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The centrepiece of the authors' story – perhaps the justification of the national effort – is however Sigint's contribution to Sweden's neutrality in two World Wars, particularly the Second. The policy depended on sensitive diplomacy plus a warning system against neutrality's failure. As the authors say, 'like prudent motorists in the countryside at night, governments prefer to drive with the help of their lights'. Effective Sigint gave Sweden some of the illumination needed for its chosen policy.

On these and other matters this book is a major contribution to intelligence history. I warmly commend it.

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