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(Agenda Item No. 18)7 February 1950JOINT COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS COMMITTEECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT PANELDIRECTIVEMODIFICATION OF WEATHER TELETYPE KEY BOARDNote by the Secretaries

On 6 February 1950 the Coordinators, acting for the Joint Communications-Electronics Committee, referred the attached memorandum from the Air Force member, subject as above, dated 25 January 1950, to the Communications Equipment Panel for study and the preparation of recommendations to the JCEC.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
Headquarters United States Air Force  
Washington 25, D. C.

25 January 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR: Secretary, Joint Communications-Electronics  
Committee,  
Joint Chiefs of Staff, Room 2C882

SUBJECT: Modification of Weather Teletype Key Board

1. The inability of teletype equipments, now in operation, to carriage return and line feed in upper case has caused operational problems when communicating with agencies and activities other than those of the United States. This is particularly true in handling international traffic in the European area.

2. The United States delegation at the 3d COMM Session of the Air Navigation Division, ICAO, held in Montreal, January-February 1949, recommended that teletypewriter equipment be standardized in order that carriage return and line feed would be possible while printing in either upper or lower case. In addition, Article 35, International Telecommunications Conference, Cairo, 1938, prescribed standards wherein teletypewriter equipment should be capable of carriage return and line feed when in either upper or lower case.

3. In view of above, the USAF proposes to modify existing weather equipments to permit carriage return and line feed in upper case and to procure in the future equipments that conform to the foregoing mechanical standardization.

4. Your comments and recommendations, in consonance with combined military characteristics under consideration for teletypewriter equipments, are requested.

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