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TO: Chief, Army Security Agency, The Pentagon, Washington 25, D. C.

1. The request contained in basic communication was based upon excessive handling time rather than volume of traffic. Examples of this handling time are specifically cited in paragraph 3 of basic communication. In at least two (2) instances during the past month operational priority messages have been placed in the hands of addressees too late to be acted upon. This situation was due entirely to the prohibitive length of time required to encode and decode the message.

2. This situation was discussed informally with General Spencer B. Akin, the Chief Signal Officer, who indicated that SIGTOT equipment could be made available to key installations in this Army Area.

3. In view of the foregoing it is requested that further consideration be given to providing the equipment requested in basic communication.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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