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Research and Development Project Index

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1. Reference is made to a meeting held in the R&D Division, NCR, on 14 May 1947, to discuss a proposed R&D Project Numbering System, and to the proposed R&D Project Index.

2. The R&D Project Index contains the following two basic fields which are applicable to the Army Security Agency:

    a. No. 71 Intelligence, with listed subfields of Cryptography, Radio Direction Finding, and Communications Intercept.

    b. No. 76 Counterintelligence, with listed subfield of Communications Security.

3. Other fields which, to some extent, are also applicable to Army Security Agency are No. 87, Laboratory Apparatus, Tools, and Office Equipment; No. 88, General Engineering; and No. 89, Maintenance and Improvements to Technical Facilities.

4. It would be exceedingly difficult to fit current Army Security Agency projects into the framework of the proposed Project Index. For this reason and because of the highly classified nature of Army Security Agency research and development, it is believed desirable that a separate basic field be established for projects peculiar to the Army Security Agency.
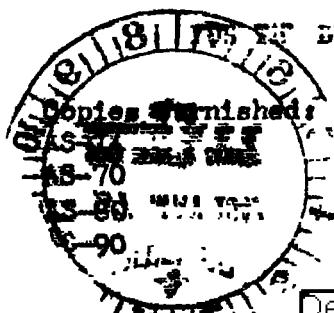
5. It is recommended that:

    a. Project indices 71-02, "Cryptography" and 76-02, "Communications Security" be deleted from the present R&D Division Project Index.

    b. That a new basic field entitled "Cryptology" be included.

    c. That, for security reasons no subfields under "Cryptology" be included in the Project Index.

6. A list of subfields under the basic field of cryptology has been prepared. This list will be made available to those officers designated by your Division to receive special information concerning Army Security Agency projects in the "limited" category.

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