

## 6970 SUPPORT GROUP



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

6969 Armed Forces Security Squadron designated and organized, 1 Jul 1950  
Redesignated 6969 Support Squadron, 1 May 1953  
Redesignated 6970 Support Group, 8 Apr 1955  
Redesignated 6970 Air Base Group, 1 Jul 1972  
Redesignated 6970 Support Group, 1 Aug 1979  
Inactivated, 15 Apr 1980

### STATIONS

Arlington Hall Station, VA, 1 Jul 1950  
Arlington Farms (later, Ft. Myer), VA, 7 Aug 1950  
Suitland, MD, 7 Jan 1952  
Ft. George G. Meade, MD, 1 Apr 1957-15 Apr 1980

### ASSIGNMENTS

### COMMANDERS

Maj Idris J. Jones, 1 Jul 1950

### HONORS

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

## **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Jun 1975 - 30 Jun 1977

15 Apr 1980 - 30 Jun 1981

### **EMBLEM**

Per pale sable and argent counterchanged per chevron abased, a chevron abased per pale or and azure and issuing from base of chevron a reversed pile of the like counterchanged per chevron, with point in chief between two lightning bolts chevronwise teene all piercing in honor point an encircling chain or; all within a diminished bordure of the last. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The emblem is symbolic of the group and its mission. The black and white background alludes to the unit's day and night mission capabilities. The gold and blue refers to the excellence of its personnel and the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. The pile and the lightning bolts symbolize a communication tower and encircled by the golden chain represent the USAFSS mission. The chevron indicates the group's strength in the support of its major command and the Air Force. The emblem bears the Air Force colors gold and ultramarine blue. (Approved, April 1966)

### **MOTTO**

### **OPERATIONS**

Air Force Security Service maintained liaison with the Armed Forces Security Agency from the earliest days and by 1950 had activated the 6969th Armed Forces Support Squadron at Arlington Hall Station. Later, after AFSA was redesignated the National Security Agency, the designator was shortened to 6969th Support Squadron. From 1953-1955, the 6969th SS supported National Security Agency operations at HQ Naval Security Group (Washington) and at Fort Meade, Maryland.

In May 1955, HQ USAFSS activated the 6970th Support Group at Fort Meade. The 6970th SG was charged with providing USAFSS personnel to meet Air Force cryptologic commitments to NSA.

As NSA activated joint service operations at locations outside Maryland, the 6970 SG opened a detachment at these joint service locations. For varying periods from 1968-1979, the 6970th maintained detachments at MacDill AFB, Florida; Buckley Field, Colorado; Shemya AFB, Alaska; Ottawa, Canada; Hickam AFB, Hawaii; Bangkok, Thailand; Camp Zama and Kamiseya, Japan; Torii Station, Okinawa; Augsburg, Bad Aibling, Frankfurt, Lindsey AB, Munich, Ramstein, Stuttgart, and Zweibrücken, Germany; Ankara, Turkey; Taipei, Taiwan; and Tan Son Nhut, Vietnam.

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