand added



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FVEY cooperates with other intel agencies globally on an ad hoc basis including in Japan, France, Germany and Israel

FVEY shares SIGINT about various things of national interest including cybercrime

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