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Statement of Cryptographic Systems now in use by Department of State.

1. The Department of State cryptographic net is composed of 112 major stations (stations holding confidential or higher grade systems).
2. The systems held are as follows:
 - (a) SIGLYC (secret): held by London and Washington.
 - (b) Navy ECW (CSP 1127 - secret): held by Washington, Mexico City, Panama, Bogota, Lima, Santiago, Buenos Aires, Montevideo, Rio, Moscow. All stations in this net hold the same key lists, therefore, vertical and lateral communications are possible.
 - (c) Strip (secret): held by all Embassies and Legations and some Consulates. Strip systems are composed essentially of 2 types, vertical and lateral. The old systems did not use Channel Elimination and the same set of strips was sometimes held by 2 to 4 stations, however new systems using Channel Elimination and limited to 2 holders are being distributed as fast as possible. The lateral system will use Channel Elimination beginning 1 January 1944. The lateral system changes every month and the vertical systems change in accordance with the amount of traffic.
 - (d) A, B, and C (enciphered code - confidential): A and C are held by all Embassies and Legations. B is held by all Embassies, Legations and certain Consulates. A, B and C uses 3 different 2-part codes with different cipher tables for each.
 - (e) BROWN (2-part code - restricted): held by all Embassies, Legations and Consulates except 9 Canadian Consulates. This code is used in the unenciphered form for restricted traffic only.
 - (f) GRAY (one-part code - restricted): held by all State Department Offices. This is an old code and at the present time has very little use.
3. The Department prepares all material used in the above systems with the following exception: Strips are photographed by Navy Department and printed by the Signal Security Agency.
4. In addition to the above an independent strip system (confidential) has been issued to 12 stations in Europe, North Africa, and Chungking for the use of the Federal Economic Administration, War Shipping Administration and the Office of Lend Lease Administration.

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