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MEMORANDUM for A C of S, G-2:

1. Attached hereto is a prospectus of certain courses of instruction in Cryptography and Cryptanalysis by New York University in connection with their so-called pre-induction and war-service courses.

2. The prospectus indicates that the courses are conducted by "Major Donald D. Millikin", which would imply some sort of Army sponsorship. It is not believed that such sponsorship is true in fact and it is suggested that the attention of the New York University authorities be directed to this point.

3. In this connection information has reached us to the effect that Mr. Millikin "is considerably disappointed by the lack of recognition accorded to his present efforts (by the Army)" and that "endless correspondence with Washington and New York Army authorities, as well as numerous requests for information, have availed him nothing."

4. For reasons which are almost self-evident we have refrained from cooperating in any way with schools which are offering cryptographic courses not subject to military control or supervision. Experience has indicated the advisability of military control over information dealing with secret communications and instruction in this field. Moreover, the Army finds it desirable and necessary not only to instruct its own cryptographic personnel but also to select such personnel, by standards which it only can set up and control.

5. It is suggested that for better security and control of information regarding cryptography and cryptanalysis, steps be taken at once to discourage the giving of courses in these subjects by non-military agencies. Incidentally such discouragement will also probably have a desirable concomitant effect of eliminating preconceptions now undoubtedly engendered in the minds of students pursuing such courses at these private institutions.

For the Chief Signal Officer:

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Attached: Prospectus

Basic File